

Dictators Blamed For German Defeat

U-Boat Hostility to U. S. Is Blamed in Report.

Truth Kept From Public

Under-Estimation of America's Resources Is Branded as Grave Mistake.

BELLEVILLE, July 19.—The report of the second sub-committee of the committee of investigation on President Wilson's peace effort during the winter of 1918-1919, prepared by Professor Sinsheimer, ex-socialist member of the reichstag, drew the conclusion that President Wilson's action made peace overtures possible, but that the German government, not availing itself of them, instead took a stand for unrestricted U-boat warfare.

The report, made available here today, was signed by six members of the different political parties. It was the report of the sub-committee on the German government, not availing itself of them, instead took a stand for unrestricted U-boat warfare.

As the gravest mistake, the report mentioned that America's resources were under-estimated. The report said it was because the submarines would prevent transportation of American troops "if there were any."

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Miners Hold Session

Scale Committee to Meet With Coal Operators.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 19.—Washington state district No. 10, United Mine Workers of America, held an executive session at the labor temple here today, at which reports were made by officers of the district dealing with the negotiations with operators held recently in regard to a new scale.

Lightning Starts Fires

FIFTEEN REPORTED BY OBSERVERS IN SANTIAM.

Heavy Rain Prevents Blazes Spreading—Truck Hauling Wood Struck by Bolt, Driver Bazed.

ALBANY, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—Complete reports show that during the thunder storm in the mountains Friday night lightning started 15 fires in the Santiam national forest and two others which were observed by lookouts in the forest. C. Hall, supervisor of the Santiam forest, who returned to headquarters yesterday from the Detroit district, says he has received reports showing that all of the fires within the boundaries of the forest are now out or under control.

One of the fires outside the forest, which was observed by the Santiam lookouts, is in the Oregon national forest near Olney, in Marion county, about seven or eight miles north of Mount Jefferson. This fire is burning yet and appears to be a big one. The other fire started in timber on patented land west of the forest boundary on Thomas creek, northeast of Seaside, was out.

Rain fell during the storm and made the forest damp in most sections and because of this fact 13 of the 15 fires the lightning started in the Santiam forest went out without getting a good start. The two that which required the active attention of fire-fighting crews were, respectively, on Tumble creek, about three or four miles from Detroit, and on Canyon creek, about three miles east of Cascadia, this latter fire being in section 4, township 14 south, range 2 east. The former fire has been put out and the latter is reported under control. This latter fire is the only one of the 15 from which there is any danger, and it is believed to be under complete control.

Of the 15 fires started in the Santiam forest ten were in the northern, or Detroit, district, and five were in the southern, or Cascadia, district.

Truck Hit, Burns Up.

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DR. ROBERG ACKNOWLEDGES CONSIDERING RESIGNATION.

Secretary State Board of Health Says Cedars Controversy Has No Bearing on Action.

Dr. David N. Roberg, secretary of the state board of health, yesterday confirmed the report that he is considering his resignation to the board within a short time. Just when his resignation will be submitted he has not said.

"There is absolutely nothing in the report that the Cedars controversy has any bearing on my contemplated resignation," said Dr. Roberg in connection with the board and not by myself personally.

The fact that the salary of secretary of the state board of health is wholly inadequate is given by Dr. Roberg as the chief reason for his proposed resignation.

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Water Requests Filed

Lands Necessitating Irrigation Back of Requests.

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Canada Speeds Up Coal

Plans to Rush Fuel to Central Sections Discussed.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Plans to speed up movement of coal to central Canada were discussed today by the railway and coal interests, members of the Canadian railway board at conferences with the interstate commerce commission and Daniel McLaughlin, chief of the advisory commission of the Association of Railway Executives.

Before leaving for Ottawa the Canadian commissioners announced they would meet later with Canadian railroad officials to consider priority of movement for coal and increasing of car mileage.

Mill Cuts Working Time

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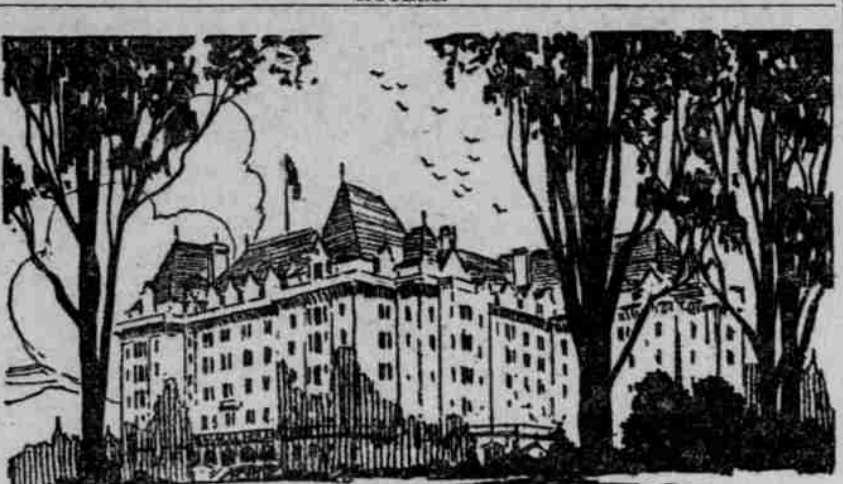
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