

WRECK TOLL IS LIVES OF 17 PERSONS

Limited Train and Freight Car Collide, Telescoping Each Other by Half Their Length

SIX SOLDIERS AMONG THOSE REPORTED DEAD

Confusion of Signals Responsible for Accident—Motormen Escape

JACKSON, Mich., July 20.—Seventeen persons were killed and thirty others injured, many seriously, when a Detroit-bound limited passenger car and a west-bound freight car collided head-on one mile west of Chelsea at 8:30 o'clock tonight, according to information received from that city at midnight tonight.

Both cars were of modern construction. The passenger car was telescoped nearly half its length by the freight car, most of the dead being killed outright.

Austrians Waiting for Chance to Join Allies

ST. LOUIS, July 20.—More than 500,000 soldiers in the Austrian army are awaiting the first chance to desert so they can aid the United States, according to Lieut. Anthony Holy, escaped lieutenant of the Austrian army, who arrived in this city today to organize a Czech-Slovak recruiting mission for the French government.

Lieutenant Holy said he, like many other Bohemians, was drafted into the Austrian army at the outbreak of the war.

EASTERN BUYERS STAMPEDE INTO VALLEY TO GRAB OFF SHARE OF 1918 PRUNES EARLY IN SEASON

The "open season" for prune contracts for the year 1918 started last week with a stampede of eastern buyers into this district that is without precedent in the history of the industry. The three principal shippers in Salem were deluged with letters and telegrams from prospective buyers who wanted to get in on the ground floor for large and medium sizes.

The contracting business that is usually spread over a sixty-day period was crowded into the space of a week. As a result, the greater part of the prune crop of this section is now out of the hands of the growers. One firm alone reports the handling of upwards of 4,000,000 pounds of fruit, including the grades to be reserved for government use. Never before in the records of prunes has the crop been cleaned up at such an early date.

The elimination of speculation by the government regulations has tended to hasten the closing of deals, both on the part of contractors and buyers.

As the crop conditions are still uncertain, all contracts had to be closed with the privilege of substituting smaller sizes to a certain extent. The present prospects are for a large percentage of the smaller sizes. The government has stipulated that the dealers shall reserve all the 50-60 grade for the food administration and this means that from 25 to 40 per cent of the entire crop will be reserved for military consumption.

The food administration has issued very strict regulations as to the buying and handling of the crop. In all their operations the dealers are confined to a margin of 5 per cent of profit. Regulations make the following requirements:

Purchases must be made from the growers either f. o. b. cars at railway station or delivered at buyer's warehouse and buyer shall not haul, nor directly or indirectly pay the cartage, or make any allowance for delivery.

No advances shall be made to the growers prior to delivery, without draft records destroyed in fire at Winnemucca

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., July 20.—Winnemucca's selective service draft and council of defense records and a law library value of \$10,000 were destroyed tonight in a fire which damaged the courthouse here to the estimated extent of \$100,000.

Posses were searching tonight for two men who attempted to set fire to a power house here while the courthouse was in flames.

same being evidenced by a promissory note bearing the prevailing rate of interest.

Sacks will be furnished according to the customs prevailing in previous years, growers to furnish twine for sewing sacks.

No testing of prunes in dryer. No orchard run buying.

No grower-buyers insofar as any commissions to him for buying would include his own fruit.

No buying in bins. By this is meant that no packer should go to the dryer and test fruit and make a specific price thereon. Same must be sacked and delivered to warehouse in accordance with rules laid down by the government.

In testing: One sack in 10 and as many more as would seem fit to satisfy both grower and buyer.

THEODORE, JR. SUFFERING FROM RECENT WOUNDS

Roosevelt Learns of Welfare of Eldest Son Now in Paris

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Death of Quentin Confirmed in Message From German Airplanes

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 20.—Major Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been slightly wounded and taken to a hospital in Paris, according to a cable message received today by his father, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

The cablegram was sent from Paris, where Mrs. Roosevelt is in a Red Cross hospital. It reads: "Ted wounded. Not seriously. Here with me. Not any danger. No cause for anxiety."

Major Roosevelt was elated for gallantry after having been gassed about three weeks ago.

The news of Major Roosevelt's having been wounded followed immediately the report from Paris that German aviators had dropped a note behind the allied lines confirming the fears of the death of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt in an aerial engagement. Capt. Archie Roosevelt is recovering from wounds. Kermit, the fourth son who served as a captain in the British army in Mesopotamia, was recently appointed a captain in the United States army and is now reported on his way to France. He was decorated by the British with the military cross for gallantry.

No official announcement that Lieutenant Roosevelt has been killed has been received at the war department. The only announcement from General Pershing was the listing of the Lieutenant in today's casualty list as missing.

On receiving confirmation of Quentin's death, Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt announced that they would receive no visitors. The colonel made an exception in the case of the Japanese Red Cross commission. The colonel sent the following reply to the white house:

"Thank you for your courtesy and kindness in telegraphing me, and I deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy and of approval of my sons conduct."

Pope Gives Appointments to American Churchmen

ROME, July 20.—The following appointments were made by the pope today:

Monsignor Michael J. Gallagher, coadjutor bishop of Grand Rapids, to be bishop of Detroit; Monsignor Lawrence G. Brady of Dubuque cathedral, to be bishop of Baker City, Ore.; Monsignor Christopher Byrne, St. Louis, to be bishop of Galveston; Monsignor Arthur Drossaerts of New Orleans to be bishop of St. Anthony, Texas; Father John U. Nicolas, to be dominican bishop of Duluth; Monsignor Julius Jannard, chancellor of the archdiocese of New Orleans, to be bishop of the new diocese of Lafayette, La.

Cispus Fire Breaks Out Again, Crosses River

PORTLAND, July 20.—The Cispus burn forest fire in the Rainier national park of Washington, under control several days ago, took a new start today and swept across the Lewis river and now threatens a large section of the Columbia national forest. The forest service is preparing to send reinforcements to the 200 troops now fighting the blaze. The difficulty of obtaining civilian fire fighters has made it necessary to use United States troops. The fire is 60 miles away from a railroad.

OVER THIRTY ESTIMATE ON BOAT'S LOSS

Those Who Perished on San Diego Thought All Men of Engine-Room Crew—Some Stunned

THEORIES ON CAUSE OF SINKING DISAGREE

Survivors Detained at Army Docks To Be Checked Up for Official Report

NEW YORK, July 20.—Between thirty and forty men lost their lives when the United States cruiser San Diego was sunk ten miles off Fire Island, yesterday, according to a semi-official estimate made here tonight.

Most of those who perished are believed to have been members of the engine room crew who were killed outright or who were so seriously injured in the explosion which wrecked the cruiser that they were unable to save themselves before the ship went down.

It has been established also that several of the crew struggling in the water were struck by the smokestacks of the cruiser when they fell. These men were stunned and drowned before help could reach them.

Others lost their lives when they were caught under the life raft which was being launched just as the warship turned on its side before going down. The men handling the raft lost control of it and it slid over the side on top of the men in the water.

Survivors Detained. The survivors on the San Diego were kept all day on the army docks at Hoboken to be checked up by the officers of the ship. An official list of survivors given out tonight contains 1149 names. It will be impossible to determine the loss of life until this list is sent to Washington and compared with the navy department lists. It was believed, however, that the men on board the San Diego numbered nearer 1200 than 1150.

The reason why the navy department is unable to give the number of men and officers aboard the San Diego was explained here tonight by

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AMERICANS ON FRENCH FRONT ARE IDENTIFIED

General March Tells Which Six Divisions Are Actively in Battle

1,200,000 MEN ACROSS

Objective of General Foch Commented On—Railroad Under Fire

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The high water mark of the German offensive in France has been reached.

The initiative is passing to the allied and American armies. General March, chief of staff, told this to members of the senate military committee. Later he announced that American troop shipments had now exceeded 1,200,000 men, insuring the man power to hold the initiative on the western front. The direct objective of General Foch's counterstroke, General March told newspapermen in his weekly conference, is the railway that feeds the German forces in the Chateau-Thierry region. Already it had been attained, for the French and American forces are either astride the line at certain points or have it under direct gun fire at short range, rendering it unusable.

Withdrawal Begun. Even as General March spoke, unofficial reports flashed over the cables indicated the German withdrawal from the sector south of the Marne had begun.

The American chief of staff told with evident satisfaction of the fact that six American divisions are battling with the French and for the first time revealed their identity. They are either on the advancing lines between Soissons and Chateau-Thierry or on those that are pressing the enemy along the Marne front where there is reason to believe the Germans may suffer serious losses in

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Salem Boys Wire Home of Rescue From Boat Sunk Off Fire Island

"Dear mother, don't worry. I'm safe and comfortable."

Such was the message on a telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smart last night from their son, Clifford, who was on board the cruiser San Diego, sunk Friday just out of New York harbor.

Two other local boys have also been heard from. Ralph Hitchcock wired that he was safe, and it is understood also that his brother, Mark, was among those rescued. Henry L. Radcliffe, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Radcliffe of 2195 State street, sent the following word: "Safe and well taken care of." All of those heard from are in New York.

Relatives of Louis Neiderheiser, who lives on the road to Jefferson, have not yet learned of his safety. The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Neiderheiser and has been an electrician in the navy the past two years.

FIDDLE-DE-DEE, HEAR 'EM PLAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

Old Soldier Players First to Appear on Program—Big Tent Tonight

MONDAY IS ATTRACTIVE

Junior Program, Fenwick Newell Company, Bushnell and Burns

TIME EXTENDED. In order to give opportunity to everyone to secure season tickets for the Chautauqua at the opening—\$2.50—the management has decided to extend the time until Monday night instead of closing the sale tonight as was at first announced. After Monday night the price of season tickets is to be advanced to \$3.30, which includes the war tax. It is hoped that every person in the city who is interested in securing the entire course of attractions at a low price will make use of this extension of time. It goes without saying that everyone should be interested in saving the credit of the city, and especially interested in preventing a loss on the part of the guarantors.

First on the program of the Salem Chautauqua are Colonel Patten's Old Soldier fiddlers. They appear tonight at the opening of the big week of entertainment.

The veteran musicians are four veterans of the Civil war, two of whom fought with the Blue and two with the Gray. Maybe you wouldn't believe it, but not one of them can read music. To quote the colonel, "Notes look like little niggers on a bob-wire fence to us."

Play? Say, you ought to hear 'em! They play the things you hear to hear and like at home and which you don't hear any more except when you go back home and the folks wind up the phonograph. "The Devil's Dream," "Money Musk," "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines" and "Arkansas Traveler" are some of the things they play.

Tomorrow morning the first of the series lectures and the Junior Chautauqua are slated. In charge of the Junior is Miss Esther Jane Clark

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Falling Rafter May Have Saved Life of Gustaf Knopf

The fire department was called out at about midnight by an alarm turned in from the neighborhood of the Oregon Packing Company's plant. An old two-story frame cottage belonging to Dr. Harry H. Olinger, and occupied by one lone tenant, Gustaf Knopf, caught fire from an unknown source and was well on the way to destruction before the alarm was sent in. Knopf was sound asleep in one of the lower rooms and had not been awakened by the falling of a burning partition overhead, might have been burned to death in his bed. There was some cheap furniture in the building and went up along with the building, which went up along with the house. The fire was near Eleventh and Mill streets.

BARTON IS CHAMPION. STOCKTON, Cal., July 20.—Charles Barton of the Piedmont club of Oakland won the Pacific coast champion ship for the 200-yard stroke swimming event here tonight by covering the distance in 2:01 1-5.

THE WEATHER. Sunday fair, warmer except near the coast; gentle westerly winds.

HUNS HUNTING HOLES; SOUTH SIDE OF MARNE CLEARED OF INVADERS

Berlin Forced to Issue Conservative Statement of Defeat—Rossignol Wood Latest Important Strategic Position Wrested From Enemy—Minor Operations Along Entire French and British Front Prove Successful—Over 20,000 Held Prisoners—400 Guns Captured

PARIS, July 20.—"No Germans remain south of the Marne, except prisoners and dead." This message was sent by the Reuter correspondent at French headquarters, and is timed Saturday evening.

LONDON, July 20.—The Germans under heavy pressure, have been forced to withdraw from Rossignol wood, between Hebuterne and Buequoy and this strategically important position is now in the hands of the British.

This announcement was made tonight in the official statement from the war office. The text of the communication says: "During the day our minor operations in the Hebuterne sector have been continued with success. Under the pressure of our troops the enemy has been compelled to withdraw from Rossignol wood, between Hebuterne and Buequoy. This important local feature is now in our possession. The enemy was followed up closely by our troops and suffered a number of casualties.

"Our total capture in yesterday's operations at Meteren amount to 453 prisoners, ten trench mortars and fifty machine guns."

PARIS, July 20.—"The Germans, violently attacked on their right flank and south of the Marne," says the war office announcement tonight, "have been compelled to retreat and re-cross the river.

"The French hold the entire southern bank of the Marne. More than twenty thousand prisoners and more than 400 guns have been captured."

AMERICANS HOLD OVER 5000 HUNS

Gains Continue to Pile Up—Another Mile Added to Territory

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT, July 20.—(By the Associated Press)

—One American unit since Thursday has taken 2839 prisoners, including ninety-one officers, while another American unit on the northern front has captured 2261, including thirty-two officers.

Among the prisoners were a colonel and two majors, all in one group. The firing on both sides increased after daylight but the allied gunners were much more effective, as reports from the aviators and observation balloons on the enemy positions came in. There were numerous bombing raids by the airmen this morning.

The northern half of the Soissons-Chateau Thierry line is now far beyond Vierzy to the east, and there have been bitter struggles in this territory. The allies' big guns command the bridges southeast of Soissons.

Junction Under Fire. The advance along the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road has brought the allies within artillery distance of the junction of the railroad serving the Germans as a line of communication. The junction already is under fire and unless the desperate attempt which the Germans are making to hold is successful, thousands of the crown prince's men may be cut off and forced to retreat. The fighting is comparatively light east of Chateau Thierry, except at the river, where the most stubborn resistance of the Germans was unable

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CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM TODAY AND TOMORROW

TODAY. Evening—Opening Exercises and Announcements. Patriotic Musical Program—The Old Soldier Fiddlers, under direction of Col. John A. Patten, 24th Regt. Michigan Volunteers. A company of Union and Confederate veterans, all over 73 years of age, in a program of instrumental music, camp-fire and war-time songs. All veterans, their wives and widows, admitted free. Admission 55c.

TOMORROW. Morning—Series Lecture. Superintendent. Afternoon—Prelude. Fenwick Newell Concert Company. Lecture. "Meaning of the Great War." Dr. C. J. Bushnell. Admission 39c. Evening—Concert Prelude, Fenwick Newell Concert Company. Lecture, "The Kentucky Mountaineers, Past, Present and Future." James A. Burns. "Burns of the Mountains." Pres. Oneida Institute. Admission 55c.

MAN WANTED—Experienced in men's furnishings and shoes. Permanent position for the right man. References required. New Collars. A collection of dainty new creations has made its appearance in our Women's Neckwear Department. The Fichues are pretty much to the fore but closely pressed by the ever popular Organdies, Piques, lovely Georgette Crepes and artistic Lace Collars. The designs are quite unique and very pleasing. Priced at... 25c to \$2.95. PRETTY ORGANDY PLEATED AND LACE TRIMMED COLLAR AND CUFF SETS... 65c. Buckles. We have just received a large assortment of BELT BUCKLES for which there is such a great demand right now. These are made of celluloid, bone and sea shell, some are metal trimmed and they come in a great variety of shapes, sizes and colors. Prices... 35c, 50c, 75c, 95c. Foulard Silks. ALL GO ON THE BARGAIN TABLE. This is another exceptional opportunity for those of thrifty inclinations. Foulard is simply another word for softness, service, WEAR, when speaking of Silks. Now here is our ENTIRE line of these Foulards—and they come in good patterns too—out on our bargain table divided into two groups! Regular prices up to \$2.00, now, per yard... \$1.35. Regular prices \$2.25 to \$2.95, now, per yard... \$1.95. Barnes Cash Store. E.T. Barnes & Prop.