

March, 1917

News Reported on This Day



Thursday, March 1, 1917

Congress authorized President Wilson to arm ships against Germany with the Senate passing a \$350,000,000 revenue draft to pay for them.

A German plot to form an alliance with Japan and Mexico is exposed.

The daughter of Granger Farwell of Chicago and her husband escaped death when the RMS Laconia was torpedoed and sank.

The Tobey Furniture Company at Wabash and Washington was having a sale. A Jacobean Oak Sideboard was on sale for \$69.00.

And the weather was 29 degrees and fair.

The Chicago Daily Tribune
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Friday, March 2, 1917

President Wilson confirms reports of a German plot against the United States. Japanese and Mexican envoys deny involvement.

Five automobile bandits stole fifteen hams and two lambs from the market of Ernest Schutte, 4411 North Clark Street and then held up Joseph Zimmerman of 2848 North Racine Avenue for \$24. Police observed, "Maybe they wanted to buy eggs to go with the ham!"

The "How To Keep Well" advice column by Dr. W. A. Evans gave advice on how to keep stables downtown clean and tidy by emptying the manure box regularly.

And Lucy Larcom sent in this Spring poem
Hang out your flags, Birch and Willow!
Shake out your red tassels, Larch!
Up, blades of grass, from your pillow!
Hear who is calling you, March!

The weather was partly cloudy with an average temperature of 24 degrees.

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Saturday, March 3, 1917

American captives tell of horrors in a German prison camp. Four Americans plus another seventy-two were held in Karlsrube prison camp on famine rations, shoeless and lacking proper clothing.

The House and Senate worked together to pass a Navy building bill that would include the construction of 3 battleships, 1 battle cruiser, 58 submarines, 10 fleet submarines, 15 destroyers, 3 scout cruisers and more.

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana purchased the Karpen building located at Michigan and Ninth for \$3,500,000. The building was to be a permanent home for the company.

The Cubs started their 1917 season with a 9-7 defeat over the Los Angeles Angels. Errors and a wind storm contributed to the Cubs win and low attendance.

Ouch! Lumbago? "Just rub Musterole in briskly and the pain is gone! Musterole – Mustard cream."

Weather recorded light snow flurries with an average temperature of 26 degrees.

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Sunday, March 4, 1917

This week's review of the war on land and sea includes, the sinking of the Laconia off the Irish coast, the German evacuation and British occupation of ten towns on the Somme front and investigation of the German plot to embroil Japan and Mexico in war on United States soil.

1000 women of the Congressional Union of Women's Suffrage and the National Women's Party encircle the White House staging a protest and demonstrating their determination to have the ballot.

Emperor Charles of Austria dismissed Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorf, Austrian Chief of Staff. No further details were given as to why.

A zeppelin in Ghent, exploded during a speed trial killing ten aboard.

2000 African-Americans from Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia arrive in Chicago seeking jobs, referring to the earliest years of The Great Migration.

Cream of Rice is touted to be "Richer than the reddest meats" providing a family, "breakfasts for a whole week on 15 cents!"

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The weather was fair and 29 degrees.

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Monday, March 5, 1917

President Wilson took the oath of office for the new term. Not more than 50 people were present. His wife was the only woman who attended the ceremony.

500 suffragists braved a downpour to call on President Wilson to present their resolutions. They were not allowed on White House grounds so left their resolutions along with a letter for the President.

An armed transport steamer of 34,401 tons, with about 500 colonial troops, artillery and horses on board, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on Feb. 24, the admiralty announced on this day. Some of the troops on board were lost.

Wedding Announcement – “Miss Emily Napieralski of Chicago is to be married to real estate dealer, Matthew Curlanis on April 21st. “ Of historical note - Miss Napieralski was known as the Jane Addams of the Poles and was the Secretary of the Polish Women’s Alliance.

Mandel Brothers was having a sale on cut glass and crystalware. \$2.75 for each piece or \$12.50 for a 60 piece set. 20% off on Mondays!

The weather in Chicago was 23 degrees and fair.

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Tuesday, March 6, 1917

ELECT WOMEN, SWEEP OUT THE MEN, EVANSTON CRY

Mrs. Anna Rew Gross of Evanston created an entire roster of women officials to take the place of the elected male officials. She questioned whether Evanston taxpayers were getting their money’s worth when the male officials were always in Chicago and never in Evanston.

Cuba’s President Mario Garcia Menocal sent a message to Congress asking for constitutional guarantees to be suspended and for appropriations to quell a revolt. Congress responded by passing a bill in support of the Cuban President.

White Sox early birds, Joe Jackson, Dave Danforth, Jim Scott and Jack Fournier had to wait out a surprise snow fall to begin spring training in Mineral Wells, Texas.

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A Vogue Pattern Exhibition was held in Chicago at 20 N. Wabash Ave., 932 Stevens Building. Attendees could come and learn the latest fashion trends.

The temperature dropped significantly to 18 degrees and partly cloudy.

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Wednesday March 7, 1917

Summary of the War

Paris reported that all enemy attacks in Verdun have been repulsed. London claims that progress has been made North of Irlles. Berlin claims to have held the British off on the banks of the Somme while Petrograd reports that the Turks are withdrawing from Bijar in the Caucasus.

Mayor William Hale Thompson sent a letter to Springfield asking for the law to be changed in favor of jailing saloon keepers who violate the law by not closing their bars on Sundays. He stated that imposing fines or revoking licenses was not harsh enough. Police arrested 485 saloon keepers in a span of 10 weeks for violating the law.

Mrs. Ned Sawyer got a quickie divorce from her golfer husband. Mrs. Sawyer's father, Rev. Dr. DeWitt hired an attorney and three private detectives who followed the husband to an apartment and caught him in the arms of another woman. The divorce was filed on the previous Saturday morning with the hearing just a few hours later.

A.C. McClurg and Company, 281-224 Wabash Ave., between Adams and Jackson was holding a book sale. All items were less than ¼ of the original price; \$1.00 to \$1.35 offered at 20 to 30 cents.

The weather on this day was slightly warmer at 35 degrees but rainy.

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Thursday, March 8, 1917

Department of Justice officials in New York were preparing to present documentation of a German spy conspiracy to invade India by way of China. The documents arrived from Washington and connected physicians, Dr. Ernest Sekunna and Dr. Chandre Chakraborty with Wolf von Igel, a former attache of the German Embassy.

Austria called its youth to war. All boys born in 1899 and 1900 were to report to service on March 10. The Austrian government was considering calling out all older men between the ages of 54 and 61 too.

Stephen T. Mather of Chicago was promoted from Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior to Director of National Parks in the Interior Department.

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George R. Wood obtained a passport to Argentina for his 26th birthday. He was to sail for Buenos Aires on March 17th to join the Armour & Company branch there. George was the son of Police Captain Stephen B. Wood.

The weather was partly cloudy and 42 degrees.

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Friday, March 9, 1917

The Chicago Daily Tribune reported that the plotters of the India invasion, mentioned on March 8th, were paid \$60,000 by Wolf von Igel to foment a rebellion in India. Further, plotter Sekunna purchased a tract of land on the east side of the Hudson, opposite of West Point for the purpose of gathering arms to be used against the military post.

Japan appointed police officers to oversee southern Manchuria and inner Mongolia despite vehement protest from China.

Hazel Meyer shrieked with despair when a jury read the guilty verdict. Hazel, who had assisted her boyfriend, George Maynard, alias Harold Scott, with armed robbery, fell into the arms of her attorney and sister. The two robbed Mrs. Josephine Dahlberg of 358 E. 58th Street at 58th Street and South Park Avenue.

A women's Socialist group was denied a permit to protest. The group planned to protest the high cost of living. Mrs. E. P. Sandberg of 2850 Logan Blvd. was quoted as saying, "We are going to march straight to the city hall and show the administration that we protest being thrown on the verge of starvation in the midst of plenty." First Deputy of Police, Wesley H. Westbrook refused the permit.

Vaughan's Vegetable Seeds! "Use pure-bred strains. Waste no time on mongrels!" Vaughan's Seed Store Randolph near Dearborn.

The weather was fair in Chicago and 34 degrees.

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Saturday, March 10, 1917

Extreme shortages of food drove Great Britain to bid on the entire 1917 crop of Canadian wheat. Sir George Foster, acting prime minister presented a proposal to the Western Grain Growers and the United Farmers of Alberta. The entire 1916 wheat crop of Australia was purchased the year before.

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A Union Station strike was ended between the Union Station Company and building trade unions. Work on the new Union terminal was resumed on the following Monday. The trade unions had been out since July. \$11,000,000 was estimated to be spent on the new buildings.

Rothschild & Company published a coupon for 50 free S & H Green Trading Stamps for purchases of \$1.00 or more, as part of their Annual Jubilee Celebration.

Weather in Chicago was 38 degrees and partly cloudy.

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Sunday, March 11, 1917

Merchant ships were given the right to fire upon any German submarines displaying hostile intent. Mail to Mexico and Cuba was censored in order to prevent the transmission of this and other information.

\$500,000 was given to the University of Chicago from the Illinois Legislature to create a modern medical school. The funds were to purchase and build the school. Had the funds not been available, a site near Cook County Hospital was being analyzed as a possible location.

The Tribune's Weekly Almanac reported on "Hut Happiness." They defined it as a protective state sought to escape from events which dismay the egotism. "The human being is most sufficient when least in contact with conditions which dwarf his personality and suggest the insignificance of his tenure, his works, and his emotions."

The weather was rainy and 47 degrees this day.

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Monday, March 12, 1917

INDIANA TORNADO KILLS 37

37 killed and more than 200 injured as a funnel cloud tore through central, eastern Indiana. Newcastle, Ind. received the worst damage and Mayor Watkins swore in 200 deputies to keep looters from rummaging through the wreckage. Damage was estimated at well over \$1,000,000.

A plot to blow up a naval yard in Philadelphia, Pa was uncovered. Two persons were arrested in connection with the plot. The charge of smuggling was made to procure a search warrant for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Koerting Fischer of Germantown, Pa.

LARSON'S CORN CURE SHOES DO THE WORK! Martin Larson, Expert Shoe Specialist, created custom fitting shoes to fit over corns. He charged \$17.00 to make a plaster cast and the shoes and claimed that his shoes allowed the feet to perform their natural functions with "ease and freedom."

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The temperature for Chicago was 48 degrees and fair.

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Tuesday, March 13, 1917

Unions offered war aid even though a rail strike was imminent. Northwestern and Burlington railway employees were called to strike on the following Saturday. Trainmen were demanding straight eight-hour day.

1200 Chicago Automobile Trade Association diners pelted cabaret entertainers with bread as they left the stage. One member threw a French bread roll at a chorus girl who was engaged in a balancing act. Sergt. John Benson of the Town Hall station and force arrived at the Bismarck Garden to pandemonium. Quiet was restored and the entertainers finished their show.

The Sante Fe railway was advertising vacations to California. Polo, golf, sailing and motoring were just a few of the activities offered. "Spring is coming around Chicago but the Lake winds are raw-raw-raw. You should go to sunny-sunny-sunny California." Call George T. Gunnip at Har. 4820.

Snow fell on Chicago damaging telephone and telegraph wires. Trains were delayed coming into town. Weather was predicted to rain that day with a temperature of 34 degrees, surprise!

The Chicago Daily Tribune
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Wednesday, March 14, 1917

The White House denies reports that the President's condition was critical as a result of a serious cold. "All inquiries were answered with assurances that the President's condition was not serious.

Russia has decided that there are to be no more court favorites. Rasputin is killed in a duel between 3am and 6am and then his body is thrown over a bridge in the Neva. The Russian police make only a half-hearted inquiry as the people of Russia rejoice at the news.

MOTHERS, YOUR CHILDREN WILL THRIVE ON BUNTE WHITE HOUSE COCOA! "Bunte's Cocoa is not only an absolutely safe, harmless drink for youngsters, adults and invalids, but it has excellent strengthening, health-giving qualities as a food."

George M. Forman & Company, Farm Mortgage Bankers or 11 S. LaSalle Street, Central 6020 advertised for Non-Speculative Farm Mortgages. Their claim: "During our 32 years' experience of lending to the American Farmer we have not permitted a single client to suffer loss."

The weather was 32 degrees and fair.

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Thursday, March 15, 1917

The official theatrical censor of Boston denied the application for permission, submitted by the Hasty Pudding Club of Harvard, to have its annual show "Barnum Was Right" include dancers with undraped legs. "'Man or woman, it makes no difference,' Censor Casey told the Harvard men. 'If your students are to be dressed as bagpipe players it would be all right, but if they are to represent women it will not be allowed.'"

Nicholas Delaney, a former athlete who had been taking a correspondence course to be a private detective, was shot and killed by the husband of a woman to whom he had been making strange phone calls. Mrs. Watson had phoned police about a stranger who called her repeatedly, claiming to have something she needed to know about her husband. When Delaney came to tell her this alleged secret in person, Thomas Watson came home and shot him.

Ray Craig, 17 years old, fainted in a street car in the La Salle street tunnel. Police hurried him to the hospital, where he was refused admission for fear he might be contagious. The police took him to the station, where an ambulance surgeon found that Craig was suffering from tonsillitis.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 34 degrees.

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Friday, March 16, 1917

President Wilson urged railroad union men, threatening strike over, among other things, unfair working hours, not to act on the eve of war, crippling the nation's industry when preparation was needed.

Russia's revolt drove Czar Nicholas from the throne. His younger brother, Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, was named regent of the empire, pending political reorganization.

"John E. Caman of 6913 Wabash Avenue, estranged from his wife, went to his former employer's place, an undertaking shop at South Western Avenue, last night and swallowed poison. It is said he will recover."

Maisie McComb, an operator at the Pioneer Paper Stock Company on 448 West Ohio Street, saved approximately 150 lives when she stayed at her switchboard after hearing someone cry "fire," to warn each and every department and floor. Thanks to her bravery, no one was harmed.

The weather was rainy, with an average temperature of 32 degrees.

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Saturday, March 17, 1917

Following the Russian Revolution and the abdication of the Romanoffs, Russia declared its intention to become a republic, barring improbable and extreme circumstances.

A looming railroad strike threatened to escalate when no accord was reached at a night parley between railroad executives and President Wilson's representatives which ended at 3:35 AM.

Police were on the lookout for 100 pounds of dynamite that had gone missing from a warehouse owned by E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co. The warehouse door was reported broken down.

Earl & Wilson 15 cent collars advertised their new Spurwood collar, featuring "an attractive sweep to the points and plenty of tie space."

The weather was cloudy with scattered snow, with an average temperature of 35 degrees.

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Sunday, March 18, 1917

U.S. Mediators were hopeful that an agreement could be reached in the labor issues that many feared would end in a costly and potentially dangerous strike, threatening vital industry with war looming.

Rumors rippled through Southside society when Miss Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of wealthy lumberman and Charles F. Thompson, married dancer Carlos Sebastian in Meridian, Mississippi. Sebastian reportedly left Chicago to acquire a marriage license immediately after the dissolution of his marriage to Miss Dorothy Bentley, his former wife and dancing partner. Reputedly, they intended to continue performing together professionally.

A suitcase which accompanied the body of Mrs. J.K. Stewart, widow of the late founder and president of the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Company, on her return to be buried in Chicago, was found to contain nearly \$1,000,000 in cash and certified checks, to the shock of transporters who had stowed it, with no special supervision on the train ride.

Rosenstiel Furniture Co. advertised solid oak cabinets and dressers starting at \$24.75.

The weather was fair with an average temperature of 33 degrees.

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Monday, March 19, 1917

The Tribune reported that Allied forces in Europe made a successful 10-mile advance, “unchecked by retreating foes, who loot, burn towns.”

In the United States, tensions were mounting as 22 were reported missing in the wake of u-boat attacks on ships flying U.S. Flags, and reports from London told of shelling towns along the English coast.

Chicago Railroad Unions were pleased to call off the ongoing labor strike on the terms of granting an eight hour work day.

In “The Legal Friend of the People”, a Tribune reader wrote in to ask if there was a Chicago ordinance prohibiting him from keeping chickens, as a new apartment complex was being built next door. The Legal Friend assured him that his chickens were legal, provided they did not cause too much noise.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 30 degrees.

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Tuesday, March 20, 1917

Headline: U.S. PREPARES FOR WAR

The cabinet met to lay down official policy as regarded the “German submarine menace” after a u-boat reportedly sunk an open lifeboat, killing eight. The President hoped not to need to convene a special session of Congress.

The National Socialist party called for an emergency anti-war convention to be held in St. Louis in order to demand changes to government policies regarding when war may be declared, and to debate whether or not party members would refuse to bear arms.

Henry Landwirth, a former teacher of foreign languages at Loyola University, was told that the poem he had written was not legally a marriage license to “Mrs. Lillian Landwirth”, and that Mrs. Jeanette Landwirth, the mother of his seven year old daughter, was still bound to him by common law.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 36 degrees.

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Wednesday, March 21, 1917

190 Members of the faculty and staff at Yale University sent a petition to President Wilson stressing the importance of preemptive preparedness, and urging Wilson's cabinet not to "lean on Britain." Aside from an appeal to reason and tactical necessity, the petition also declared that the honor of the nation was at stake.

The companies that make up the principle U.S. producers of copper agreed to sell the government 45 million pounds of the metal (vital for the army and navy) for barely half the current market price.

Chicago's Mayor Thompson ordered an investigation in connection with the arrest of six patrons of a north side café after Mr. Peck, "an old friend" of the Mayor, complained that the police had mishandled the situation.

Willys-Knight advertised in the Tribune as the only motor to improve with use. Carbon build up, which normally slows a motor down, allegedly make a Willys-Knight motor "more efficient after thousands of miles of use than when new." The seven-passenger luxury version of this marvel of engineering advertised for \$1950.

The weather was overcast, with an average temperature of 44 degrees.

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Thursday, March 22, 1917

As news from Berlin confirmed that Germany expects the United States to enter the war sooner rather than later, President Wilson announced his intention to make public the evidence of several German plots that may serve as justification for an appeal to arms.

Captain W. A. Moffett of the Great Lakes Naval Training station outlined a plan for war preparedness which, if enacted, could have 1,500 Chicago yachtsmen and sailing enthusiasts trained, equipped, and "in the thick of anti-submarine warfare within a few weeks."

Newspaperman, playwright, and author George Bronson Howard, it was announced, was engaged to be married to Zitelka Dolores, "a show girl of the Ziegfield Midnight Frolic Company."

Revell's advertised their ongoing March Sale on Furniture, Oriental Rugs, Curtains, and Office Desks.

Maurice L. Rothschild advertised the "Knapp felt De Luxe" hat by Crofut & Knapp for \$6, available in soft or stiff styles.

The weather was partly cloudy, with an average temperature of 48 degrees.

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Friday, March 23, 1917

The United States was the first to officially recognize the new Russian rule following a revolution that was called “entirely successful” by Ambassador Francis in Petrograd.

In New York’s Madison Square Garden, a group of 15,000 rallied in support of immediate entry into the Great War, calling for the U.S. to “delay no more.”

A woman attempting to jump into the Chicago River was restrained from suicide. Her husband was unable to account for her actions.

Three car thieves and “highwaymen” were captured by police riflemen at the intersection of Illinois and Rush in a stolen vehicle.

A group of women at a meeting in the Chicago Hebrew institute pledged not to buy milk if dealers continued to increase the prices of essential foodstuffs.

The weather was rainy, with an average temperature of 55 degrees.

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Saturday, March 24, 1917

Chicago planned to hold a “great demonstration” in support of universal services, to voice the city and state’s willingness to do their part in the increasingly likely event that the U.S. should join the War.

25 to 50 were reported dead, with 100 injured in a storm which ravaged residential and industrial districts in New Albany, Indiana. Response was slowed by the storm’s disruption of city lighting.

In Russia, the Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch was banished to his estates for telling Emperor Nicholas “the truth concerning the situation and for denouncing the Rasputin scandal.

A front page advertisement read:

FICTION

The best obtainable by the most popular modern writers- Henry Sydnor Harrison, Jack London, and Berton Braley. Harrison, with his breezy style, his spicy humor, his thrilling, moving plot weaving; London, with his vital, rugged, red blooded tales of daring in the north lands, where men to survive must be men, and Braley, with his sophisticated stories of metropolitan life- these are writers whose stories will appear in

*TOMORROW’S
SUNDAY
TRIBUNE*

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The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 52 degrees.

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Sunday, March 25, 1917

Chamber of Commerce Officials in Buffalo, New York appealed for a militia guard over the state's industrial plants following new information, reported to have come from Federal Secret Service operatives, of a conspiracy to sabotage the plants if war is declared.

Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama expressed the opinion that the American government would be forced to implement some form of conscription to meet expected troop needs, "not because the government favored or wanted conscription but because there would be no other way to raise such an army."

A large photo of missing Grand Rapids girl, Mary Frances McGoorty was printed on page two of the Daily Tribune, alongside advertisements for Marden's Spanish Olive Oil and Bent Company Victrolas.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 46.5 degrees.

The Chicago Daily Tribune
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Monday, March 26, 1917

The Illinois Militia received the call from President Wilson:

Urgent. - The President of the United States has called for an emergency increase in the navy's enlisted strength to 87,000 men. This is an increase of 18,300 men. Please give full publicity, as the country needs these men for first-line defense. The department directs all commandants and commanding officers to make extraordinary efforts to recruit men.

(Signed),

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Mary Frances McGoorty, the sixteen year old daughter of a Grand Rapids Judge who had been missing for several days was found after she was recognized from a picture by a clerk at the hotel where she was staying under an assumed name. She had reportedly been lured from home by dreams of becoming an actress.

A nineteen year old motorcyclist fired into a crowd of youths, injuring one, after they made a "slurring remark," spurring a heated argument.

Henry C. Lytton & Sons advertised that "You don't have to pay \$10 or \$15 for shoes to secure lengthy service, a comfortable fit, and the right style." They offered spring shoes and oxfords for 4, 5, or 6 dollars.

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The weather was overcast and rainy, with an average temperature of 54 degrees.

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Tuesday, March 27, 1917

“Spirited and successful” French attacks threatened the German supply lines to the war’s front. Despite ever stiffening resistance and repeated German counterattacks, their steady progress was expected to force a German retreat.

Following complaints of petty graft, two Chicago motorcycle police officers were suspended after being caught by department investigator Capt. Phillip Crippen, after they accepted a \$2 bribe with the promise of a more, which came in the form of a marked \$5 bill.

A man in the suburbs west of Oak Park was arrested as a German spy on the basis of hidden radio equipment in his home. Rumor speculated a chain of wireless stations reaching to Mexico.

Vose pianos were advertised, citing the brand’s guaranteed durability, with Uprights as low as \$360, and Grand and Player pianos at \$575.

The weather was cloudy but fair, with an average temperature of 41 degrees.

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Wednesday, March 28, 1917

According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam bourse, Berlin was filled with rumors of a peace offered to Russia, with terms allegedly including the complete autonomy of Poland, internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory, and Russian protectorate over Armenia.

Fighting was resumed at Mapula, south of Chihuahua City, between Villa and Carranza forces, as of 4 o’clock.

A “John Smith” a.k.a. John Singleton, was arrested in Belize, Honduras by the detective bureau following a six month chase. Smith is accused of swindling the National Bond and Investment Company out of \$13,000.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 36 degrees.

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Thursday, March 29, 1917

Official inquiries to nations, thus-far neutral in the Great War indicated that drastic action may be taken, but only Wilson and Col. E. M. House, his chief unofficial advisor, knew whether the United States would declare war.

In Britain, the House of Commons approved, by a majority of 279, legislation allowing women's suffrage in parliamentary elections. The small minority against were not opposed, but only suggested deferment until the end of the war.

The Woman's Association of Commerce President Florence King announced a plan to boycott eggs during the Easter season to combat rising costs of eggs, meats, and other produce.

An advertisement for Vichy Natural Alkaline Water professed that the product, taken at mealtimes, prevents Dyspepsia, gout, and indigestion.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 44 degrees.

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Friday, March 30, 1917

German Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg gave an address to the Reichstag, which President Wilson's cabinet said showed "no hints of yielding." The President is expected to announce a state of war with Germany.

"Food Riots" on Chicago's West Side, in which butcher shops and grocers were besieged by hundreds of angry protesters, ended in more than fifty arrests.

A Henrotin Hospital employee, who robbed the hospital's safe containing \$100 in cash, a certified check for \$500, and jewelry valued at \$1,750 was arrested after attempting to pawn a diamond ring for \$20.

Mardin Exclusive Clothes for Young Men advertised, "*In Mardin Suits and Overcoats at \$25 you get the fullest possible clothes value.*"

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 43 degrees.

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Saturday, March 31, 1917

“DECISION OF CABINET: WAR!” – Chicago Tribune Headline

The Tribune announced the decision for American involvement in the Great War. President Wilson was expected to “appear in Congress at the first possible minute” to explain “that there is no recourse but an appeal to arms to vindicate American rights denied by Germany.”

It is learned that the German commander of the submarine responsible for sinking the RMS Laconia was captured on March 15th. His U-boat was found by following seagulls.

Chicagoans gathered at the Auditorium to voice their loyalty to the nation, followed by a parade down Michigan Avenue and a concert in Grant Park.

Chemists in Berlin announced their creation of a flour substitute composed of linden and beech buds. They claim it has the nutritive properties of barley flour, with four times its fat percentage.

The weather was fair, with an average temperature of 50 degrees.

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