

SEMEOFF GAINS SUPPORT OF SLAVS

Russian Soldiers Reported to Be Rallying to Anti-Bolshevik Leader.

TRANS-BAIKAL REASSURED

Proclamation Issued Says Purpose Merely to Restore Freedom—Japan's Course in Siberia Has British Approval.

(By the Associated Press)

PEKING, Thursday, May 9.—Official announcements have been made at Harbin that General Semenov's leader of the movement in Siberia against the Bolsheviks has advanced along the Trans-Siberian Railway as far as Vladivostok, west of the Onon River, having re-stored the bridge across the river which the Bolsheviks destroyed.

In a proclamation, General Semenov has assured the people of Trans-Baikalia that his movement is not counter-revolutionary, but is intended to restore lawful freedom. Many Russian soldiers from Siberia are reported to be rejoining General Semenov.

LONDON, May 13.—The interchange of messages between Baron Goto, the new Japanese Foreign Minister and the British Foreign Office, is seen by the Daily Telegraph as a happy omen, emphasizing the value and reality of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Japan's Time Coming.

"The time may soon come," the paper says, "perhaps more than we realize, when Japan may be called on to play a strong and resolute part in the war. In such a contingency she must be assured of our sympathy if she takes the steps for protecting allied interests in the Far East."

"Japan has her own responsibilities in this matter and can hardly see without alarm the spread of Bolshevism to Vladivostok and Manchuria. To give a chance for the resurrection of Russia by holding the anarchical factor in check is a clear and statesmanlike policy for the entente powers who sympathize with Russia. What country obviously is marked out for energetic action in this regard is Japan, which by its position on the Pacific and its proximity to Siberia is fitted peculiarly to render efficient and prompt service, even so far as to Irkutsk in the West."

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Recent exchanges between Great Britain and Germany over German intentions in the Crimea, made public today by the State Department disclose that the German advance on Sebastopol was made, according to German explanations, because of attacks by the Russian Black Sea fleet on cities held by Germany.

German Promises Made. Sebastopol was captured, according to a German announcement, several days ago. The German Ambassador informed the Russians that the German government had no intention of forcing on Germany any particular form of government and that it would indicate the Crimeans a right of determination. The military advance, it was said, would not interfere with Germany's political intentions.

The Soviet government replied that it could not take that view and protested against the German military move.

AMSTERDAM, May 13.—The great mass of the population at Kiev is maintaining a cool attitude toward the new Ukrainian government, with some show of hostility, according to the Berlin Tageblatt.

Complete order prevails, however, the newspaper declares. The arrival of three Russian peace delegates at Kiev is announced by the Tageblatt.

LONDON, May 13.—The Soviet government, according to a Times dispatch from Petrograd, dated Friday, confirms the report that Nicholas Romanoff, the former Emperor, together with his wife, Alexandra and one of their daughters, was removed to Ekaterinburg from Tobolsk as a result of the discovery of a peasant conspiracy to assist in his escape from captivity.

Cr-Czaroff Reported Ill. Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent, remains at Tobolsk owing to ill health.

AMSTERDAM, May 12.—The Ukrainian press bureau has received information from Odessa according to which the former Dowager Empress of Russia, Maria, the former Grand Duchess, Nicholas, Nicholasievitch and Alexander Michaelovitch, who had been living at Dulbar, near Altidor, in the Crimea, are in the hands of the Germans.

MOSCOW, May 13.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—The Commander-in-Chief of the German troops in the east, replying to the Russian request for the cessation of hostilities on the Ukrainian front, says that German troops, in accordance with the terms of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, have cleared the Ukraine of red guards and that it should be possible to do so.

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everywhere along the Ukrainian land frontier.

Commander-in-Chief said he could only agree to the cessation of naval operations against the Black Sea fleet, provided all ships returned to Sebastopol and were retained there.

Then the port of Novorossiysk would be opened free to navigation. He claimed that the Black Sea fleet more than once had participated in the fighting against German troops in the Ukraine.

At 1,252,245 tons, and even if the submarines are able to maintain this rate, which officials doubt, the year's total would be something like 2,700,000 tons, far less than the estimated amount of tonnage which the Shipping Board believes America will produce during the year.

Adding to American production the output of Great Britain, France and Japan, the allies would gain for the year something like 2,000,000 tons, not counting the 1,000,000 or more tons of chartered Japanese and Norwegian ships and requisitioned Dutch vessels.

Margin of Safety Lacking. While encouraged, officials emphasize the fact that these figures do not furnish the margin of safety necessary, and there will be no relaxing of building efforts in any of the allied countries or in America.

Announcement from Paris that in the last three months the more submarines have been sunk than have been built, bears out recent unofficial statements here on the submarine situation. It has been so secret that officials here have felt more encouraged within the last few months than at any other time since the unrestricted submarine campaign began.

Merchant ship construction by the United States and the allies already has passed the real danger point and ships are being launched faster than they are sunk. Officials pointed to this fact today as proof of the wisdom of the American policy of building an enormous merchant fleet.

At the supply of submarines begins to diminish, the biggest part of the shipping problem of the allies begins to vanish.

Crew Losses Will Be Felt. Aside from the general effect of a decrease in the number of submarines, officials look for it to have a decided effect on German morale. Every submarine sent to the bottom carries with it a trained crew which it becomes increasingly harder to replace.

PARIS, May 11.—The effectiveness of the German submarine campaign is declining. The German government is aware of this fact, declared Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine, before the committee of the Chamber of Deputies today, but has made the greatest efforts to conceal it.

He said the situation was most favorable and that the sinking of submarines in the first three months of 1918 through allied measures was greater than the number built by the enemy.

Minister Leygues referred to the statement made in the Reichstag on April 17 by Vice-Admiral von Capelle, German Minister of Marine, in which he said 600,000 tons of allied shipping was sunk monthly.

This figure, the Minister said, was incorrect. It was reached and passed in April, May and June of 1917. In July it declined and in November it fell below 400,000 and since has diminished continuously.

Compared with the loss of tonnage claimed to have been destroyed by Germany and the tonnage actually lost in the past five months:

U-Boat Destruction Gains. The number of enemy U-boats destroyed in January, February and March was greater than the total destroyed in the previous three months.

These results, the Ministry declared, were due to the methodical character of the war against the submarine; to the close co-ordination of the allied navies; to the intrepidity and spirit animating the officers and crews of naval and aerial squadrons; and to the intensification of the use of old methods and the employment of new ones.

"The situation is most favorable," the Minister continued, "but it does not authorize the slackening of effort. Rather, it is necessary to redouble it as the enemy has put new submarines into service and is trying a fresh offensive in which he plays for his last stake."

AVIATOR ROUTS ZEPPELIN British Seaplane Battles Half Hour With Hun, Forcing Flight.

LONDON, May 12.—The Admiralty announces that during the period, May 6-12, inclusive, air force contingents working from Dunkirk carried out successful bombing operations against the enemy's Zeppelins and seaplanes. The Zeppelins and seaplanes were destroyed and lost by the gales and enemy ships in the vicinity.

On May 19 one of our seaplanes in the North Sea sighted a Zeppelin on patrol and an indecisive action, lasting half an hour, was terminated by the Zeppelin retreating to its base.

HOOD RIVER GRUWERS PREPARE FOR Opening of Strawberry Season.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 13.—(Special)—A. W. Stone, executive manager of the Apple Growers' Association, will go to Portland tomorrow for a conference with Federal employment bureau officials, who will furnish the strawberry growers of the valley with pickers for the approaching strawberry harvest.

Mr. Stone says that the outlook for sufficient laborers appears good at the present. The Hood River Valley will need approximately 1600 girls, boys and women for the work. Berries will be nearly two weeks earlier than last year and the picking season will begin about May 25.

WARRIORS, SEEKING FIGHT, TRUDGE ON

By-Roads and Side Lanes of France Route of American Army on March.

WAR DRAMA ABSORBING

Spokane Steve and Yvonne, Once of the Studios, but Now Ambulance Chauffeur, Strike Up Acquaintance.

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES UNDER GENERAL FOCH IN FRANCE, May 13.—(Special Cable).—When we swung into the road at daybreak the next morning and continued the march north, much speculation went the rounds as to the destination.

A much-debated question was as to whether our forces would be incorporated with Foch's mobile reserve army and beam in readiness for a possible counter offensive, or whether we would be placed in one of the line armies and assigned to holding a position in the present German offensive.

Behind an active front the French sanctify their main roads and reserve them for the use of fast motor traffic, and the route of our supplies or reserves in case of necessity. Thousands of pollus, too old for combat duty, do repair work on those main arteries.

Traffic Crows Highroads. At times we were forced to cross the main highroads and then we encountered a forward and backward stream of traffic from the front.

At one of these intersections I sought a grass bank at the side of the road for a rest. Two interesting factors in this scene struck me.

One was an American soldier wearing a blue brassard with white letters "2 P". He was a military policeman on duty and wore a uniform which served to regulate traffic and prevent congestion.

Beside him was seated a peculiar looking person whose knee-length skirts of khaki exposed legs incased in wrap puttees. A motor cap of yellow leather and a visor cap of a British Tommy decorated the costume.

The hair showing beneath the crown of cap was rather long and straight, traces of having been recently close cropped.

For all of her masculine appearance, she was French, and the young road-marker was lavishing upon her everything in his power and greatheartedness.

Yvonne Prefers Cigar. I offered my cigarette case around and was surprised when she declined to take one.

When I expressed my greater surprise she added to it by abridging her shoulders slightly, plunging her hand into a side pocket and producing a pipe with a pouch of tobacco.

There was nothing dainty about that pipe, it had no delicate amber stem, no intricate filigree gold, there was no meerschaum ornamentation, it was just a good old jimmy pipe with a full-grown cake in a black burned bowl and a well-bitten, hard rubber mouthpiece.

It looked like one of those that father used to consent to have boiled once a year for the protection of the cotton and a motor ambulance at the roadside explained her special branch of work.

Artist Turned Chauffeur. She inquired the meaning of my correspondent's insignia and then explained that she had drawn pictures for a Paris publication before the war, but had been transporting wounded since.

The French lesson proceeded and Spokane Steve and I learned from her that the longer word in the French language is spelled "unconstitutionnellement." Some day I hope both of us will be able to pronounce it.

On the girl's wrist was a silver chained bracelet with an identification disc. In response to our interested gaze she exhibited it to us and on her own volition informed us that she was a descendent from the same family as Joan of Arc.

Steve heard and winked at me with the remark that they couldn't pull any stuff like that on anybody in Spokane, because he had never heard that the Maid of Orleans had been married.

Yvonne must have understood the last word, because she exclaimed forthwith that the girl who had had a descent from the famous Jeanne, but only from the same family.

Steve looked her in the eye and said "J'ai connu." Aviators Acquire Saint. She explained the meaning of the small gold and silver medals suspended from the bracelet.

She detached two and presented them to us. One of them bore in relief the image of a man in a pilot's uniform carrying a child on his shoulders, and the reverse depicted a tourist driving a motor through hilly country.

"This is St. Christophe," said Yvonne. "He is the patron saint of travelers. His medal is good luck against accidents on the road. Here is one of St. Elmo. He was a saintly aviator."

You remember, didn't he go to Heaven in a fiery chariot, or fly up on golden wings, or something like that? Anyway, all aviators wear one of his medals."

St. Christophe is now attached to my identification disc. Steve declared the trophyman would be slow ever to have anything happen to them and that he was going to give his to a friend who drove a truck.

day's work. A worried lieutenant found me in the crowd around the rolling kitchen and inquired: "Do you know whether there's a provost guard on that inn down the road?"

I couldn't inform him, but I inquired the reason for his alarm. "I've got a hunch that the prune juice is running knee deep tonight," he replied. "I don't want any of my section trying to march tomorrow with swelled heads."

"Prune juice" is not slang; it is a veritable expression, and anybody who thinks that the favorite of the boarding-house table can't produce the fermented article that is trea forte in the way of a throat burner is greatly mistaken.

Awful Kink in It. In France the fermented juice of the prune is called water of life, but it carries a dose to the work kink.

The simple prune, which the Army used to call "Native Son" by reason of its California origin, now ranks with its most insubordinate sister of the vine.

The flow of eu de vie must have been dammed at the inn. On the road the next day I saw a mule driver wearing a 16-candle power black eye. When I inquired the source of the lamp I heard the reply:

"This is my first wound in the war. Me and a cop had an 'offensive' down in that town that's spelled like scissors, but you say it some other way."

BUTTE & SUPERIOR WINS U. S. COURT OF APPEALS REVERSES MONTANA DECISION.

Decree Relieves Mine Company of Payment of \$10,000,000 for Alleged Patent Infringement.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Decision of the United States District Court of Montana which granted the Mineral Separation Limited, owners of a patented process for extracting ore by flotation, approximately \$10,000,000 against the Butte & Superior Mining Company, for infringement of patent, was reversed here today in an opinion handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The decision held that "inasmuch as the defendant company keeps out of this area, it is not in violation of the United States Supreme Court by using more than the critical proportion of oil in the process, it does not use of plaintiff's process."

The decision occurred in by all three judges in effect, Judge W. W. Morrow dissenting on a point that did not materially affect the decision.

WAR MEDAL BILL PENDING War Department Proposes Decoration for American Heroes.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The War Department's plan for awarding honor decorations to soldiers distinguishing themselves in the service was submitted today in the Administration building to Secretary Baker as a substitute for measures pending in Congress.

The decorations proposed are a medal of honor, a distinguished service cross and a distinguished service medal. As no second decorations could be awarded, the bill proposes additional bars or ribbons to be worn on the emblem previously won.

A pay increase of \$2 monthly to enlisted men for each decoration and additional bars added would be given by the bill.

MILK CARRIED BY TRUCKS Delivery to Camp Lewis More Satisfactory Than by Train.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 13.—(Special)—Owing to unsatisfactory express service by rail in securing delivery of milk to the camp, the Chehalis farmers' organization that has the milk concession to supply the contentment at Camp Lewis with milk and cream products has established an automobile truck service.

The bulk of the milk is secured from dairymen in the neighborhood of Olympia, but a rapidly large volume has been contracted in the Chehalis Valley, some of the largest producers in this section having turned their entire output to the camp.

It is 53 miles from Chehalis to the camp, but the truck service is reported to be wholly satisfactory thus far.

TARGET PRACTICE STARTS Big Guns at Mouth of Columbia River to Roar All Week.

ASTORIA, Or., May 13.—(Special)—Target practice by the troops stationed at Camp Lewis will begin this morning and will continue for several days.

The portion of the river which the firing will cover has been divided into three zones, and signals will be displayed to warn vessels.

Patrol boats will also be on duty, with a view of keeping craft out of the danger zones.

Astoria Soldier Dies. CAMP LEWIS, Wash., May 13.—Beta E. Shaw, 25, private in Company 598, 166th Depot Brigade, died Saturday in the base hospital at Camp Lewis. The body was sent to Astoria.

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U. S. TO HONOR ITALY Ally's Entrance Into War Will Be Celebrated May 24. WILSON WILL TAKE PART President Accepts Position of First Honorary Patron—Harrowing Report Comes From Austria's Prison Camp.

NEW YORK, May 13.—Telegrams are being sent by Charles E. Hughes today to the Governor of every state and the Mayor of each city asking them to further the celebration of Italy-America day, May 24.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Italian prisoners in Austria are subjected to horrible outrages, a dispatch to the Italian Embassy from Rome today says.

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