



FRENCH SMOTHER HUN ONSLAUGHTS

Advancing Hordes Meet Sanguinary Repulse.

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Germans Hurl Back North of Matz River and Off of Croix Ricard Height.

PARIS, June 13.—The War Office announced today that French troops operating in Macedonia have captured territory on a front of 11 miles to a depth of nearly 9 1/2 miles.

(By the Associated Press.)

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CLOUDBURST BEATS GRAIN TO GROUND

COLFAX, WASH., DISTRICT VISITED BY WIND AND HAIL.

Light and Telephone Service Badly Crippled—Plate Glass Suffers and Trees Are Felled.

COLFAX, Wash., June 13.—(Special.)—A cloudburst, with heavy wind and hail, broke at Colfax and surrounding country at 5:30 P. M. today, doing heavy damage to wheat and all kinds of grain and gardens. The damage was heavy to plate glass, awnings, trees and partly constructed buildings.

Electric lights and all rural phone service and long-distance phones are out and will be for some time.

The storm came after a very hot day, coming from the south with very little warning. The path of the storm was about five miles wide and about 20 long as near as can be learned tonight.

Many people living near Colfax drove into town tonight, not knowing of the storm. Many fine pioneer landmarks in the way of trees were pruned in the streets and heavy damage was done to the fine Courthouse trees.

The hail storm resembled Eastern hail storms, and pioneers say that no storm as severe as this ever visited Colfax. Damage to crops in the path of the storm could not be estimated tonight. Basements were flooded and several barns were blown down.

3 YEARS' WAR PREDICTED

Taft Fixes Time Limit for Participation of America.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., June 13.—Executive William H. Taft said here today the war would be over and won by the time the United States had been in the conflict three years.

"It will take possibly one or two years for the United States to get started right in this conflict," Mr. Taft said. "And then probably a year or so to win and end it; that is, providing that no other country hinders."

"The loss of Russia hurt. The Russian situation I consider serious. If Russia turns over her resources to get enemy it will take a little longer for us to win," he continued.

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SENATE REFUSES TO CURTAIL DEBATE

Proposed Rule Loses by Vote of 41 to 31.

SPIRITED DISCUSSION IS HELD

Adoption of Measure Had Not Been Urged by Wilson.

EXECUTIVE'S VIEWS KNOWN

Underwood, Sponsor for Legislation, Admits President in Favor of Legislation for Duration of War.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The Senate today refused to limit its debate during the war.

After receiving confirmation that the President had not urged its adoption, the Senate voted down, 41 to 34, a rule proposed by Senator Underwood of Alabama to cut short Senators' speeches.

Spirited debate marked consideration of the resolution, but in spite of the determined opposition manifested during the discussion of the last few days, supporters of the rule had been confident of its adoption.

When the vote was taken late today, however, a dozen Democratic Senators unexpectedly joined the majority of Republicans opposing the measure.

Closure Rule Stands. Defeat of the resolution leaves in full force the closure rule adopted a year ago, after the famous filibuster on the armed ship bill.

That rule provides for restriction of debate if the Senate approves by a two-thirds vote a petition signed by 15 members.

Before the final vote today the Senate adopted, 40 to 35, an amendment by Senator Fall of New Mexico, Republican, providing that except by unanimous consent the rule would not be invoked during discussion of legislation which had been considered by a partisan caucus or conference of the majority in control of the Senate.

Various Explanations Offered. Various reasons were assigned tonight for the defeat of the resolution. Prospective discussion of Nation-wide prohibition and the application of the rule to treaties as well as to legislation were said to have been factors.

Mr. Underwood told the Senate that the President had not urged adoption of the rule, taking the position that he should not interfere with the Senate's procedure.

However, Mr. Wilson did not say, according to Senator Underwood, that he believed adoption of the rule advisable, should the Senate view the situation in the same light.

How Vote Stood. The vote follows: Democrats for adoption—Ashurst, Barkhead, Beckham, Culberson, Hitchcock, Johnson of South Dakota, Kirby, Lewis, Martin, Myers, Nugent, Owens, Pomeroy, Randall, Robinson, Saulsbury.

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VAGRANT CELESTIAL LOSES BRILLIANCY

SCIENTISTS OF LICK OBSERVATORY USE SPECTROSCOPE.

Most Pronounced Features of New Star Are Broad, Bright, Hydrogen Radiations.

LICK OBSERVATORY, Cal., June 13.—The light of the new star in the constellation of Aquila has been examined spectroscopically at Lick Observatory. In its general aspects the spectrum is found to resemble that of previous Novae, particularly that of Nova Gemminorum, the new star of 1912.

At present the most pronounced features of the spectrum are distinguished from photographic plate are bordered on the edges of the shorter wave length by double dark lines or bands. These have generally been observed in new stars. There is a feature of the spectrum, however, which distinguishes it from that of "new stars" which have been studied in the past and this is the strength and number of the dark lines throughout the spectrum.

In certain regions they appear in bewildering confusion. Most striking features of the spectrum observed with the eye as distinguished from photographic plate are a crimson and green band due to hydrogen and two fainter green bands of unknown origin.

The star is becoming fainter, being now not quite so bright as Altair.

BRITISH GOLD IS COMING

Fifteen Million Dollars Received in Week by Way of Ottawa.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The New York Federal Reserve Bank today announced the receipt of \$10,000,000 additional gold from Canada, making a total of \$15,000,000 received this week from the Bank of England's reserves at Ottawa.

It is understood that imports of the metal from across the Northern border may total \$50,000,000, all of which will be deposited at the local assay office, but credited to Federal Reserve institutions.

DRIVE ON FLIES STARTED

Camp Lewis Soldiers Putting Up Miles of Screen.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, June 13.—Camp Lewis soldiers today opened an attack on disease-carrying house flies on a front of more than 40 miles. On all of the barracks and administration buildings screens are being put in place.

About 143,500 lineal feet of screen, or 39.9 miles, is being placed in the camp proper and an additional three or four miles will be used for the base hospital building.

All the mess halls already are protected by screens.

MILLIONS LEFT SUFFERERS

Frank H. Buhl Bequeaths \$2,000,000 to War Victims in Europe.

SHARON, Pa., June 13.—The will of Frank H. Buhl, millionaire steel manufacturer, who died here last Friday, was probated today. He was heavily interested in mining and irrigation interests in the West.

Among the bequests are \$2,000,000 to assist war sufferers in Northern France and Belgium; \$100,000 to assist the sick and those injured in Sharon by accident, and \$1,000,000 to his widow.

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AMERICANS CRUSH ATTACKS BY ENEMY

Heavy Losses Suffered by German Troops.

U. S. LINES REMAIN INTACT

Teutons Vainly Try to Advance on Mile and Half Front.

YANKEE AVIATORS ACTIVE

United States Flying Squadron Reported by General Pershing to Have Dropped Bombs on Stations Northwest of Metz.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Complete repulse of heavy attacks today northwest of Chateau Thierry with heavy losses for the Germans was reported tonight in General Pershing's communique. The American lines, which were held yesterday by taking the last of the German positions in Belleu wood, remained intact.

Successful bombing of the railroad stations of Dommary and Barconcourt by American aviators, all of whom returned, also was reported.

The communique follows: "Yesterday afternoon our troops northwest of Chateau Thierry captured the last of the German positions in the Belleu wood, taking 50 prisoners and a number of machine guns and trench mortars, in addition to those taken on the preceding day."

Attacks Prove Failure. "Early this morning the enemy launched heavy attacks on a front of more than 1 1/2 miles on the line of Belleu-Bouresches. The attacks, which were preceded by intense artillery preparation and accompanied by a heavy barrage, broke down completely, leaving our positions intact. The losses of the enemy were very severe."

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MINNESOTA BLOCKS NON-PARTISAN TALK

PARADE BROKEN UP—J. M. BAER FORBIDDEN TO SPEAK.

Banners Carrying Appeal to Voters Torn From Automobiles in Gopher State Town.

WALNUT GROVE, Minn., June 13.—J. M. Baer, North Dakota Non-Partisan League Representative in Congress, was prevented yesterday from speaking at a league picnic at Boll Hofer Grove, seven miles north of here, by action of the Sheriff and County Attorney. He was forbidden to speak in Redwood County.

A parade which passed through here on the way to the picnic was broken up and "Vote-for-Lindbergh" banners torn from the automobiles in it.

ST. PETER, Minn., June 13.—Fines amounting to \$60 imposed in Police Court here yesterday on Mankato residents who followed ten automobiles decorated with "Vote-for-Lindbergh" banners here from their home town and stripped the emblem of the Non-Partisan League candidate from the machines will be paid by public subscription. Collection of the \$60 already is assured.

The cars which were denuded of their banners here escaped a demonstration against the league in Mankato when a large party of members of the Non-Partisan League camped in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties passed through there.

CENTRAL, Wash., June 13.—(Special.)—A committee of Central citizens yesterday notified Sheriff Berry that Roy J. Edwards, an organizer for the Non-Partisan League, is operating in this vicinity and asked that his activities be checked.

Edwards, in company with Alfred Knutson, state manager of the league, were run out of Winlock in April and later Edwards was given a coat of tar and feathers by a committee of Toledo citizens. Following this occurrence, however, Prosecuting Attorney Allen announced that his office would not prosecute any more "tar parties" and that prosecution would follow the next one.

McADOO MAY COME WEST

Secretary Will Avoid Speeches on Account of Throat Trouble.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Instead of staying at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., to recuperate from his throat trouble, Secretary McAdoo may take a trip through the West in the next few weeks.

He will avoid speeches and conferences which would put a strain on his throat.

U. S. Flyers Fell Two Huns.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three American fighting planes today pounced on 12 German albatross machines which had surrounded and were attacking two American photographing airplanes over Norway, north of Pont-a-Mousson, on the Toul front. One German machine was shot down and another is believed to have been disabled. One American machine is missing.

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Weather Report. The weather today is clear and warm, with a high of 74 degrees and a low of 57 degrees.

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RAILROAD RATES ARE DISCUSSED

Many Complain of 25 Per Cent Advance.

FRUIT MEN ESPECIALLY HURT

Oregon Public Service Commission Gives Hearing.

MORE REVENUE IS NEEDED

Whenever Rate Is So Excessive as to Stop Traffic, New Order Must Defeat Its Own Purpose, Says Mr. Miller.

Hearing of complaints of shippers and producers called by the Public Service Commission of Oregon yesterday afternoon at the offices of the Commission in the Courthouse brought a representation of numerous lines of traffic, but principally of those industries that are threatened with actually distressing results in the operation of the 25 per cent increase in freight rates.

Members of the Portland district traffic committee of the Railroad Administration attended the hearing in a body, headed by Chairman Frank W. Robinson.

Frank J. Miller, chairman of the Oregon Public Service Commission, made clear the attitude of the commission with reference to rates, that no such increase is necessary for the benefit of the western lines as may be required for the needs of eastern railroads.

He recognized that the increase has been ordered as a means of increased revenue, but that wherever the rate is as excessive as to mean the total stoppage of traffic in any produce it would terminate the revenue instead of giving an increased return, and that in any case where an industry is threatened the effort should be made to obtain a modification of the rate that would assist the industry to survive.

City Representative Heard. Edward M. Cousin, traffic examiner of the city of Portland, pleaded at some length for a reduction in coal rates, but had no specific recommendation to make as to what would be a proper adjustment of the rate.

Later he objected to the recommendations made by the Commission in conjunction with the state public utility representatives of Washington and Idaho, protesting against the proposed increase as applied to a number of products of industries that it is stated cannot survive and absorb the new rate, because its application will completely shut down the products out of their present markets.

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