

Hollweg's Resignation Is Reported Russians Make Amazing Progress On The Eastern Front

WIRELESS MESSAGE TO BERNE, SWITZERLAND, SAYS GERMAN CHANCELLOR HAS RETIRED

State Department At Washington Says Apparent Internal Strife May Be Big Peace Game on Part of Germany—Meaning of German Political Situation Situation Should Not Be Exaggerated, Says Acting Secretary of States—German Military Men Not Involved in Crisis.

KAISER MAY USE TURMOIL AS BASIS FOR PEACE

Berne, July 12.—(United Press)—The resignation of Chancellor Hollweg is reiterated in wireless messages to Switzerland.

The dispatch added Chancellor Hollweg's resignation is believed to be due to the Crown Prince's intervention.

Washington, July 12.—(United Press)—Germany, in apparent internal strife, may be playing a big peace game, officials and diplomats warned.

Following official reports that the Kaiser's cabinet underwent sweeping changes, the State Department cautioned the public against exaggerating the existing state of affairs in Germany.

"It is important that the meaning of the present German political situation shouldn't be exaggerated," acting Secretary of State Polk declared.

"Withdrawal of political officers is of far less importance than the withdrawal of military men."

"There are no signs that military men are involved in the present crisis."

State Department dispatches showed Zimmermann and Helfrich were dropped from the cabinet.

Members of the Prussian Diet will quit soon, even Chancellor Hollweg may have resigned.

Officials and diplomats scent trickery.

It is frankly stated that the Kaiser may present this turmoil as the ground work for a peace move fooling his enemies into believing peace was forced by internal troubles.

German Tageblatt Says Hollweg Will Stay

Amsterdam, July 12.—(United Press)—The Berlin Tageblatt is quoted as declaring Chancellor Hollweg's position is strengthened by the emperor's confidence and will not retire. The Tageblatt's statement varied from other reports relating to Hollweg's resignation.

BIG BUSINESS TELLS OF HIGH WAGES PAID TO LABOR

President's Plea For Patriotism Is Answered By Statement That if Prices of Products Are Arbitrarily Fixed, Maximum Wages of Labor Must Also Be Fixed.

Washington, July 12.—(United Press)—Big business struck by the President's plea for patriotism on the part of big business, complained labor is getting such a tremendous share of money nowadays that more profits are required to meet the drain.

They declared a maximum labor price must be set if prices are arbitrarily fixed as the President warned they would be.

Some congressmen back the businessmen.

Disturbers Are To Be Deported.

Bisbee, Arizona, July 12.—(United Press)—Between thirty and thirty-five hundred I. W. W.'s were herded into a baseball park by armed men. They are being loaded into cattle cars for deportation.

Imbler News Items

Babies Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wydel—Auto Stolen and Recovered.

Imbler, Ore., July 11.—(Special)—Born at Island City, July 7th a 94-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Weeks of Imbler.

Mr. Waite and Mr. Bauggs, of Mt. Glenn, were over Sunday and attended church at the L. D. S. church.

Born at La Grande hospital, July 7th, a fine baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jensen.

Miss Elva German arrived Sunday

evening from Lostine, where she had spent several weeks.

Mr. Walker, of La Grande, returned home Sunday evening after spending several days here in the interest of The Observer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wydel, July 9th, a fine baby girl. Harry has been wearing an everlasting smile these days.

While Chas. Cole was at the bedside of his wife in La Grande his friends and neighbors went in and put up his hay crop. He has appreciated it very much.

Mrs. L. Holder went to Island City Sunday to see the baby boy of Mr. Weeks.

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EDITORS ARE COMING TO LA GRANDE

PARTY OF MORE THAN ONE
HUNDRED WILL ARRIVE
SUNDAY

VISIT WILL BE PAID TO
WALLOWA LAKE

State Editorial Association will Meet in Pendleton Tomorrow and Saturday Night Will Leave for Wallowa Lake Returning to La Grande Sunday Evening—Luncheon Will Be Served by La Grande Commercial and Neighborhood Club at Riverside Park.

The La Grande Commercial Club will entertain the State Editorial Association at a luncheon Sunday at 6 p. m. at Riverside Park.

The editors meet at Pendleton Friday and Saturday.

Saturday night they leave on a special train for Joseph and spend Sunday at Wallowa Lake, returning in time for the luncheon at La Grande Sunday evening.

Invitations have been extended to many prominent men of the state whose work has brought them into touch with newspapermen. Among those who have signified their intention to attend the convention are:

President J. D. Farrell, of the O-W R. & N. Co.

Edgar B. Piper, of the Oregonian.

William McMurray, general passenger agent, O-W R. & N. Co.

State School Superintendent J. A. Churchill.

President W. J. Kerr, of O. A. C.

President P. L. Campbell, of the U. of O. will be there if he is able to leave the N. E. in time.

Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney, former newspaperman, will be present.

Other acceptances are expected today. It is anticipated that there will be a hundred or more active newspapermen in attendance.

Clarke Leiter, editor of The Observer, will leave for Pendleton tonight to attend the convention. As a member of the State Council of Defense he will speak tomorrow morning on "How Can the Papers Best Help the Nation in the Present Crisis."

The La Grande Press Club will act as a reception committee to greet the editors and will cooperate with the Commercial Club. The ladies of the Neighborhood Club have kindly consented to assist in serving the luncheon.

City Manager Currey will join the editors Saturday night here and will spend the day with them at Wallowa Lake.

Putnam Will Attend.

Pendleton, Ore., July 12.—(Special)—George Palmer Putnam, former secretary to Governor Withycombe, and owner of the Bend Bulletin, is the first of the Oregon newspapermen to arrive in Pendleton for the State Editorial association convention, which begins its sessions here tomorrow. Mr. Putnam came here yesterday morning from Baker, where they left other members of a party with which they traveled by automobile from Portland. While the expense in reaching here from the southern and central Oregon towns is rather great, Mr. Putnam believes many of the editors will be here for the meetings.

Spokane, Wash., July 12.—Spokane is going in the fuel business. Fearing a coal shortage which would cause much suffering among the poor, Mayor Fleming announced the city would lay in a supply large enough to prevent a famine.

GERMANS MAY ATTEMPT NEW OFFENSE PLAN

GENERAL RAID IS ATTEMPTED
INDICATING ATTEMPT TO
ADVANCE ALONG THE
BELGIUM COAST

London, July 12.—(United Press)—Evidently seeking information preliminary to another attempt to advancing along the Belgium sea coast, German troops attempted a general raid last night south of Lombertzyde. General Haig reported the maneuver was suppressed.

Northwest News

Tacoma, Wash., July 12.—Arthur E. Knight goes to the movies, particularly does he like to see pictures showing the war-ridden towns of Europe, pictures of battleships and the horrors of the battlefield. The other night he was enjoying the British official war pictures at a local theater, when there stepped out in the foreground a man who was strangely familiar. Knight looked again and

coltely. Was it?

Then the man moved to a still more prominent place on the screen.

It was! Knight's brother, whom he had not seen for ten years, now a sailor in His Majesty's Fleet, walked around before Knight's bulging eyes.

San Francisco, Cal., July 12.—Women are making good in the railroad business, instructors at the Southern Pacific training school for prospective railroaders, to which young women were admitted about a month ago, admitted today.

The girls, aged 19 to 25, were made to work alongside the men, learning the mysteries of selling tickets, billing freight and taking train orders. In another five months Instructor J. W. Miller predicts, they will be able to perform the duties of station agents.

Salem, Ore., July 12.—With crop prospects even better than last year, loganberry picking will start today on many of the farms in this part of the valley. Although many fruit growing districts in the northwest report a backward season and fruit and berry crop far below normal, farmers here are satisfied with general conditions. The strawberry crop this year is estimated at twice the 1916 yield.

Eugene, Ore., July 12.—Rearranging the program of the Presbyterian synod of Oregon, disintegrated by war conditions, is under way, and a gathering of men prominent in religious and educational work is expected in Eugene the week of July 24-28. On the following week the pastors' interdenominational conference will be held. The University of Oregon will cooperate in the program of both organizations.

The synod will bring here Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, noted evangelist, now moderator of the general assembly, Dr. William H. Foulkes, secretary of the Ministerial relief and sustentation boards; Dr. Calvin H. French, of New York, chairman of the college board; Dr. George G. Mahn, secretary of the committee on evangelistic work, and Dr. Guy Wadsworth, of Los Angeles, western secretary of the board of temperance.

Astoria, Ore., July 12.—Cranberry growers throughout this district report that this year's yield will show a great improvement in both quality and in quantity. Some estimates are that the crop this year will be four times as great as it was a year ago.

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CITY OF KALUSCH IS CAPTURED AND THE GALICIAN STRONGHOLD OF LEMBURG IS NOW MENACED

Petrograd Dispatch Tells of Fall of Austro-German Stronghold Twenty Miles Southwest of Halicz—Capture Illustrates Amazing Progress of the Russian Army.

In TEN DAYS RUSSIANS TAKE 43,000 PRISONERS

Petrograd, July 12.—(United Press)—The Russians captured Kalusch, the former headquarters of the Austrian army, and many prisoners, according to a headquarter's dispatch.

Kalusch is approximately twenty miles southwest of Halicz between the river Sivke and Lomnicz.

Its capture indicates the amazing progress of the Russian offensive over the hundred and twenty mile front on which the Russians are battling their way forward.

In ten days they have penetrated the Austrian-German line in two places and captured a score of cities, towns, villages, crossed two rivers, and taken approximately forty-three thousand prisoners.

They have captured a great number of guns and materials.

The Galician stronghold of Lemberg is now directly menaced.

REORGANIZED ROUMANIAN ARMY JOINS RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE

Washington, July 12.—(United Press)—The reorganized Roumanian army has joined the Russian offensive, according to Petrograd cables reaching the Russian embassy.

The Russian advance continues along a greatly widened front of three hundred and fifty miles, the advices stated.

The State Department admitted the truth of the report that the Turks under General Mackensen are planning a new drive in Mesopotamia.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO STRAIGHTEN TEN OUT FOOD TANGLE

Steel Makers Will Heed Warning Not To Attempt to Make Exorbitant Profits—Offer Government Use of Their Plants.

Washington, July 12.—(United Press)—The Democratic steering committee will ask the President to straighten out the food control bill tangle in the Senate.

Democratic leaders conferred with the President this afternoon.

Steel makers proposed to heed the President's warning against representatives extorting blood money in big profits. At a meeting with government chiefs, representatives of all steel interests offered to place their plants at Government disposal and accept a fixed price of all products.

PRESIDENT AUTHORIZES MILLIONS FOR WOODEN SHIPS

Washington, July 12.—(United Press)—The wooden ship-building program was given an impetus when the President issued an executive order placing with the shipping board power to commandeer and spend seven hundred and fifty million dollars of the emergency fleet appropriation.

War Department Authorizes Suppression of Disturbances.

Washington, July 12.—(United Press)—The war department has authorized General Liggett, commander of the western department, to confer with the governor of Idaho and take any action necessary to suppress I. W. W. disturbances.