



BRITISH DRAWING NET ABOUT LENS

Canadians Take 2000 Yards of Line.

REGION SEETHING CALDRON

German and Allied Forces Choose Same Hour at Dawn to Begin Battle.

FRENCH GAIN AT VERDUN

Villages of Regneville, Cote L'Oie and Samogneux, on Meuse, Are Taken.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Two thousand yards of German positions west and northwest of Lens have been captured by the Canadian forces in a drive started early today, says the British official communication issued this evening.

Heavy fighting is still going on in the region of the coal city, with the Canadians having the upper hand. Three counter attacks by the Germans met with repulse.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The battle of Verdun has not yet ceased and on the left bank of the Meuse the French troops have captured several important points, including the village of Regneville. On the right bank the French have occupied Samogneux and carried a system of fortified trenches which links this place up with Hill 344.

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK

Counter attacks of extreme violence were made by the Germans last night in an effort to recapture positions taken in the French offensive on the Verdun front. The War Office announces that the Germans were beaten back with heavy losses. The number of prisoners now exceeds 5000.

The German attacks were especially severe at Avocourt wood and north of Courcieres.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, AUG. 21.

The fierce battle which began at dawn today on the outskirts of the city of Lens continued throughout the day at close quarters and late this afternoon there was no diminution in the intensity of the struggle between the attacking Canadians and the Germans.

TEUTONS LOSE MANY.

The Canadians this morning fought their way forward with bombs and bayonets and occupied important enemy defenses northwest and southwest of the heart of the city and since then the Germans have been sending in wave after wave of infantry in desperate counter attacks.

The Canadians have held strongly and the Germans have suffered very heavy casualties, as they must have expected, from the nature of their counter thrusts, in which no thought is given to the cost in life.

FOES MEET IN NO MAN'S LAND.

The striking feature of the battle lies in the fact that the Germans also had massed troops for a counter attack at dawn against the newly acquired Canadian positions in the northwest environs of Lens and had actually started their advance, when they were surprised by encountering the on-rushing Canadians in No Man's Land.

Both offensives had begun at the same hour, but a heavy mist hung over the ground and the Germans were apparently unaware of the Canadians' preparations until the Canadians were upon them with the bayonet.

Brief, but bitter, fighting occurred in No Man's Land. The German officers tried to rally their men against the Canadians, but the enemy infantry gradually fell back to the trenches which they had just left. The Canadians followed and, leaping on the parapets, hurled masses of bombs down among great numbers of troops which had been collected for the attack. The Germans tried to flee through the communication trenches, but the Canadians jumped among them with bayonets and bombs, killing many.

LINE IS SEETHING CALDRON.

On the southwest the Canadians were equally successful after very heavy fighting, in which the British artillery was brought into play. The

DEPUTY SEARCHES GOVERNOR'S PARTY

OFFICER HUNTS FOR HIDDEN LIQUOR ABOUT AUTO.

Messrs. Withycombe, Yeon and Benson and Son Treated Just Like Ordinary "Bootleg" Suspects.

GOLD BEACH, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Dry laws are made to be enforced and it makes no difference whether a man is Governor of a state or a mere motor tourist, he must submit to a thorough search when crossing into Oregon from California, so Governor Withycombe discovered when he returned from the road meeting in Crescent City, Cal., on Tuesday. He was riding with S. Benson, chairman of the State Highway Commission; Amos S. Benson and John E. Yeon.

The four were much impressed with the scenery along the coast road. They carefully noted how California maintained her mountain highways, looked at the ocean breakers dash against the rocks, glanced upward at the high fir, cedar and pine trees and were thrilled by the views from the mountainsides. They were enjoying the trip northward. No one noticed when the California-Oregon line was crossed.

Suddenly a man stepped into the road center and yelled "Halt." He then proceeded to search the automobile. He looked under the seats, inside the extra tires, in the grips, behind the gasoline tank and inside the trunk case. Meanwhile the distinguished gentlemen waited beside the road with no more consideration shown them than to bootleggers.

MR. GERARD IS KNIGHTED

King of England Honors ex-Ambassador to Germany.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The statement that King George has conferred the Order of Knight Grand Cross of the Bath on James W. Gerard, former American Ambassador to Germany, appears here today for the first time in unofficial announcement in the Daily Mail, which says the decoration was given Mr. Gerard in recognition of his unceasing and courageous efforts to ameliorate the lot of British prisoners in Germany.

The Daily Mail adds that the decoration was offered Mr. Gerard in February, but he was unable formally to accept it until his retirement from the diplomatic service. The "G. C. B." (Knight Grand Cross of the Bath) involves knighthood with the prefixed title of "Sir."

WAR GARDENS ARE LOOTED

Unidentified Persons Rob Owners of Fruits of Their Labors.

The meanest man has been discovered. Patriotic Portland residents who have planted war gardens in vacant lots near the new Benson Polytechnic School on East Twelfth street have been robbed of the fruits of their labor.

The ripe potatoes, tomatoes, beans and other vegetables have been dug up or cut down and carted away. The thieves have been working at night. The lots are somewhat isolated.

STRIKE RIOT HURTS FIVE

Railroads Ask for Additional Police Protection; Shots Fired.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—One man was taken to a hospital with possibly a fractured skull and four others were severely beaten tonight in the first serious violence that has marked the strike of a portion of the employees of the United Railroads here.

The trouble broke out simultaneously in many parts of the city and actuated road officials to appeal for additional police protection for their barns. Several shots were fired, but the police said none took effect.

CASUALTIES TOTAL 14,243

English Soldiers Killed and Died of Wounds in Week Total 2873.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—British casualties reported in the week ending today total 14,243 officers and men. Of this number 2873 soldiers lost their lives. The detailed figures follow:

Killed and died of wounds: Officers, 325; men, 2548; total, 2873. Wounded and missing: Officers, 845; men, 10,524; total, 11,370. Total casualties, 14,243.

PORTLAND FEELS QUAKE

Slight Swaying of Houses That Lasts for Moment Reported.

Residents at East Thirty-fifth and Tillamook streets yesterday reported they felt a slight earthquake shock at 2:10 o'clock.

Houses seemed to shake slightly for a moment and then the tremor passed. As no tremors of the disturbance were received from other parts of the city, it is not unlikely that the shock was due to blasting.

More Silver to Be Minted. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—To increase capacity of mints for coining subsidiary silver, now at the limit, a meeting of the heads of the various mints and representatives of the Government refineries at Denver, New York and San Francisco has been called by Director Baker at San Francisco September 12. The highest price ever paid by the Government for silver was recorded today in the purchase of a large quantity at 57 cents an ounce for coinage. This is an increase of more than 50 per cent since the war started.

RACE PROBLEMS WORRY GERMANY

Three Great Questions Ever Present.

CONQUERORS ARE STILL HATED

Poles and Danes Vie With Citizens of Alsace-Lorraine.

INDEPENDENCE IS DREAM

Gerard Says One Talent Which Germans Superlatively Lack Is That of Ruling Over and Assimilating Other Peoples.

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There are three great race questions in Germany. First of all, that of Alsace-Lorraine. It is unnecessary to go at length into this so well-known question. In the chapter on the affair at Zabern something will be seen of the attitude of the troops toward the civil population. At the outbreak of the war several of the Deputies sitting in the Reichstag as members from Alsace-Lorraine crossed the frontier and joined the French army.

If there is one talent which the Germans superlatively lack it is that of ruling over other peoples and inducing other people to become part of their nation.

It is now a long time since portions of the Kingdom of Poland, by various partitions of that kingdom, were incorporated with Prussia. But the Polish question is more alive today than at the time of the last partition.

Poles Dream of Independence. The Poles are of a hoellier race than the Germans, are Roman Catholics and always retain their dream of a reconstituted and independent Kingdom of Poland.

It is hard to conceive that Poland was at one time perhaps the most powerful kingdom of Europe, with a population numbering 20,000,000 and extending from the Baltic to the Carpathians and the Black Sea, including in its territory the basins of the Warta, Vistula, Dnieper and Upper Danube, and had under its dominion, besides Poles proper and the Baltic Slavs, the Lithuanians, the White Russians, and the Little Russians, or Ruthenians.

The Polish aristocracy was absolutely incapable of governing its own country, which fell at easy prey to the intrigues of Frederick the Great and the two Emperors, Maria Theresa of Austria and Catharine of Russia. The last partition of Poland was in the year 1795.

Posed at one time one of the capitals of the old kingdom of Poland, is the intellectual center of that part of Poland which has been incorporated.

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CUBA GIVES U. S. 4 INTERNED SHIPS

PAYMENT REFUSED FOR CRAFT TOTALING 20,000 TONS.

President Menocal Says Act Is for Common Good—Little Nation Would Aid Allies.

HAVANA, Aug. 21.—At the Presidential palace today, in the presence of General Marti, Secretary of War and Navy, and William E. Gonzales, United States Minister to Cuba, President Menocal signed a decree transferring to the United States Government four large German steamships, the Bavaria, Olivant, Adelheid and Constantia, of an aggregate tonnage of approximately 20,000 tons, which were seized as prizes of war by the Cuban government on the day this country declared war against Germany.

Minister Gonzales, acting as the representative of the United States Shipping Board, when asked the amount the United States Government was paying Cuba for these ships, replied: "Absolutely nothing."

"President Menocal," he continued, "declined to consider offers to purchase or lease, whether made by governments, navigation companies or individuals. He regards these prizes of war not as agencies for commercial profits, but to be used, as he stated in his decree, for the common benefit in aiding to bring the war against the government of Germany to a prompt and victorious end."

"President Menocal would not sell them, but he has given them to the United States. It is just another illustration of Cuba's generous spirit and of her earnest purpose to co-operate with her allies to the fullest extent of her power."

U. S. AIRMAN IS MISSING

Member of Guynemer's Squadron Believed Lost in Encounter.

PARIS, Monday, Aug. 20.—Oliver Chadwick, of New York, a member of the aerial squadron of Captain George Guynemer, the famous French aviator, has been missing since Tuesday. It is believed he was brought down in an aerial encounter.

Corporal Harold Willis, of Boston, a member of the Lafayette squadron, whose disappearance already has been reported, is believed to be a prisoner.

PETROGRAD FINDS SPIES

Hospital Discovered to Be German Espionage Institution.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—A hospital in the center of the city which was raided today by the military authorities proved to be the headquarters of a German espionage organization. A patient entered on the records as being an officer from Novo Gorod admitted he was a German Lieutenant.

The directress of the hospital was found to be a German spy.

DOG TAX IS PROPOSED

Senator Weeks Would Have Nation Protect Sheep Industry.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, will introduce a measure in the Senate to fix an annual tax of \$1 on every dog in the country. It was announced today at a meeting of the National Sheep and Wool Bureau.

MINE PRICE OF COAL FIXED BY PRESIDENT

Dealers to Be Regulated Next.

PRODUCTION COST IS BASIS

Washington Is Highest, With Base Rate of \$3.25 a Ton.

COAL DIRECTOR EXPECTED

President of Williams College Is Slated for Place After Wheat Committee Completes Price Fixing by September 1.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Bituminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson tonight for every mine in the United States. The next step in coal control, a White House announcement said, will be to fix the prices to be charged by middlemen and retailers.

Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the Federal Trade Commission after months of exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into 25 districts, and every producer in a district will market his output at the same price.

Washington Price Highest. The President named no agency to carry out the provisions of his order, but is expected to appoint soon a coal administrator, who will be given entire control of the coal industry. Rumor tonight named President H. A. Garfield, of Williams College, as the man.

Mr. Garfield now heads a committee named by the President to fix a government price for wheat. His work will end by September 1, when the wheat committee probably will be dissolved.

The prices named for run of mine coal in the large producing districts average slightly more than \$2. In a few districts they are below that figure, and in the Western territory they are higher. Washington state is highest, with \$3.25 at the mine. The price for Washington state prepared sizes is \$3.50 and for slack or screenings \$3.

The President's statement said: "The scale of prices is prescribed for bituminous coal at the mine in the several coal-producing districts. It is provisional only. It is subject to reconsideration when the whole method of administering the fuel supplies of the country shall have been satisfactorily organized and put into operation."

"Subsequent measures will have as their object a fair and equitable control of the distribution of the supply and of prices not only at the mines, but also at the hands of the middlemen and the retailers."

The prices fixed range from 20 to 35 per cent under the maximum price.

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PRISONERS MUTINY AT WALLA WALLA

CONVICTS DEMAND RESIGNATION OF TWO OFFICIALS.

Cell Walls and Doors Are Hammered and Windows Are Broken When Oregon Boats Are Hurlled.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 21.—Mutiny among the prisoners of the Washington State Penitentiary here continued all day and tonight. Tomorrow a special session of the Board of Control will be held to consider the situation.

The convicts demand the resignation of Acting Captain of the Guards Burk and Turnkey Dickson, of No. 2 wing. Burk is to take office September 1 after about four years' experience as chief turnkey. He was a former police officer in Tacoma.

As a result of the mutiny the jute mill was closed all of today and nearly all prisoners kept in their cells. It has been impossible to discover all of those who have joined in the hammering on the cell walls and doors, but about 40 are believed implicated. A Every window on the east side has been broken and some cell doors are weakening. The convicts have succeeded in removing Oregon boats and tonight were heaving them through the windows with ropes made from bedding. A guard was stationed at the prison gate and the public excluded.

PARENTS' GRAVES SOUGHT

Baker County Tragedy of '60s Recalled by Walla Walla Women.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—In search of the graves of her father and mother, who were killed in the Scott Indian massacre, Mrs. M. Kitchen, of Walla Walla, is in Dixie, this county, but so far without success. She was a baby at the time of her parents' death and narrowly escaped.

The massacre was in the '60s. Old-timers tell how Scott and his wife were ambushed and shot on Dixie Creek, when they were returning from a dance to Rye Valley. The father was instantly killed and two shots pierced Mrs. Scott's body.

Their children, a boy of 2, and a girl, an infant, were asleep in the bottom of the wagon and escaped. The girl was Mrs. Kitchen.

TACOMA DRYER THAN BONE

New Order Issued to Druggists Near Troop Station.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Police orders issued today make Tacoma dryer than it has ever been before.

Captain James Falconer notified every local druggist within a radius of a mile of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company's plant at Fourteenth and A streets, where troops are stationed, that no alcohol, bay rum, Jamaica ginger or any other alcohol-containing liquid or medicine shall be sold without the presentation of a physician's bona fide prescription.

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UNION LABOR MAY STRIKE FOR I. W. W.

Spokane Council Denounces Arrest.

RELEASE OF MEN DEMANDED

Resolutions Assail State, City and County Officials.

ousting of Governor Aim

Resolutions Also Call for Removal of Colonel Wilkins From Command and General Strike of All Industries.

SPokane, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Declaring its belief that the Industrial Workers of the World were justified in resorting to the strike as the only weapon at their command, the Spokane central labor body has made the following demands:

That these men now in jail be released at once.

That Governor Lister be removed from position of public trust.

That Major Wilkins be at once relieved from his command.

That all men representing labor resign from the Council of Defense.

That a general strike of all industry be called until such time as may be necessary to insure "observation of the law."

D. P. Reid, A. J. Germain and A. H. Nowk, the last two named being, respectively, president and secretary of the council, were the committees which drew up the document. The completion of the resolution was framed by Mr. Reid.

Governor's Representative Named. E. H. Blaine, chairman of the State Public Service Commission, who appeared for the Governor in the military proceedings of Sunday, is especially named in the resolution, as are county and city officials who signed a statement last week declaring that under the law they could not suppress the I. W. W.

A telegram to the Governor asking to say whether or not he authorized or approved the "outrage" remained unanswered.

Coates Will Stick to Post. W. J. Coates, who is vice-president of the State Federation of Labor and secretary of the District Exemption Board of the Army draft, which is handling appeals from the local draft board, intimated that he had no intention of resigning his public position, regardless of any action of the Central Labor Council.

"Of course, I can't say what I shall do until I get an official notification from the council to which I belong," Mr. Coates said.

However, I was nominated to the presidency by Samuel Gompers to do this work, and I hardly consider that the Central Labor Council can ask me to drop it."

Prisoners Are Examined. Examination of prisoners taken in the raid on the Industrial Workers of the World headquarters was begun today in the County Jail by Major Clement Wilkins, who made the arrests, and United States District Attorney Garrecht.

Two of the men arrested here Sunday afternoon in a raid on I. W. W. headquarters were released from the County Jail today, following an inquiry into their cases by Major Clement Wilkins, in command of Guardsmen patrolling this section, who made the arrests. One of the men was found not to be a member of the organization.

The cases of about 10 of the men were investigated today, but James Rowan, executive secretary, was not among that number. The investigation will be continued, Major Wilkins said.

Neither Major Wilkins nor United States District Attorney F. A. Garrecht had received any word tonight of a call for a general strike of I. W. W. in the Northwest September 1, they said.

Just before the examination of the prisoners began, District Attorney Garrecht said that he and Major Wilkins could see no reason for not holding James Rowan, district secretary of the I. W. W., who aligned the orders for a general strike, as a military prisoner indefinitely.

Conspiracy to Be Investigated. "In the meantime, the military authorities and the Federal officials," said the District Attorney, "will endeavor to connect him and other I. W. W. leaders with a conspiracy to give aid and comfort to the enemy, which can be charged under the Federal statutes."

An effort to have Rowan released under habeas corpus proceedings failed in the state courts, when a superior judge told the attorney who presented the petition that the state courts did not have jurisdiction. The judge, however, agreed to hear at a later date arguments which the attorney said would convince him that the state has jurisdiction.

No reports were received today of Industrial Workers' striking, but 15 men struck at a lumber mill at St. Maries, Idaho, for higher wages.

The company had refused to grant them an increase of 25 cents a day, which would have made their wages \$4. It was not known if they are members of the Industrial Workers of the World.

