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## JULY FOURTH IS GIVEN NEW SIGNIFICANCE

### Independence Day to Be Observed in Many Lands—Foreign-Born Will Renew Allegiance

### SOLDIERS GUESTS IN CITIES OF ENGLAND

### Public Schools Close in Italy—South America Falls in Line

WASHINGTON, July 3.—American independence day will be observed tomorrow as never before. While the people of the United States are gathering to celebrate the signing one hundred and forty-two years ago of the declaration of freedom, exercises will be held in Great Britain, France, Italy and in other lands to commemorate the birth of American liberty, in the defense of which the nation already has sent a million men overseas.

In this country the day will be the occasion of a renewal of allegiance by the foreign-born and President Wilson will be the honor guest of a committee representing thirty nationalities on a pilgrimage to the home and tomb of George Washington.

The celebration of the day already has begun in France with a great display of flags. This will be followed by exercises tomorrow throughout that country.

Yankees Are Guests. In Italy the public schools will be held in London, Liverpool and other cities and American soldiers and sailors will be guests of the municipalities at dinners and entertainments.

In Italy the public schools will be closed and all employees of the government will be given a holiday. In several South American republics the day also will be observed. The state department was advised today by American charges that tomorrow will be a national holiday in San Salvador, Peru and Nicaragua.

Messages to the American people were sent tonight by General Pershing, Secretary Daniels, Secretary Lansing, Secretary Wilson and Lord Reading, the British ambassador.

MESSAGE FROM POINCARÉ. PARIS, July 3.—President Poincaré cabled President Wilson today that the French government, agreeing with the national representation in parliament, wishes independence day to become a French holiday.

"Tomorrow our two nations will join in memories of the ancient battle which won liberty for America," the message said. The approaching victory will reward the allies for their long and arduous efforts and ensure a fruitful and just peace, based on the rights of nations and strengthened by the approval of human conscience."

President Poincaré closed his message by expressing the best wishes and congratulations of France to the will be a national French holiday.

VOSGES TOWNS CELEBRATE. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 3.—The populations of the towns and villages in Lorraine and the Vosges, where ancient institutions survive, were called out today by the rattle of drums. They were then appealed to by the town criers, in the names of the mayors, to celebrate in a patriotic spirit the American independence day, which will be a national French holiday.

American soldiers, seeking American flags, found that the supply of stars and stripes had been exhausted by the inhabitants, whose homes were liberally decorated this evening with the colors of the allies.

The larger towns in Lorraine and the Vosges have arranged various ceremonies in honor of the day, to most of which the American soldiers have been invited.

All duty in the American expeditionary forces, excepting that absolutely necessary, will be suspended during the day, by general orders issued from headquarters.

### Grand Duke Michael Escapes From Parma

MOSCOW, Sunday, June 16.—Grand Duke Michael, brother of the former Russian emperor, escaped from Parma, whither he had been exiled, two months ago, according to a statement made at a session of the Petrograd soviet by M. Zenoievich president of the council of commissioners of the Petrograd commune today. It was said that Johnson, the grand duke's secretary escaped with him.

## Double Investigation of Explosion Put Under Way

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 3.—A double investigation was under way tonight to determine the cause of the fire and explosions that killed at least sixty workmen, injured more than three score and destroyed the T. N. T. plant of the Semet-Solvay company at Split Rock near here last night.

### Charles F. Smith Made Express Company Head

NEW YORK, July 3.—The appointment of Charles F. Smith as general manager of transportation for the newly organized American Railway Express company, was announced here tonight. Mr. Smith who has been with the New York Central railroad for 32 years, will direct train service and routing on all divisions of the American company.

## TRAIN TOPPLES ON TWO.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., July 3.—Engineer J. B. Greca and Tunnel Watchman E. A. Matthews were killed shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon when a Southern Pacific helper engine, returning light down the Tehachapi mountain, overturned near Cable, a siding 35 miles east of Bakersfield.

## CZECHO-SLOVAK BANDS DEVELOP MUCH STRENGTH

### Form Basis for Conference Among Entente Diplomatic Representatives

### SIGNIFICANCE IS FELT

### May Mean Opportunity for Intervention in Siberian Situation

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Unexpected strength by the Czechoslovak bands which are making their way across the Siberian plains from European Russia, has arrested the attention of officials here and formed the basis of a conference among the diplomatic representatives of the entente powers.

Official reports today confirmed press dispatches that the Czechoslovaks had taken over administration of the port of Vladivostok after overcomin the Bolsheviks. The significance of this event as seen by the officials lies in the fact that there is now a real nucleus in Siberia for the gathering of the various countries' elements which have revolted Bolshevik control.

Move Thought Valuable. While it is by no means certain that the entente allies or America are disposed to take advantage of the situation thus created to begin a military campaign, it is regarded as a valuable asset in the solution of the problem that through this unprompted action, the Czechoslovaks have halted the spread of German control to the eastern coast of Siberia and further assured the safety from German seizure of the vast store of military supplies at Vladivostok.

Whether the Czechoslovaks can take full advantage of the possession of the Pacific port, commanding a great railroad penetrating the interior of Siberia and connecting with the Russian system, it would seem to depend on their ability to find common aspirations and gather their strength under one leader. It also is regarded as essential that they effect a junction in purpose, if not physically, with other elements now in revolt in Siberia and European Russia. Once this has been accomplished it is believed that the entente powers and America may be induced to consider the question as to whether there has not been established the stable and representative government in Siberia and Russia as well, which they may recognize and aid.

### GENERAL MURAVIEFF LEADER

MOSCOW, Sunday, June 16.—General Muravieff, formerly commander of the Bolshevik troops in Ukraine and who was recently released from prison when a charge of misuse of funds against him was dropped, has been appointed commander in chief of all forces operating against the Czechoslovaks on the front extending from Samara to Nikolayevsk, beyond Omsk. General Muravieff was in command of the Bolshevik troops which captured Kiev last winter.

## YANKS STILL HOLD GROUND AROUND VAUX

### Heavy German Counter-Attack Turned Back by American Artillery and Machine Gunners

### AIRMEN SCORE SHOTS AGAINST HUN PLANES

### Roosevelt's Youngest Son Among Fliers in Latest Action

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 3.—A heavy German counter-attack against the American positions at Vaux, launched at 1 o'clock this morning was repulsed, the enemy losing very heavily. Not a foot of ground won by the Americans in their attack on Monday was lost.

The enemy artillery this afternoon increased the intensity of its fire in the Vaux region. The crash of exploding shells swelled to a roar, while the ground and air thrived with the concussion of shells. But the American guns answered the German challenge, shot for shot.

The American gunners, stripped to the waist, stood in the gun pits and on gun emplacements, feeding the shells as fast as they could handle them into the guns and a steady stream of steel explosives swept through space on to the enemy lines.

### Gunfire Continuous.

At 5 o'clock this evening, the gunfire showed no signs of abating, the enemy artillery work, if anything, evidencing more ferocity than ever.

The American aviators, keeping vigil over the fighting zone, found the ground completely obscured at places by the smoke of guns and shells.

Among the captured material thus far counted are six heavy machine guns, eighteen light machine guns, three trench mortars, two grenade throwers, two hundred rifles, one motorcycle machine gun and large quantities of ammunition and equipment.

The counter-attack developed after the Germans had heavily bombarded Vaux and Bois de la Roch. When the German infantry leaped from the trenches, the troops came over in close formation. In some cases whole companies were allowed to approach close to the American line then the American machine gunners, from their hidden nests, let loose a perfect hail of bullets, mowing down the enemy ranks and piling the dead all over the ground where the Germans were trying to advance.

### Four Planes Downed.

During the aerial fighting today four more enemy machines were brought down. Victories are claimed for Lieutenants J. H. Stephens, New York K. L. Porter, Dowaigac, Mich.; Ralph O'Neill, Denver, and

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## Fifty Dollars Price Charged Husband Each Time Wife Is Beaten

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—Husbands who beat their wives will be fined \$50 per beating if they are brought into the court of Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham hereafter.

## TOWNLEY WILL NOT GIVE TALK

### Mayor of Boise Prohibits Address by Non-Partisan Brewing of Light Drinks

BOISE, IDAHO, July 3.—(Night lead)—A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan league, will attend the state convention of that organization now being held in Boise, but he will not make his scheduled address.

After the mayor had prohibited the Townley address, and had instructed the city police force to deny him access to the theaters in which the convention is being held, representatives of the Non-Partisan league and of the defense league met at the sheriff's office. A conference lasting for two hours and a half resulted in an agreement in which the Non-Partisan representatives agreed to cancel the Townley address and to see that he made no speech from the convention floor, providing Townley be allowed to attend the convention as a mere silent member.

This was agreed to by the defense league, and by the city authorities.

As yet Townley's whereabouts is a mystery. The heads of the Non-Partisan league in Idaho refuse to state whether he has arrived in Boise, if so where he is stopping, or when he will arrive. He has not been seen by anyone in the city.

## Fuel Restrictions Limit Brewing of Slight Drinks

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Brewing of beer and the manufacture of near beer will be curtailed 50 per cent through fuel restriction in the year beginning July 1, according to a joint announcement late today by Fuel Administrator Garfield and Chairman Baruch of the War Industries board, after the weekly meeting of the president's war cabinet.

The fuel restriction amounting to 50 per cent will include fuel of all kinds and will be based on the average annual consumption between January 1, 1915, and December 31, 1917. The order applies to brewers of beer, ale, portier and other cereal beverages and to the manufacture of non-alcoholic cereal beverages.

## Lace Factory Taken Over by Property Custodian

NEW YORK, July 3.—The International Textile, Inc., a \$1,700,000 lace manufacturing company of Bridgeport, Conn., a branch of the largest corporation of its kind in the world, has been seized by the United States government. It was announced here today by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

Seizure was determined on when it was determined all the company's books and files and other documents which would tend to show German ownership had been destroyed, according to Francis P. Garvan, director of the bureau of investigation for alien property custodian.

## PREPARE FOR LOAN.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Offering of a second block of \$750,000,000 treasury certificates of indebtedness at 4-1/2 per cent was announced tonight by the treasury department, in preparation for the fourth liberty loan, which will be floated in October.

At the same time it was announced the first block of \$750,000,000 subscription books on which closed yesterday, was oversubscribed to the extent of \$88,553,500.

## MAY GET HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Congress today disposed of much important legislation, but encountered a variety of obstacles in its program to recess this week until August 10. Hopes to close down tomorrow before the Fourth of July holiday were abandoned and while most leaders believed they could recess Friday or Saturday, others thought congress might be held in session indefinitely.

## CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS PLAN SUMMER RECESS

### House Interstate Commerce Commission Acts Favorably on Telephone Bill

### SIMS WILL REPORT

### Small Matters Disposed of in Preparation for Vacation

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Although the house interstate commerce committee late today ordered a favorable report on a resolution authorizing, if the president deems necessary, government control of telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems as a war measure, congressional leaders continued tonight to make plans looking to a recess of both houses through July and part of August.

They expected to dispose of pending appropriation measures late this week or early next week and to recess immediately afterward.

Chairman Sims of the house committee, announced that he would submit a report on the telegraph resolution tomorrow and would endeavor to bring it before the house as early as possible. Despite this, however, leaders declare that final action would go over until after the recess unless President Wilson asked for its adoption before that time.

Substitute Adopted. In reaching an agreement on the proposal, the committee adopted as a substitute for the Aswell resolution, which was approved by the president, one proposed by Representative Sanders of Louisiana. This is similar to the resolution under which control of the railroads was taken over with a provision providing for "just compensation" to be paid the companies for the use of their wires. The resolution provides that control only for the duration of the war.

Conferees on the \$12,000,000,000 army appropriation bill worked throughout today and when adjournment was taken, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the senate military committee, said he expected a final agreement would be reached tomorrow.

### Agreement Is Reached.

Conferees on the \$950,000,000 general deficiency bill have practically reached an agreement and expect to complete the consideration of final details Friday.

Senators admit the controversy over the proposal to make \$2.50 a bushel the minimum price for wheat is a stumbling block in the way of the recess. After the conferees today had decided to report a disagreement, the senate voted against receding and the matter now goes to the house. House leaders are doubtful whether any action can be taken on the wheat amendment before next Saturday.

## BRITISH REPORT ON SHIPS.

LONDON, July 3.—The British admiralty announced tonight that during the month of June 134,159 gross tons of merchant shipping was completed in the United Kingdom yards and entered for service.

## MRS. McNARY KILLED INSTANTLY WHEN CAR TOPPLES FROM GRADE

### Wife of Junior Oregon Senator Victim of Automobile Accident Near Newberg Last Night—Sisters Accompanying Her Are Injured—Auto Leaves Embankment When Attempt Is Made to Give Room on Narrow Road—Return From Washington Three Weeks Ago—Dead Woman Member of Pioneer Breyman Family

Mrs. Charles L. McNary, wife of United States Senator McNary, was instantly killed at 8:20 o'clock last night when an automobile in which she was driving with relatives toppled from an embankment three miles south of Newberg. As soon as the report reaching Salem could be confirmed, John H. McNary, brother and law partner of Senator McNary, telegraphed to Senator George E. Chamberlain at Washington, requesting him to inform Senator McNary.

In the automobile with Mrs. McNary were Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boise of Salem and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Snedecor of Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Boise and Mrs. Snedecor are sisters of Mrs. McNary.

The accident occurred near a railway crossing where the automobile, which was driven by Mr. Boise, met another automobile. When an attempt was made to give room on the narrow approach to the crossing, the Boise car plunged from the grade.

Mrs. McNary was pinned beneath the overturned automobile and died instantly. Extent of the injuries received by other members of the party could not be ascertained here definitely last night. One report was that Mrs. Snedecor suffered the fracture of an arm and that the others were only slightly injured. Another report said that Mrs. Boise was seriously hurt, but would recover. The injured persons were taken to a hospital at Newberg.

## ITALIANS PUSH FORWARD AGAIN

### Hard Blows Struck for Allies—1900 Austrian Prisoners Taken

ROME, July 3.—Italian forces along the Piave delivered a number of hard strokes against the Austrian defenses yesterday, fighting their way forward against desperate resistance, the Italian officers announced today. The Italians captured approximately 1900 prisoners, including 45 officers, together with machine guns, small trench guns and various material.

### Slight Gains Scored.

VIENNA, July 3.—The official statement reads: "Early yesterday morning on the whole Piave front from Susegana downward, the Italians began a violent bombardment, which increased to drumfire in several sectors south of San Dona di Piave. A few hours later the enemy's infantry advanced to the attack in the region of the mouth of the Piave."

"After bitter fighting, lasting the entire day, the enemy was unable to obtain any success with the exception of a slight gain of territory near Chiesanuova."

### ONLY IRISH WANTED

NEW YORK, July 2.—Resolutions condemning "those Irishmen and Irish-Americans who have shown themselves to be apostles of the German gospel of barbarism and brutality, but who do not represent the Irish race here or abroad" were adopted at a meeting here tonight of the United Irish league.

### NEW CAMPAIGN BEGUN

LONDON, June 3.—The German-Finnish campaign against the Murmansk region in Northern Russia has begun. Masses of troops have concentrated in the Finnish-Russian border and at several points have crossed the frontier and fired upon the Russians. This information is contained in a dispatch from Helsinki to the Nya Dagligt Allehanda of Stockholm and transmitted from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph company.

## MAYER IN CONSPIRACY

EL PASO, Tex., July 3.—Charged with conspiracy to smuggle ammunition to Mexican federal agents in Juarez, Jesse Mayer, manager of a department in the largest department store here, was arrested tonight by federal officials after he was said to have delivered to a Mexican 1700 rounds of Mauser ammunition. According to federal officers this was the first of a number of arrests to be made in connection with what they characterize as a wholesale ammunition smuggling plot. Mayer is a native of Austin, Texas.

## TRIBUNE IS DISCONTINUED

LOS ANGELES, July 3.—Announcement that the Los Angeles Daily Morning Tribune "is not a necessity in these war times, and the money, material and labor used in its production should be conserved for other important work" was made tonight in a statement given out at the office of the newspaper here making public the fact that it would discontinue publication with the issue tomorrow morning.

## Match in Firecracker Warehouse Results in Death of Two Youths

SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—Two boys were killed instantly, two are missing and are believed to have met a similar fate and one was injured, probably fatally, here tonight when they accidentally caused an explosion in a warehouse while attempting to steal firecrackers.

According to the police the injured boy admitted he had dropped a lighted match near some explosives. The blast that followed hurled him across the street and started a fire that almost destroyed the warehouse and an adjacent residence.

The bodies of two of the boys were recovered. Fragments of one or two of the other bodies also were found.

John Brennan, 15, the injured boy, the police said, admitted he and his companions had broken their way into the warehouse to steal firecrackers.

The explosion was felt throughout this city and by points three miles distant.

### THE WEATHER.

Fair; moderate westerly winds.