

VIERECK ADMITS HUN PROPAGANDA

Planned to Spend \$50,000,000
on 30 Morning Papers to
Keep U. S. Out of War.

New York, July 29.—(I. N. S.)—Fifty million dollars, sunk in 30 morning newspapers throughout the United States, was Germany's plan to keep this country out of the war, George Viereck, editor of Viereck's National Weekly, formerly the Fatherland, admitted today under examination by Deputy Attorney General Becker.

A widely known newspaperman in Washington was to furnish the chain of papers with news, Viereck testified. "My plan," testified Viereck, "was to buy an important morning newspaper in about 30 cities."

"And conduct them along legitimate lines," asked Mr. Becker.

"But to introduce German propaganda in a subtle manner?"

"No, but to tell the real story—the story we thought was suppressed."

"How much did you think it would cost to control 30 papers in as many cities?" asked the deputy attorney general.

"Why, from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000," replied Viereck. "But it would have saved us from war. We could have arranged it so that America would not have entered the war."

The examination of Viereck, which has been in progress for 10 days, is expected to end this week.

MURDERER THOMPSON ESCAPES FROM PRISON

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Information obtained by District Attorney Tongue, that he would escape inside of two years and that when he got out he would even go across with Sheriff Reeves of Washington county, Deputy Sheriff Bob Phillips of Multnomah and District Attorney Tongue, the three who took leading parts in running Thompson to earth.

Officials of the penitentiary express belief that Thompson is sufficiently desperate to attempt to carry out his threat. Thompson and Thuermer were employed in the prison boiler room and so cleverly did they execute their escape that the prison officials have not the slightest clue as to when they left or whither they went. As a result no posse was organized this morning, but all peace officers for miles around were notified to be on the lookout.

Both convicts have served previous

terms. Thompson had served two terms in the Oregon penitentiary for robbery, and Thuermer, who was sent up this time from Umatilla county, is known as a typical "Prison Bird." Both are 37 years old. Thompson has dark brown hair and brown eyes and is of medium build, while Thuermer has brown hair and light brown eyes.

A stolen horse and buggy, which was found this afternoon east of Gervais, is believed to indicate that Thompson and Thuermer are making their way toward Portland, and penitentiary guards have been sent out on a man hunt in that direction. Warden Murphy has gone to Portland to take up the hunt from that end.

The horse and buggy were stolen last night from Jake Idelwine, who lives two miles northeast of Salem.

Bennett Thompson was arrested in St. Johns May 17, 1916, by Detective Frank Snow in company with Detectives Coleman, Goltz and Howell, for the double murder of Mrs. Helen Jennings and Fred Ristman on May 15 or 16, 1916, in Washington county. The body of Mrs. Jennings was found in bed in her home, on a farm known as the "Gore ranch." Ristman's body was found May 25 in the woods about 2 1/2 miles from the home of Mrs. Jennings.

Ristman was a jitney driver with a stand at Second and Alder streets. Thompson hired the jitney late at night on May 15 for a trip to Sherwood to "fix a wall." The murders were committed on this trip. He was indicted by the grand jury at Hillsboro on June 15 and on September 15 he was sentenced to life imprisonment on a charge of double murder.

Thompson is also the notorious lone highwayman who held up about 40 persons on the Slavin road during the early part of 1902. Detective Snow arrested him on January 20, 1902, and he was given a 20 year sentence but was pardoned afterward. He also robbed the conductor on an Oregon City train.

Detective Snow said this morning: "I have known Thompson nearly all my life, and I have tried to help him, but he wouldn't make good. He knows all the trails through the Oregon country to California and I doubt if he will be caught very soon if he goes south, because he won't need to follow the main roads. He is a desperate man and if he gets hold of a gun I believe that he would shoot again."

Von Mirbach's Post Taken by Helfferich

The Hague, July 29.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Karl Helfferich, newly appointed German ambassador to Russia, has arrived at Moscow. It was stated in a Berlin dispatch today.

Helfferich's predecessor, Count von Mirbach, was assassinated.

NEWS OF DEFEAT DEPRESSES HUNS

South Germans Accuse General
Staff of Deliberately Sacrificing
Their Troops.

Rome, July 30.—(U. P.)—The west front disaster caused a depression in Germany similar to that the Pieve debacle did in Austria-Hungary, said a Berne dispatch received here today.

South Germans accuse the German general staff of deliberately sacrificing the troops of the South German states.

London, July 30.—(U. P.)—News of the German defeat in the Solson-Rheims salient is being fed to the German public in camouflaged alibis. The results are varied. There is some criticism of the German government, but the sugar-coated palaver of other stories tends to camouflage the real effect of the Foch blow.

Captain von Bervelde, a wearer of the Iron cross, has petitioned the reichstag to arrest and prosecute immediately those responsible for the war, and has also special stress on the work of Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the former German chancellor, whom he denounces.

From neutral sources come reports of what is being fed to the people of Germany. One former member of the general staff, in a written article, explains: "We aimed to inflict the heaviest possible losses on the enemy, while shortening our line."

The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "Everyone feels we are fighting toward success in our entire western campaign."

The Vorwarts comments: "It is false to say that the effective power of the Foch blow is weakening."

The Krues Zeitung despairs of another German offensive in the near future.

A Dresden newspaper urges the fullest confidence in Von Hindenburg and any decision he may have to make.

The Vienna press is amused at the situation, adding some sarcastic comment for the treatment accorded Austria in her recent Italian reverses.

Berlin People Nervous

Paris, July 30.—(U. P.)—The new German retreat in the Solson-Rheims pocket, which won only Monday, caused extraordinary nervousness among the population in Berlin and throughout Germany, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Journal today.

The Cologne Gazette and the Lokal Anzeiger declare the loss of ground on the west front is unimportant.

MARION AND POLK DEDICATE BRIDGE

Firm Pays \$500 for Privilege of
First Crossing on Tractor;
Big Celebration Held.

Salem, Or., July 30.—Vick Brothers, automobile dealers of Salem, paid \$500 to the Red Cross for the privilege of being the first to cross the new bridge over the Willamette river at Salem, connecting Marion and Polk counties. The trip over the bridge was made on a Fordson tractor and at 11:15 o'clock this morning gates were swung wide and automobiles and crowds on foot swarmed onto the bridge.

An all day celebration is being held by the two counties in acknowledgment of the importance of the completion of the bridge, which was built at a cost of approximately \$250,000. It was designed and built under the supervision of the state highway bridge department and is about one half mile long.

Tonight lights on the bridge will be flashed on by Mrs. William F. Calder of Polk county, who bid \$100 for this honor. This money also will go to the Red Cross.

Little Miss Rowena Eyre pulled the cord which unfurled two large American flags and showered the new structure with roses as part of the dedication ceremony. Frank Davey made the dedication speech.

This afternoon a big parade will be held, in which state military police and four companies of Oregon guards will take part.

British Subjects To Be Drafted Soon

The exchange of ratifications of the recruiting conventions between the United States, Great Britain and Canada will take place in London, according to announcement of the British consul. The 60 day period for all Britons and Canadians between 21 and 30 years of age, both inclusive, will begin July 31 and expire September 28. Britons and Canadians of 20 years of age and those between the ages of 31 and 44, both inclusive, will be required to register on a date to be fixed by proclamation by the president.

This date probably will be about August 30, and 30 days after registration men of those ages will be liable to service in the United States army. In short, all Britons and Canadians between the ages of 20 and 44, both inclusive, in the United States will be liable for draft on and after September 29 unless they have enlisted or been medically rejected at one of the recruiting depots of the British and Canadian recruiting mission before that date.

Military Instructors to Be Decided Upon

Action on the invitation to send high school faculty members to the military training school at the Presidio will be taken at the meeting of the Portland school board next Thursday. Under the plan of the war department each high school is entitled to send two faculty representatives. The training is intended for those schools which intend to include military instruction.

Dr. E. A. Sommer, one of the school directors, who is now a captain in the medical department at Camp Lewis, has obtained a leave of absence from the camp, and his attendance at the next meeting of the board is thus made possible.

Lieut. Harris Killed in Motor Accident

Brest, France, July 30.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Warren Harris, son of the American commandant at Brest, is dead here as the result of an automobile accident in which his machine overturned.

PROMINENT LUMBERMEN OF EAST, SOUTH HERE



Left to right—W. T. Christine, Judge L. C. Boyle, Charles S. Keith, John H. Kirby, Bolling Arthur Johnson.

STATE ENGINEER IS OFFERED POSITION IN IRRIGATION WORK

John H. Lewis, in Office Since
1905, May Resign; Harvey
Wells Reported Sought

Salem, Or., July 30.—If a certain deal in connection with an irrigation project in Oregon goes through, John H. Lewis will resign his office as state engineer at once and accept the position which has been offered him in connection with the project. He expects to know about the matter within the next few days.

The possibility also exists that Harvey Wells will resign his office as insurance commissioner and state fire marshal to accept a position with a big insurance company. Commissioner Wells says there is nothing definite to this.

However, while in insurance circles his name has been connected with the position in question, no definite offer has been made to him. He considers the position better than the one he now holds and if the offer is made he will accept.

If State Engineer Lewis resigns Percy A. Cupper, assistant state engineer, and Republican nominee for water commissioner in Western Oregon undoubtedly will be appointed to succeed him.

Cupper says he can handle the duties of state engineer and water commissioner and thereby eliminate the salary of water commissioner, which is \$2400 a year.

Lewis has held the office of state engineer since 1905.

Mackensen to Take Ludendorff's Place

Arrival of General at Great Headquarters Brings Report That He Will Replace Famous Quartermaster General.

Paris, July 30.—(I. N. S.)—Field Marshal von Mackensen has arrived at German great headquarters and it is reported that he will replace General Ludendorff, said a dispatch from Berne today.

(Recently General Ludendorff has been signing the official statements of the German war office which supported reports that he had succeeded Field Marshal von Hindenburg as chief of the German general staff. When Hindenburg was made chief of staff, Ludendorff, who was quartermaster general of the German army, was made chief of staff.)

Within the past few weeks, however, it was reported that Hindenburg and Ludendorff had disagreed on military policy and that the former had fallen ill. At various times his death has been reported. Mackensen won his laurels on the Eastern Rumanian and Balkan fronts.

German newspapers indicate that the greatest possible effort will be made by the Germans to hold on along the Crise and Andre hills.

Machine Guns Are Turned on Strikers

Amsterdam, July 30.—(I. N. S.)—Machine guns were used by the German military authorities to suppress a strike at Kaib, near Cologne, said a dispatch to the Echo de Beige today.

Berne, July 30.—(I. N. S.)—Furious hunger rioting has again broken out at Pilsen and Pardubitz, in Bohemia, said a dispatch from Vienna today, quoting the Socialist newspaper, the Arbeiter Zeitung. Soldiers fired on the mobs, dispersing them.

Bread Strikes in Austria, Germany

Berne, July 30.—(U. P.)—Bread strikes are in progress in some parts of Austria and Germany, according to newspapers received here.

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Horseford's Acid Phosphate

BIG LUMBERMEN ARE GUESTS HERE TODAY

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mitee is said to have been one of the features of the recent national association directors' meeting at the Paradise Valley hotel.

President John H. Kirby of the National association is an enthusiastic admirer of the Northwest. "The meeting of lumbermen in Paradise Valley on Friday and Saturday was perhaps the most important ever held by the lumber industry of the country," said Mr. Kirby. "All sections of the country as represented by heads of the lumber business

are united in support of the government in its war program."

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VON HINDENBURG FEARS POSITION

Present Counter Attacks Believed
to Be But Rear Guard Actions
to Hold Off Allies.

By J. W. T. Mason

New York, July 30.—(U. P.)—Von Hindenburg's counter-attacks, started this morning north of the Ourcq, give evidence of being primarily magnificent rear-guard actions for the purpose of trying to prevent the allies from breaking through the German front.

Between Soissons and the Ourcq is Von Hindenburg's most dangerous sector. If General Foch succeeds in penetrating the German lines near Soissons, real disaster would overtake Von Hindenburg's forces. That Von Hindenburg has suddenly tried to seize the initiative in this quarter indicates a haunting fear on his part of the serious situation in which he is forced to continue.

Since the retreat from the Marne began, Von Hindenburg has concentrated his heaviest reinforcements around the Soissons corner of the Aisne-Marne salient. He unquestionably has a very strong force at present in that area.

He might believe that a lavish slaughter of German troops at this moment would perhaps result in bending the allied front southwestward from Soissons in the general direction of Paris.

The serious menace of this character, however, would run into the strongest positions the French have prepared for defending the roads to Paris.

The 200,000 German troops are but five to seven miles, and east of the forest General Foch sensibly improved his positions by local attacks before Hindenburg began his drive. Should Hindenburg be suddenly overcome once more by his mania to reach Paris, he will become involved in serious difficulties.

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