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RUSSIAN MOVE ONE OF WAR'S BIGGEST BITS OF STRATEGY

BRITISH GO 500 MILES OVER LAND

NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAD BEEN MADE OF THE INTENDED BAKU INVASION.

OIL FIELDS LIKELY TO BE LOST TO HUN

Situation in France Much the Same. With Roye and Albert Seriously Threatened—Tremendous Area Between French Fighting and the New Russian Sector.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(By United Press.)—While continued progress by the allies in the Picardy salient, directly threatening Albert and Roye, the west front was today temporarily overshadowed by events on a new front, which has a scattering sector.

GERMANS MOVE BACK

PARIS, Aug. 16.—The Germans are moving away to the north of the Avre river, little by little, while the French are progressing at the same speed.

NEW MOVE IS STARTLING

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Bolsheviks throughout Russia are reported not only fleeing the advancing allies, but the newly aroused Russians who have learned that the allies are not beaten on the west front, as the Germans and Bolsheviks have been persistently preaching.

ROAD OPENS FOR THE ALLIES

The arrival of British troops at Vladivostok, announced yesterday by Secretary of War Baker, marks the actual beginning of operations from the Siberian coast to the relief of the Czechoslovaks.

LADY HARCOURT

Lady Harcourt, formerly Miss Mary Ethel Burns, daughter of the late Walter H. Burns of New York, is the wife of the Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M. P., first commissioner of works, trustee of the Wallace collection, British museum, London museum, National Portrait gallery, and executive of the British school at Rome.

Baku is another feature of supreme importance to the allies. Not only does it mean that the German control of the Baku oil lands and refineries is seriously threatened, but it opens another possible road into Russia from the south for allied troops to enter.

LASSIGNY IN DANGER

PARIS, Aug. 16.—(By United Press.)—Humbert now holds the entire plateau around Lassigny, dominating the whole southwestern corner of that battle front. French forces are within a mile and a half of Lassigny, and the enemy positions at Bray and Lassigny are of the most unfavorable sort.

ALBERT IS ENCIrcLED

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(By United Press.)—General Haig's report shows the British are slowly encircling Albert, and are already manning the city from the west and south.

LARGE PEACH SALE IS MADE

J. D. McKENNON BUYS FRUIT IN EAGLE VALLEY. Price Paid Is Not Public—Peaches Are Reported Generally Scarce—Delivery Next Week.

J. D. McKennon last night returned from a motor trip over to Eagle Valley and brought with him a contract of purchase of one thousand boxes of the celebrated Eagle Valley peaches, which he sold to the W. B. Glafky Co. branch house in this city.

BOYS IN HOSPITALS WANT HOME PAPERS

This Class of Literature Is Most Acceptable For Our Soldiers "Over There."

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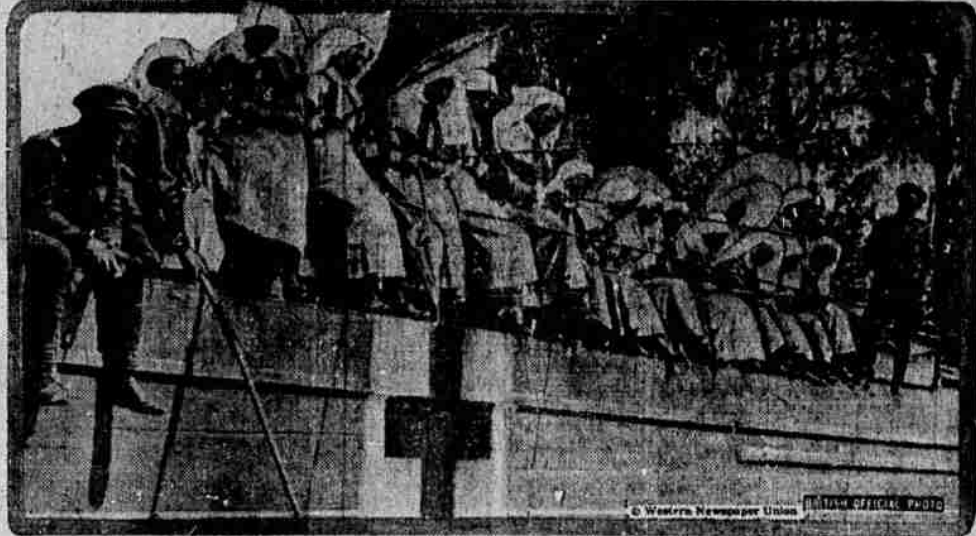
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RED CROSS SISTERS IN A FISHING CONTEST



A happy group of sisters of a British Red Cross hospital barge holding a piscatorial contest on a French canal last night in this British official picture. The sisters are glad of a little recreation, since most of their time is consumed in working hard at all hours nursing and bringing cheer to the wounded Tommies.

L. STRINGHAM IS IN HOSPITAL

MEMBER OF HOSPITAL UNIT REPORTED AS WOUNDED. Vague Information Fails to Give Full Information—Happened in July.

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The above news, published in the Portland Telegram of the 14th, is somewhat startling in its import, and only emphasizes the recent injunctions of the State Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes that if families in Eastern Oregon have delayed ordering their winter supply of coal, they should order what they can without delay. Not only in view of the above information, but that cars for hauling domestic coal will not be available soon, if at all.

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LA GRANDE RELATIVES LEARN ONLY PART OF FACTS CONCERNING "DOUGHBOY."

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Sergt. Maj. J. A. White, who is doing his bit serving as chiropodist with Uncle Sam's forces in France. The care of the lower extremities is of the utmost importance to the success of an army, and this expert sees to it that the feet of our fighting men are always in the "pink of condition."