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## STRIKE CALLED OFF BY S. J. KONEKAMP

### Telegraphers Will Stay at Their Keys.

## SENATE ACTION IS AWAITED

### Prospect of Government Control Cause of Change.

## PRESIDENT MAKES REQUEST

### Secretary of Labor Wilson and Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, Intervene With Success.

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.  
(Staff Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune.)

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(Special.)—In response to urgent pleas by Secretary of Labor Wilson and Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, S. J. Konekamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union, tonight called off the strike of his organization set for tomorrow morning.

Secretary Wilson appealed to the telegraphers' chief not to allow interference with the transmission of messages "of vital consequence in the prosecution of the war," and reminded him that adjustment of the union grievances will be afforded by Government control of the telegraph companies under the terms of the legislation Congress is now in the process of framing.

Gompers seconded Secretary Wilson's appeal, and urged Mr. Konekamp to "avoid any hindrance to our Government's war" programme even in the slightest degree.

The administration action to stave off the strike was taken following the refusal of the telegraphers to take immediate action on the resolution empowering the President to take over the telegraph companies for the remainder of the war.

The President instructed Secretary Wilson today to see that the walkout of the union telegraphers. Secretary Wilson immediately got into telephone communication with Mr. Konekamp in Chicago, and after a protracted discussion of the situation, obtained the union president's promise to call off the strike, pending consideration of the Government control resolution by the Senate.

### President Expresses Gratification.

The assistance of Mr. Gompers was enlisted early in the day, with the result that the president of the federation telegraphers' union, Secretary Wilson sent word to the White House early this evening that Mr. Konekamp had agreed to call off the strike. The President expressed gratification at the action of the union president and also of the patriotic attitude taken by Mr. Gompers by which the executive regards an example that will be of the utmost value in preventing the fruition of strikes likely to hamper the Government in the conduct of the war.

The revocation of the strike order does not mean that Congress will abandon the Government control resolution if the President has his way about it, as he generally does. Mr. Wilson is prepared to step in at the first sign of faltering in Congress and insist upon the passage of the resolution authorizing him to take over the telegraph and telephone systems.

### Union Would Be Recognized.

The President believes that, irrespective of the relations of employers and employees, the Government should be in a position to assume control of the lines of communication whenever war emergency demands. His first act under Government control, however, would be to assure recognition of the telegraphers' union, the denial of which by the Western Union led to the calling of the strike. It also is a foregone conclusion that the Government would raise the telegraphers' wages, as it raised the compensation of the railroad employees.

The President will make it clear to Senate leaders tomorrow that he wants the resolution passed, no matter how much Senators may wish to take a recess to attend to their campaigns for re-election.

### Movement for Recess to Be Revived.

Senator Lewis, Democratic whip of the Senate, said tonight that the calling off of the strike undoubtedly will revive the movement for a recess of a month. It has been represented that it will take three or four weeks to pass the resolution, through the senate committee on Interstate commerce which already has decided to hold hearings on the measure.

There is scarcely a majority of the committee in favor of the legislation and action upon it will be extremely deliberate. The Democratic whip succeeds in bringing about some acceleration. The advocates of a recess of a month contend that there is no need of keeping Congress in Washington while the committee is deliberating.

There was much discussion today of the impetuous Democratic revolt against the President which developed in the Senate yesterday when a resolution to recess was adopted in defiance of the wishes of Mr. Wilson for action on the telegraph resolution.

Of the 27 Senators voting to recess

## SWEDISH ALIENS REFUSE TO FIGHT

### SPokane Exemption Board No. 5 Makes Names Public.

### Young Men Who Are Glad to Enjoy Fruits of Freedom Declare Unwillingness to Maintain It.

SPokane, Wash., July 7.—(Special.)—"Swedish aliens are giving our exemption board more trouble than the men of all nationalities combined," said Fred S. Duggan, of exemption board No. 5, yesterday. "While American boys are fighting for the liberty of the world, Swedish aliens, who find in America a better home than the one they left in Europe, refuse to do their part by joining the military forces of our country. The position taken by the Norwegians is just the opposite. We are having no trouble whatever with Norwegian aliens."

"The American boys here give up their business and go into the Army. The Swedish aliens take the positions vacated by the Americans and refuse to enter the Army."

"We have just placed in A1 the following Swedes, who are single, have no dependents, prefer America to Sweden because they are better off here and enjoy living here, but refuse to aid in the world struggle:

"H. G. Peterson, 523 Mansfield avenue, came here from Sweden in 1906. He stands pat and refuses voluntarily to come under the draft act."

"John Erickson, 429 Mansfield avenue, refuses to take out his first papers. He says he would rather fight for Sweden than for America if these nations were at war."

"Carl V. Nicholson, 947 Ermina street, in a Sweden who would rather be sent back to Sweden than join the American Army."

Records of other boards indicate the same difficulty with Swedish aliens.

## MAYOR HANSON SAVED LIFE

### First Aid Given Injured Man as Crowd Stands Helpless.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 7.—Mayor Ole Hanson, of Seattle, today probably prevented the bleeding to death of E. O. Huse, aged 30, employe of the Puget Sound Navy-Yard, Bremerton, Wash., when he rendered first aid to Huse on the Pacific Highway near Auburn, Wash., after Huse's leg had been nearly severed at the ankle in an automobile accident.

While a large crowd of motorists, who had witnessed the overturning of Huse's machine by a speedster, crowded about the wreck or ran in circles inquiring for a doctor, Mayor Hanson drove up, stopped his car and applied a tourniquet. Huse was losing consciousness from the loss of blood, but later revived. He was taken to a hospital in Auburn.

## SHIP OUTPUT TO DOUBLE

### Director-General Schwab Makes Important Prediction.

BERKELEY, Cal., July 7.—The prediction that the recent record of an average production of one 10,000 ships daily for 60 days would be doubled in the near future was made today by Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, addressing an inspirational mass meeting here.

The mass meeting was the opening event of the convention of Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, and was attended by some 10,000 persons. Mr. Schwab spoke of the important part advertising men had taken in the Nation's war preparation, and said criticism in the press had been a factor in starting the work of shipbuilding.

## ALL WHEAT IS GROUND

### Northwest Mills Wait for Permission to Resume Operations.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 7.—Practically all the Pacific Northwest flour mills have ground the wheat allotted under Government regulations, it developed at the first annual convention of the Northwest Millers' Association yesterday. Mills that are shut down are expecting to resume operations soon, but permission to grind grain for the new year beginning July 1 has not yet been given.

Delegates from Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho attended the meeting here, and went on record as favoring a policy of aiding the Government in all ways possible in food regulations.

## ITALIAN FLYER IS KILLED

### Sergeant Gino Dashed to Death in Exhibition Flight.

MINEOLA, N. Y., July 7.—Sergeant Gianfelice Gino, of the Royal Italian Flying Corps, was killed in an airplane accident at Hazelhurst Field today while making a nose dive for the benefit of the Italian Mission to the United States and Major-General William L. Kenly, director of military aeronautics. Sergeant Gino had been instructing American aviators here.

## MILK HIGHER IN EUGENE

### Lane County Dairymen Advance Price to 12 Cents Quart.

## EAST EXTRAVAGANT DESPITE WAR NEED

### War Correspondent Is Amazed at Luxury.

## LITTLE SACRIFICE NOTED

### W. G. MacRae Contrasts Spirit of France With America's.

## QUICK CHANGE PREDICTED

### Writer, Just From France, Protests at Waste of Gasoline and Other War Needs by Rich, After Seeing Shortage Abroad.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.  
(Staff Correspondent of the Oregonian, Late War with American Forces in France.)

CLEVELAND, July 2.—(Special.)—This letter will strike many as being a long cry from France. It is written to fill in some of the gaps in my dispatch from Washington.

Speaking of things "over there," I will say again, that while I was in France the double censorship (American and French) took a special delight in deleting the news that the Pacific Coast troops were a part of the First Army Corps, even though the regiments are now, or were up to the time I left, used as replacement.

Although the powers that be decreed that those splendid National Guard Regiments from the Northwest were to be broken up, with little or no chance to bring regimental honors to their respective states, the folks at home may take solace in the fact that their soldier boys are a part of that American Army which is blocking the Hun march to Paris. There is a man at the head of the First Army Corps who knows personally most of the officers from the Northwest regiments and fully appreciates the caliber of men who come from that section of the United States.

Extravagance is noted. Observing from the outside some of the larger towns between Washington and Cleveland, one wonders if much of the subscribing to Liberty bonds, war savings stamps, the Red Cross and the many other war funds, is not just from the pocket, and only a small part from the heart. One thing seems certain, the people of the United States, judging from outside appearances, have not as yet realized what it really means to sacrifice.

It is the same in Washington as it is in Cleveland—luxury and extravagance carried on to the nth degree.

In Washington, on every street, I saw thousands of automobiles parked so closely that pedestrians could not squeeze between them; pleasure cars of the rich and near rich, those who have not only mortgaged the home to get the machine, but even have mort-

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## RATIONING OF COAL TO STAY SHORTAGE

### HOUSES MAY BE HEATED ONLY TO 68 DEGREES.

### Allowance to Be Sufficient for Comfort, but Wastefulness Will Bring Its Own Penalty.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Rationing of coal to householders was announced tonight by the Fuel Administration as among plans designed to prevent a threatened shortage of coal next Winter. Each domestic consumer will be allowed only as much coal as is necessary to heat his house to 68 degrees, provided every conservation rule has been obeyed. The allowance, the announcement said, will be sufficient for comfort, but "the thoughtless and wasteful consumer who finds his allowance gone before the end of the Winter, will have only himself to thank if he has no fuel with which to heat his house."

The plan involves a department of allotments in connection with each local fuel administrator's office. The system will be put into operation at once. Each order for coal will be censured by comparison with the rating of the house where the coal is to be used.

## WAR AFFECTS BEETS PRICE

### Two Contracts Offered Growers, Depending on Duration of Conflict.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 7.—(Special.)—Question of the duration of the war is now entering into contracts for the sale of sugar beets to refiners, according to the United States Food Administration for California, which today, as an incentive for producers to increase their acreage, announced that if the war continues another year the price will be higher than this year. If the war does not continue that long the price will be lower.

Two contracts are being offered beet growers, one sets a definite minimum, the other provides for a higher price if there is one next year, but fails to set a minimum.

## MILL SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

### Hammond Plant at Astoria to Be Running Again Within Week.

ASTORIA, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—A force of men began work today clearing away the debris from last night's fire at the Hammond Lumber Company's mill. The damage probably will not exceed \$15,000 or \$20,000, fully covered by insurance. The fire was confined to the central portion of the floor and no damage was done the big saws or any of the machinery on the main cutting floor.

The expectation is to have the mill running within a week, although it will have to depend for a time upon some of the other plants for filling-room work.

## GERMANY TO AID AUSTRIA

### Three Army Corps Promised to Stem Defeat in Italy.

PARIS, July 7.—Germany will send three army corps to the aid of Austria, according to a Rome dispatch to the Temps.

## AUSTRIANS HURLED FROM PIAVE DELTA

### Italians Drive Foe to River's Left Bank.

## ENEMY ADMITS BIG DEFEAT

### General Diaz' Forces Fortifying Recaptured Area.

## FRENCH MAKE DARING RAID

### Brilliant Operation on Asiago Plateau as Zocchi Results in Capture of 66 Prisoners and Number of Machine Guns.

ROME, July 7.—Italian troops have completed their operations victoriously at the mouth of the Piave by hurling the last remnants of the disorganized Austro-Hungarian forces across to the left bank of the river, according to the war office announcement today.

The official statement declares that the Italians are now fortifying themselves along the right bank of the Piave. Tribute is paid to the especially brilliant fighting qualities shown by the troops of the Italian 23d Army Corps, which participated in the defeat of the Austrians in the Piave River sector.

### French Make Raid.

On the Asiago Plateau, the statement chronicles a raid by the French which resulted in the capturing of prisoners and machine guns. Austro-Hungarian attacks between the Brenza Valley and the Brenta were repulsed.

The statement follows:

"Between the Sile and the Piave our troops, having reached with perfect maneuvering and irresistible elan the right bank of the new Piave and driven the enemy to the other side of the river, now are fortifying themselves on the vast tract of ground recaptured, every yard of which shows traces of the epic struggle and furnishes proof that the enemy's losses were much higher than he had foreseen."

"The Twenty-third Army Corps, having carried out the difficult operation victoriously, has added new laurels to its glory. The Fourth Infantry Division particularly distinguished itself. The bearing of the troops was splendid."

### Infantry Fights Well.

"The infantry, among whom were a marine regiment and parties of the Royal Customs Guard, fought with valor. The artillery of the army corps and the royal navy group contributed notably to the success with very effective fire.

"Our own and the allied airplanes and those of the Italian Royal Navy (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

## MONTANA FORESTS SWEEP BY BLAZE

### ALL AVAILABLE MEN SENT TO SCENE OF FLAMES.

MISSOULA, Denver and Ogden Forestry Officials Asked to Lend Rangers to Check Fire.

MISSOULA, Mont., July 8.—Fires which are threatening to sweep the entire forest tracts of the Inland Northwest clear of their timber are raging in the Selway, Clearwater, Pend Oreille and Kaniksu Forests, according to reports received at the Missoula district offices early this morning.

E. B. Tanner, of Richland Center, Wis., one of a crew of fighters in the Clearwater Forest, was caught beneath a falling tree and killed instantly.

The flames have a two-weeks' start on the fires which made a furnace of the Northwest in 1910. Every available man has been sent from the Missoula offices and forestry officials at Denver and Ogden, Utah, have been asked to send rangers to help fight the flames. District Forester R. H. Rutledge declares the situation to be the most desperate that he ever confronted during the July season.

High winds are fanning the flames and absence of rains has converted the woods into veritable tinder boxes.

## BOLSHEVIKI ARE DISARMED

### Czecho-Slovaks at Vladivostok Render Opponents Harmless.

LONDON, July 7.—A dispatch from Vladivostok, dated Sunday, June 20, to Reuters, Limited, says that the commandant of the Czecho-Slovaks there sent an ultimatum to the local Bolsheviks. The commandant declared that as the Bolsheviks were opposing the passage of Czecho-Slovaks from Western Siberia to Vladivostok and the local Bolsheviks were showing signs of acting in an antagonistic manner toward the Czecho-Slovaks, he considered it his duty to take such steps as lay in his power to assist his fellow-countrymen, and as a preliminary measure he had decided to disarm the local Bolsheviks.

## HUNS LOOTING ROUMANIA

### All Food Removed by Germans for Home Consumption.

PARIS, July 7.—Dr. Breckeridge Bains, of Washington, has arrived at Berne from Bucharest, where, for several years, he had charge of a Roumanian hospital.

He declares that Germany is taking all food supplies from that country for home consumption. For example, he said, the Germans have left only one cow on every 10th farm.

## AVIATORS BURN TO DEATH

### Machine Falls in Nose Spin and Bursts into Flames.

ARDMORE, Okla., July 7.—Lieutenant E. B. Sullivan, of San Antonio, Tex., and Mechanician Doyle, of Grand Rapids, Mich., both from Barron Field, Fort Worth, Tex., were burned to death near here late this afternoon when their machine fell into a nose spin while ascending.

They came here on a practice flight.

## HUN AIRMEN OFF DENMARK

### Deserters in Giant Seaplanes Land on Masnedo Island.

COPENHAGEN, July 7.—Three more German airmen, deserting their country, have landed in a giant seaplane at Masnedo, on the Island of Masnedo, off the South Coast of Seeland, Denmark, according to a dispatch to the Politiken.

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### Mirbach Killing Surprises Slav Ministers at Berlin.

## SLAYERS ARE NOT KNOWN

### Russian Diplomat Sent to Germany by Bolsheviki Expresses Amazement and Indignation When Advised of Assassination.

COPENHAGEN, July 7.—The entire population of the Murman coast (on the Kola Peninsula bordering the White Sea and the Arctic) has broken with Russia and joined the entente, according to a dispatch from Vardoe, Norway, to the Christiania Tidens Tegn.

### Provisions Reach Murmansk.

A supply of provisions from the United States has arrived at Murmansk, the dispatch adds.

American, French and British marines are known to be patrolling certain districts along the Murman coast.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Leaders of the Murman coast people recently appealed to the American and allied Consuls at Kola for protection. German troops are reported to the southward on the railroad leading to the Arctic at Kola. With allied naval forces guarding a store of supplies at Kola and along the railroad, the Murman coast is one of the possible fields for operations by the allies in the east under the new policy toward Russia believed to have been approved by President Wilson at the White House conference.

### Word From Francis Missing.

In the absence of any word from Ambassador Francis since June 27, the State Department has been obligated to rely on the message reports. The last message from the Ambassador supported the arrival of local civil authorities of Archangel, capital of the province in which Kola is located. The Bolsheviki had advised the officials on charges of disloyalty.

PARIS, July 7.—As soon as the news of the assassination of the Count von Mirbach, German Minister at Moscow, came to M. Tchitcherine, the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Tchitcherine and his associate, M. Karakhan, called at the German embassy and expressed the regret and indignation of the government at the occurrence, says a Berlin dispatch, forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Basle.

### Identity Yet Secret.

The identity of the assassins has not been established, nor have they been arrested, the message states. It appears, according to these advices, that with Count von Mirbach when he was attacked was Herr Ritzler, the counselor of the embassy, and a German officer. Neither was injured.

PARIS, July 7.—Mikolai Lenin, Bolshevik Premier, has sent the following message to M. Joffe, Russian Minister at Berlin, regarding the assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German Ambassador to Moscow:

"Two unknown men entered the German embassy at 2 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon, having documents from a special committee. They threw a bomb in Count von Mirbach's office, wounding him so severely he died."

### Russians Express Anger.

"Government representatives immediately visited the embassy and expressed indignation at the act, which they construed as a political maneuver to provoke trouble. The government is taking every measure to discover the murderers and bring them before a special revolutionary tribunal."

"Extra measures have been taken to protect the German embassy and citizens. The government requests you to express to the German government the Russian government's indignation and convey its sympathy to the family of the late Count."

PARIS, July 7.—Alexander F. Kerensky, when informed by the Associated Press of the assassination of General Count von Mirbach, said while he could not "feel elated at the death of a human being," he could not help saying "it is a good thing for Russia."

### Kerensky Fears and Hopes.

M. Kerensky seemed reluctant to believe the news, asking repeatedly, "Are you sure?" When informed that the news seemed perfectly reliable, as it originated in Berlin, he said: "This may be the beginning of the renaissance of Russia."

"But now the Germans will surely go to Moscow," he added, sadly.

## YANKEES BAG PRISONERS

### German Raiders Enter American Position but Are Ejected.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Capture of additional German prisoners by American patrols in the Chateau Thierry sector, was reported in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received tonight at the War Department. In the Woivre a strong hostile party succeeded in entering an American outpost position but was driven out by a counter attack.

