

Investigation Results in Denial of Charge That U. S. War Equipment Has Been Burned

FRENCH WROUGHT UP OVER BURNING OF YANK SUPPLIES

Newspapers Keep Up Propaganda Charging Americans with Prodigal Destruction of Surplus.

HURRY TO GET HOME CAUSE

Reports Show Only Rubbish Was Consigned to Flames; Thrifty French See Loss of Wealth.

By Junius B. Wood
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

Tours, France, July 4.—Reports published in the French newspapers that the prodigal Americans are burning piles of sewing machines, typewriters, barracks, beds, potatoes, stoves and other supplies, are causing consternation among the French people. Even official Washington is perturbed, seeming to have the impression that there is a wild scramble to come home and bring with them what cannot be carried is being chucked into the fire.

In view of the pending negotiations of the American liquidation commission to sell everything untransportable to the French government, the burning even of a ragged shirt excites the thrifty French. One Paris newspaper is carrying on a systematic propaganda of correspondents visiting the different American bases daily and sending in a story whenever a wisp of smoke is detected.

NOTHING VALUABLE BURNED

In response to the request from Washington, Brigadier General W. D. Conroy, commander of the American garrison at Tours, has forwarded a series of reports made by Colonel James C. Rhea, chief of G. S. O. B., covering an investigation of all articles of burning property. Briefly the reports find that though property which once cost thousands of dollars was destroyed it was practically valueless when burned and that this was the cheapest way of disposing of it.

A typical instance occurred at the salvage plant of St. Pierre des Corps outside of Tours, where several hundred slinkers, rags and other rubbish were soaked with kerosene and burned. Lieutenant Colonel H. B. Parramore, who made an investigation, reported that the slinkers were unfit for further service and unusable. They were offered to the French junk dealers free if they would remove them, but they refused to take them even at that price and burning was the only way to clean up the rubbish.

CAN BODIES DESTROYED

The greatest discussion was over a fire in the Romorantin motor transport corps salvage depot. The newspapers asserted that many automobiles, especially trailers, wheels, tires, motorcycles and bicycles, were used for daily business. Colonel John Hughes, inspector, and Colonel T. H. Parramore, superintendent of the park, reported that not a single automobile had arrived without parts missing, such as wheels, steering gears and bodies of trucks, and that were out by oxy-acetylene torches and the junk was sorted into different piles of motors, rims and tires, etc. Fires were necessary to separate the wood from the metal, which alone was valuable as junk.

The big barracks depot was charred, not only with burning automobiles, but tarpaulins, bedding, barracks, buildings and stoves. The report says that only rubbish, which the Americans cleaning up the place were unwilling to leave, was burned. At Ardentes, where the entire camp was said to have been burned, investigation showed that the barracks were still standing and that the only bonfires were those which were used in removing the insulation from copper wire.

Considerable news was made because a fire had already destroyed several buildings. Lieutenant Thomas Burns reported that the property had been turned over to the French several days previously and that civilians from the nearby villages, who immediately formed convoys of all kinds of vehicles, loaded everything movable and then started the fire. The Americans in the neighborhood extinguished the flames, the French guards paying no attention.

One result of the criticism was that it stirred the French government into getting possession of the property and no longer permitting the negotiations to lag.

EX-KING OF BAVARIA EXILE IN SWITZERLAND



The aged ex-king Ludwig of Bavaria, photographed on the grounds of the Castle of Sizers, Grisons, Switzerland, where he and his family are in exile. His health completely broken, the ex-king is anxiously awaiting the time when he can safely return to his native land.

ADVANCE ON CAPITAL OF BOLSHIEVIK SLOWS UP TO A STANDSTILL

Thrust From Esthonia Fails Before Superior Forces of Dictator Trotzky.

By Bassett Digby
Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News.

Stockholm, Sweden, July 4.—The thrust toward Petrograd from Esthonia has slowed down to a standstill during the past few days, though some progress has been made in the Pakov region. It has now come up against Trotzky's numerically largely superior masses of troops and in fact is beginning to falter. The Bolsheviks recruited Koporje, which though an important village, strategically reveals the serious predicament of the force attacking the Kramaya Gerda batteries. This force was reported nearly two weeks ago to have got around into the rear of the fortress and to have cut it off completely. It must now in turn be almost cut off by the Bolshevik thrust northward from Koporje to the coast, though it has the protection of the entire fleet's guns while it keeps the coast.

Apart from these details the best information available here points to the much greater likelihood of Petrograd's capture by a south thrusting Archangel force, which is already in touch with the Finn volunteers west of Petrozavodsk than by the anti-Bolshevik force south of the Finnish gulf. The latter force's strategy and resources are thoroughly unbound. There is now an open split between the Esthonian command, which is out merely to recapture Esthonia and the Bolsheviks who are bent on reconquering the Bolshevik zone beyond, yet she is determined to make her cooperation in the advance of Petrozavodsk conditional on the same sort of reciprocal aid that was recently afforded the inland Esthonian delegates, including a general, who secretly passed through here two or three days ago bound for Paris where in the end they will try to drive a bargain with the big four. The troops in this advance are living precariously from hand to mouth and get food and munitions only erratically. They complain that the tanks are no good and that the military equipment is poor.

Prohibition May Be Adopted in Mexico, Says Carranza Chief

New York, July 4.—Mexico may adopt prohibition very shortly, according to a statement made today by Candido Aguilar, commander in chief of the military forces of President Carranza, upon his departure for France on the French liner Lorraine.

Gauze in Ears Is Seasickness Cure

New York.—What he believes is an absolute cure for seasickness was announced by Major A. E. Lemon, surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, now stationed at Camp Mills, L. I.

PACT MADE WITH FRANCE SENT BY CORRESPONDENTS

Treaty is Cabled to America in Spite of Attitude Taken by Lansing and Peace Delegates.

TEXT ACCLAIMED BY FRENCH

Paris Newspaper Makes Comment on Somewhat Mysterious Attitude Taken by Britain.

Paris, July 4.—The text of the proposed Franco-Anglo-American league, for the protection of France in case of an unprovoked attack on that country by Germany, has been given out by the French foreign office and cabled to America by American newspaper correspondents virtually over the head of the American peace commission.

READING EMBASSASSY

Meaning the French foreign office stole a march on both Great Britain and American correspondents were quick to transmit the text to the United States.

SOME SENATORS SEE AMERICA AT DISADVANTAGE IN TREATY

Washington, July 4.—Some surprise was expressed here in some senatorial and diplomatic circles when it was said that the United States seems to have bound itself more strongly than Great Britain to go to the aid of France in the event that France should again be attacked by Germany, or in the event of Germany failing to carry out the conditions of the treaty of Versailles.

NEW BALANCE OF POWER

It was recalled also that President Wilson vigorously opposed such an alliance when it was first proposed. In his Manchester speech he protested against any attempt to set up a balance of power.

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DOMINION HOME RULE FOR IRELAND GAINING STRENGTH

Viscount Northcliffe's Telegram to Transatlantic Aviators Is Regarded as of Significance.

SEEK POSITION LIKE CANADA

Sir Horace Plunket Active in New Movement Which Promises Protection to Ulster.

READERS IN ENGLAND CRITICISE EDITOR FOR ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Comment is That Anglo-American Harmony Suffers Chiefly From British Tongues.

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MASS HELD WHERE CHRISTIANS DIED

Rome.—(By Mail).—On the very site where once Christians were offered as the prey of wild beasts to amuse the Roman populace in the Colosseum, a Christian service has at last been held. It was celebrated recently in memory of the Boy Scouts of the Italian army who had done messenger service at the front and were killed in action.

ADMITS LIES STARTED THE GREAT WORLD WAR

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Riots Continue in Germany

Amsterdam, July 4.—(U. N. S.)—Ten persons were killed and scores injured in riots at Dortmund, Germany, said a dispatch from the city today. There was much pillaging.

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Well-Dressed Men

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Advertisement for 'The King Cure' for rheumatism. Features an illustration of three men talking about the cure. Text includes 'THEY'RE LOOKING FOR - JACK KING - IS LOOKING FOR THEM. CAN YOU BEAT THIS'.

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