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PROTEST OF OWNERS OF MAIL TUBES

10,000,000 Property Is
Turned Down by the
U. S. Government

WITH ONLY
24 HOURS'
NOTICE"

Statement by Merton Emerson,
President of American Pneumatic
Service Co.—Claims
Action of Congress Consigns
Tubes to Scrap Heap

Boston, Mass., June 30.—"With
24 hours' notice pneumatic tube
property valued at \$10,000,000
has been consigned by the govern-
ment to the scrap heap," said Merton
Emerson, president of the American
Pneumatic Service Company in a
statement issued at his home here to-
day. The pneumatic tubes are used
for mail service in New York, Bos-
ton, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Chicago,
St. Louis, was vetoed yesterday
by the president and after the House
failed to pass the measure over
veto, it was repassed by both
Senate and the tube problem
eliminated.

Emerson, continued Mr. Em-
erson, "owns the mail tubes and other
property incidental to their operation
in all of the cities except Philadelphia.
The government's fiscal year ends at
the end of June and consequently the
veto by his veto has caused us
severe operations.

There are 57 double miles of tubes
in the various cities connecting 38
offices and railroad stations. In-
stead of the tubes there are blow-
motors and other equipment used
for anything else but mail serv-
ice. The pneumatic postal tubes were
developed at the request of the govern-
ment by my company. The money
advanced by some 5,000 stock-
holders, who never got anything but
interest on the money they in-
vested.

Emerson emphatically denying that be-
cause of the increased volume of let-
ters the tubes had become useless in
carrying the mails, Mr. Emerson as-
serted that they have been carrying
about 25,000,000 letters daily in
the cities.

Emerson, Stone and Company of
Boston said to hold the control-
ling interest in the American Pneumatic
Service Company, and the
Boston Estate and other prominent
Boston financial interests are
holders according to Mr. Em-
erson.

OTHER ATTEMPTS TO KILL HER CHILDREN

Boston, N. H., June 30.—Mrs. Eliza-
beth Durant of Newton was ar-
rested in municipal court here yes-
terday charged with assault with in-
tent to kill upon her five children, the
youngest one and the oldest ten years
age. She pleaded guilty, saying
she gave them poison intending to kill
them and then herself. She did the
deed shortly after her husband left
his work in Haverhill, Mass., in
the morning. At the request of
city solicitor Wm. H. Sleeper she
was taken to the state hospital at
Andover for observation, meanwhile
under \$1,000 bond for appear-
ance before the October Grand Jury.
A medical diagnosis of the poison by Dr.
J. Kennison and the proper anti-
dote saved the lives of the children.

FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE 800 YDS. ON MARNE FRONT

Paris, June 30.—French troops late
last night attacked the German lines
west of Chateau Thierry, on the
Marne front, and captured the Crest
ridge between Mosloy and Passy-en-
Valois. The War office
announced that the French
advanced their lines for a distance of
800 yards on a front of nearly two
miles. Prisoners to the number of
100 were taken.

SENATOR TILLMAN D. CAROLINA, SERIOUSLY ILL

Washington, June 30.—Benjamin
Tillman, the veteran Democratic
senator from South Carolina, and
chairman of the Naval Affairs Com-
mittee is seriously ill at his home
in Charleston. His recovery is con-
sidered highly doubtful. His
condition is completely paralyzed and
he has been suffering from a severe
cerebral hemorrhage since
Thursday.

STOCK QUOTATIONS NEWS SERVICE STOCKS & BONDS CASH & MARGIN

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FIVE MAINE BOYS IN SUNDAY CASUALTIES

Total of 71 in Army List—Marine List Has Total
of 48 Names Including One Maine Man
and Five Others from New England—Sat-
urday's Casualty List Contains Names of 18
New England Men Including Five From
Maine—One Augusta and One Gardiner
Man Listed as Severely Wounded

ARMY LIST
Washington, June 30.—The army
casualty list contained 71 names to-
day, divided as follows:
Killed in action, 11; died of wounds,
7; died of disease, 3; died of acci-
dents and other causes, 2; wounded
severely, 46; prisoners, 1.
The list follows:
Killed in action—Mechanic Don J.
Dund, Los Angeles, Cal.; E. L. Wascor,
Albert W. Vinal, North Chelms-
ford, Mass.; Cooke, Albert E. Chel-
berger, Clear Springs, Md.; Henry A.

MARINE LIST
Washington, June 30.—The Marine
Corps casualty list announced today
contained 48 names divided as fol-
lows:
Killed in action 4; died of wounds
2; wounded severely 41; missing in
action 1.
The New England names in the
list follows:
Killed in action—Private Fred B.
Morse, East Bridgewater, Mass.;
Died of wounds received in action

FIVE MAINE BOYS IN SUNDAY LISTS

KILLED IN ACTION
Private Henry A. Lord, Milo, Maine
Priv. Chas. A. McKenney, 63 Kenduskeag Ave., Bangor, Me.
WOUNDED SEVERELY
Private Oscar Lawerson, Caratunk, Maine
Private Harold A. McAleer, Gardiner, Maine
Priv. Guy I. Potter (Marine List) 56 Tyler St., Portland, Me.

Lord, Milo, Me.; Privates Arthur F.
Dund, Los Angeles; Charles Buk, 65
Lakewood avenue, Lowell, Mass.;
Enrico Ferrera, Newark, N. J.; Ot-
to F. Fomanna, Waterbury, Ct.;
Charles A. McKenney, 63 Kenduskeag
avenue, Bangor, Me.; Charles
T. Sheppard, Portland, Me.;
Ward E. Stanton, Bridgeport, Ct.
Died of wounds—Corporals Jere-
miah F. Leahy, Norfolk, Ct.; Gor-
don A. Sutherland, Springfield, Mass.;
Privates John Adams, Nor-
folk, N. Y.; Chester F. Floyd, Osh-
ago, Miss.; Otagelo Piccolo, Omaha,
Nebr.; Albert A. Brock, Chicago.
Died of disease—Dr. Henry B.
Herrick, Cleveland; Musciana Nor-
man F. Hunt, Stoneham, Mass.; Pri-
vate A. A. Thompson, Elford, N. C.

CASUALTY LIST ISSUED SATURDAY

Washington, June 30.—Eighteen
casualties among New England men
were reported Saturday. The major-
ity were in units of the 26th Divi-
sion, the 103d and 104th Infantry be-
ing the heaviest sufferers.
The 101st Engineer Train had had
one man killed in action, the first
casualty reported in this small unit.
The army casualty list issued yes-
terday contained 42 names, divided
as follows: Killed in action, 5; died
of wounds, 12; died of disease, 2; se-
verely wounded, 11; missing in ac-
tion, 7. A Marine Corps list contained
29 names, divided as follows: Killed
in action, 24; died of wounds, 8; died
of disease, 3; severely wounded, 7.
CASUALTIES AMONG NEW ENGLAND MEN
Killed in action—Second Lieut.
Don J. Dund, 72 River street, Paw-
tucket, R. I.; Battery A, Field Artil-
lery, June 10; Charles A. McKenney,
62 Kenduskeag avenue, Bangor, Me.;
Medical Detachment, 103d Infantry,
June 12; Charles Roy, 24 Cheney
street, Lowell, 104th Infantry, June
17; Earl L. Severance, Topsfield, Me.;
103d Infantry; Corp. Gordon A.
Sutherland, 6 Gunn square, Spring-
field, Co. B, 104th Infantry, June 7;
Wagoner Albert W. Vinal, West
Chelmsford, 101st Engineer Train,
June 12.
Died of wounds—Frank A. Beers,
49th Company, 5th Regiment, Marine
Corps, June 8.
Wounded Severely—Sergeant Henry
L. Baribault, 25 Cedar st., Spring-
field, Co. B, 104th Infantry, June 16;
Corp. Emmanns A. Boynton, 12 East
Crescent ave., Augusta, Me.; Carl
C. Foster, Leominster, Co. B, 104th
Infantry, June 18; John W. Gresh,
Unionville, Conn., 102d Infantry,
June 19; Allie Michael, Browns-
ville, Me., 103d Infantry; John W.
Taylor, Maynard, 43d Company,
Marines, June 11.
Wounded slightly—Lieut. Francis
N. Callahan, Portland, Me., 12th
Field Artillery; Thomas Knowles,
Waltham, 101st Engineers; Edward
A. Trudeau, 201 Moody st., Waltham,
101st Engineers; Angie White,
Hartford, Conn., Co. F, 102d In-
fantry.
Missing in action—Lieut. Philip W.
Davis, West Newton, 1st Infantry.
Correction in lists.—(Reported mis-
sing, now returned to duty) Archie
J. Comeau, Honeshewer, 11 High st.,
Haverhill; Michael J. Powers, 15
Leonard st., New Haven.

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still are missing.

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Active Preparations of
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RECENT DEFEAT
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U. S. Troops on Alert and Fully
Prepared for Blow When it
Comes—Over 50 Enemy
Aerial Flights Over Ameri-
can Lines—One German Ma-
chine Shot Down by Anti-
Aircraft Guns

With the American forces on the
Marne, June 30.—(By the Associated
Press)—Excessive movements of troops
and materials north of Chateau Thier-
ry, together with the increased arti-
llery and aerial activity, form the basis
of the belief that American forces in
this locality may be called upon to de-
fend themselves in the near future.
Long streams of enemy troops and
wagon trains have been observed in the
neighborhood of the Bonnes Wood.
There have been more than 50 enemy
aerial flights over the American lines
northwest of Chateau Thierry in the
past 24 hours. One German machine
was shot down by our anti-aircraft
guns.
The American artillery has heavily
shelled many villages and active spots
within the enemy lines, once obtaining
a direct hit in a detachment of marching
Germans.
For days the Americans have been
expecting that the enemy, stung by the
defeat administered to him recently on
this front, would make a vigorous as-
sault upon our forces and it was partly
for this reason that the American oper-
ations in the Belleau section were
carried out. With these operations com-
pleted, the Americans now have the
country for several miles in front of
them under their eyes and guns and
watch developments. As consequences
when the expected blow comes they will
be in that much better prepared to
meet it.
The American troops have made all
preparations and the boche will get an
exceedingly warm reception if he tries
what the situation today indicates. The
Americans say that no matter where
the enemy strikes he is bound to re-
ceive a crushing blow and that the bigger
the target the better the American
forces will like it.
To the east of Chateau Thierry, along
the river Marne, except for constantly
increasing long range shelling on both
sides comparative quiet reigns. There
has been no patrolling because the
bright moonlight on the water prevents
a crossing, but the American snipers
have been so active in the past four
days that the Germans rarely ever
make an appearance.

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DEBS HELD UNDER THE ESPIONAGE ACT

Former Socialist Candidate for Presidency Taken
Into Custody When About to Address
Socialist Gathering at Cleveland, O.—Secret
Indictment Said to Contain Ten Specific
Counts Under Section Three of Espionage
Act Which Provides Penalty of 20 Years and
Fine of \$10,000 and Costs for Each Violation

INDICTED FOR UTTERANCES IN SPEECH AT CANTON, O., ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO

Cleveland, O., June 30.—Eugene V.
Debs, four times Socialist candidate
for the presidency of the United
States, was arrested here today by
United States Marshal Charles W.
Lapp and Deputy Marshal Charles
Boehme as he was about to deliver
a socialist address. The arrest was
made on a federal warrant in con-
nection with Debs' speech at the So-
cialist state convention in Canton,
Ohio, June 15 last.
The arrest was made on a secret
indictment returned yesterday by the
federal judge. It is understood the
indictment contains ten specific
counts under section three of the es-
pionage act as amended by the pas-
sage of the sedition bill on May 16
last which provides a penalty of
twenty years in the penitentiary and
a fine of \$10,000 and costs for each
violation.
Mr. Debs will be arraigned tomor-
row morning before Judge D. C.
Westenhaven when the matter of bail
will be considered. Debs spent to-
night in the county jail in the custody
of a deputy marshal.
Mr. Debs arrived in Cleveland to-
day to address a socialist gathering.
He was taken into custody as he was
about to enter the garden where the
meeting was held. No commotion
was caused, as few persons were
aware of what was transpiring until
after Mr. Debs was taken to the
Federal Building.
Following the announcement of the
arrest a fund of more than \$1,000
was raised by subscription before the
meeting was ended.
Edwin S. Wertz, United States at-
torney for the Northern District of
Ohio, made the following statement:
"No man is too big to be held re-
sponsible for his acts under the Es-
pionage Act or any other law of the
United States."
"Mr. Debs was indicted, not as a
socialist, but as a violator of the law
of the United States, because of
things he said in his Canton speech."
"The Federal Jury has had present-
ed to it for consideration during the
past two weeks many other cases un-
der the Espionage Act," said assist-
ant Attorney Kavanagh. "Among the
persons charged are not only social-
ists but many persons of other polit-
ical affiliations. The government is
not prosecuting men because
they are so."

ENSIGN MADE LIEUTENANT FOR SINKING U-BOAT OFF PARIS

30.—Ex-Premier Ker-
ensky, who arrived in Paris
after an interview today
with Rabanovitch, a delegate of
the Russian Socialist Revolutionary
party and a member of the Interna-
tional Socialist bureau.
Beyond stating that he had come
to France in order to work towards
the resurrection of the Russian people,
Mr. Kerensky refused to make any
statement. He said he expected to
remain in Paris a short time and
then would proceed to the United
States.

OLD WATCH OFFICERS TO BE GIVEN ADVANCE

Boston, June 30.—Old watch officers
in the merchant marine who wish to
prepare for the special examinations to
advance their grades will be coached
by the United States Shipping Board re-
cruiting service, it was announced here
today. Statistics show that 1000 ex-
perienced seamen are at present being
prepared in the shipping board naviga-
tion schools for watch officers.

BAY STATE K. OF P. PRESENTS GUARD WITH AMBULANCE

Boston, June 30.—Western Massachu-
setts lodges of the Knights of Pythias
at a joint memorial service in Faneuil
Hall today presented the state with
an ambulance. The gift was ac-
cepted for the state by Lieut.
Higgs, Col. William A. Brod,
the medical department of the
Guard, and members of the
staff were present.

PARIS GETS A RAID WARNING

Paris, July 1.—At 11 o'clock
last night an alarm was sounded
in the city. The alarm was
the people that enemy
planes were reported heading
the "all clear" signal was
sounded this morning.

Dead List 58 Building D Sioux City

Sioux City, Iowa, June 30.—A
death roll in the building
industry here for the month
ending June 30 at 58
with over
injured

WEKERLE ADMIT LOSS 100,000 MEN

Hungarian Premier
Causes Sensation In
Parliament Saturday

12,000 MEN
CAPTURED BY
THE ITALIANS

Declares He Gives Figures Be-
cause Enemy Will Certainly
Portray Losses in Exagger-
ated Fashion—33 Hungarian
and 37 Austrian Regiments
Participated in Offensive

Amsterdam, June 30.—Dr. Alexander
Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, caused
a sensation in Parliament on Satur-
day with a declaration regarding the
Austro-Hungarian losses in the last
Italian offensive, according to a Buda-
pest dispatch received here today. The
premier said that during the last few
days existing rumors were being circu-
lated regarding the losses. These ru-
mors he declared were much exagger-
ated. The Austro-Hungarian armies were
withdrawn from the Piave front in order
to spare lives, he declared, since they
must have sustained very great losses
had they held that line.
"But how great are our losses?" in-
terrupted Deputy Zilinsky.
"The number of prisoners taken was
recently stated to be 18,000," the pre-
mier replied. "I must, however, correct
that statement. The truth is that the
Italians have taken 12,000, while 50,000
Italians fell into our hands. In the case
of an offensive and a retreat this fig-
ure cannot be termed excessively high.
Each soldier in the loss we suffered in
dead, wounded and sick, mostly sick.
In the 7th and 11th Italian offensives
we lost 80,000 to 100,000 men. Now, how-
ever, our losses are similar, about 100-
000 men."

Great excitement in the chamber
marked this declaration. The premier
continued:
"These figures include the fallen, the
slightly wounded and those brought
back as ineffectives.
A great uproar interrupted the pre-
mier and there were cries of "They
were all Hungarians." When quiet was
restored Premier Wekerle continued:
"I mention these figures in order to
describe the situation with perfect sin-
cerity. Also because our enemies will
certainly portray these losses in an ex-
aggerated fashion, and perhaps also
our public opinion.
"There are also rumors circulating
that on this occasion Hungarian troops
were called upon in excessively large
numbers and that the losses fell upon
them only. Therefore I must point out
that 33 Hungarian and 37 Austrian reg-
iments participated in the entire offen-
sive and retreat, or 5 per cent. Hunga-
rian and 95 Austrian."

"In the entire advance and retreat the
Italian losses amounted to 120,000, far
surpassing our losses in dead, wound-
ed and sick.
"A report is also being circulated
that our losses were due to a lack of
ammunition."
"A deputy shouted "Lack of Food,"
to which the premier replied that "our
army never was so well provided with
munitions as during the month of
June."

"It is true," the premier ad-
ded, "that three bridges thrown
of three bridges thrown
the upper most
collapsed and both of
carried away with it
mountain difficulties
up provisions during
treat, which was a
regular plan, which
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