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## HARD PRESSED TEUTONS LEAVE LARGE SECTOR

EIGHT SQUARE MILES, INCLUDING MANY STRATEGIC POSITIONS ARE EVACUATED

## WEATHER IS EXTREMELY HOT

Opposing Troops Use Shell Holes as Trenches Both in Offensive and Defensive Actions

Headquarters British Army in France, June 21.—Sometime within the last 24 hours the Germans retreated from the territory west of the river Lys from Warneton southward. The section evacuated comprised about eight square miles.

The British patrols reported that they did not encounter a single enemy. The British consider the territory thus gained as of great strategic importance.

Fighting continues along the northern part of this front. Late Tuesday evening the Canadians captured the remainder of the trenches below Reservoir Hill on the outskirts of Lens. A German counter attack was repulsed.

The days are torridly hot, the only relief being from tropical thunder showers. Most of the recent fighting has occurred at night.

In many sections trench lines have been forsaken and fighting is being carried on day and night between large bodies of opposing troops lying out in the shell holes. Some of these holes, blown by heavy caliber guns, are really enormous craters, in which two score of men can establish and fortify themselves.

Shell holes lead themselves to quick conversion into machine gun emplacements, and those ghastly weapons form the chief means of defense. The offensive weapons in shell-hole warfare generally are hand grenades. Shell holes are not easy targets for artillery, whereas fixed trenches can easily be photographed from airplanes and the heavy guns can be registered on them without great difficulty.

A considerable attack from shell hole positions can be watched without the realization that desperate fighting is in progress. Always there is noise from exploding grenades, but the missiles are so small that they cannot be seen in the air from a distance of 300 yards.

From time to time a small group of men will leap from one hole to another, dragging machine guns with them and disappear into the new shelter. Ability to take quick advantage of any available cover is an art the American troops will have to study thoroughly when they come to take their place on the fighting front.

## CHINA'S TROUBLES NEAR SETTLEMENT

Washington, June 21.—An official dispatch received here by the Chinese embassy from Peking indicates that a peaceful solution of the Chinese disturbances is near at hand.

The message said the two southern provinces of Yunnan and Kwantung, which formed the backbone of the southern secessionist movement, had notified the central government that they favor co-operation toward a peaceful settlement, and are ready to do everything possible to clear up the situation. Several other provinces are said to be about to take similar action.

President Li Yuan Hung, who complied with the revolting military governor's demand for a dissolution of parliament, has issued another decree declaring for an immediate new election.

## ANGRY WOMEN MOB PICKETS

Suffragists Banners Are Quickly Torn to Bits by Howling Mob, Many of Whom Are Women

Washington, June 21.—Screaming "traitors," an angry mob led by Mrs. D. E. Richardson, attacked the suffrage pickets at both the west and east gates of the White House grounds this afternoon, ripping down yellow banners which the suffragists were displaying and trampling them in the street.

Miss Hazel Hunkins, one of the pickets, climbed upon the railings of the White House fence, endeavoring vainly to save the banner which she was holding.

Mrs. Richardson followed her and after a bitter struggle, wrenched the banner from Miss Hunkins and tossed it to the howling mob below.

The police reserves were called out to quell the riot. Fully 10,000 women witnessed the affair.

Immediately after the first flag was destroyed a duplicate banner, denouncing President Wilson and the Root mission to Russia, was erected at the west gate to the White House. The crowd rushed to the place and the sign was instantly destroyed. The cheering could be heard for many blocks.

## AUSTRIA IS NEAR REAL REVOLUTION

Berlin, June 21.—The movement resulting in the downfall of the Austrian cabinet, bears the earmarks of a revolution in its incipency.

According to private advices received here concerning the proceedings in the Reichsrath, several very frank speeches were made by Poles and Czechs. The Poles declared that they would demand a united and independent Poland and not the farcical kingdom which Germany and Russia proposed to create.

## GREEK LOYALISTS FORCED TO LEAVE

Athens, June 21.—Following the abdication of King Constantine, a number of former Greek leaders, both in military and civil circles, will be expelled from Greece.

Those in Athens will be allowed three days to report to General Regnault. One hundred and three persons have been placed under surveillance and will be removed from Athens, or wherever they reside to places whence escape is impossible.

Those on the list whose names have been mentioned previously in cable dispatches, have been supporters of the Germans. It was reported last week that M. Gounaris and other pro-German Greeks would be interned at Malta.

## NONE OF DELEGATES BORN IN AMERICA

Copenhagen, June 21.—Not one of the three "American delegates" in the socialist peace conference was born in the United States, and only one of them is a naturalized American. All were born in Russia. The three are Max Goldfarb, editor of the Yiddish newspaper Forward in New York city; Boris Reinstein of Buffalo, and D. Davidovitch, also of New York. Reinstein is naturalized.

Disarmament, the formation of an international peace league and a policy of no annexations, and no indemnities for the nations now at war are the chief peace terms of the three delegates.

## FIGHT MADE BY SENATORS OF GRAIN STATES

FOOD CONTROL MEASURE MEETS HEAVY OPPOSITION BY MANY CONGRESSMEN

## SEVERAL WEEKS DELAY LIKELY

Administration Leaders Seem Confident Bill Will Pass, But Some Changes May Be Forced

Washington, June 21.—Both houses of congress are hard at work on the food control bill. It will pass the lower house without much trouble though there is considerable adverse debate upon it.

But in the senate a determined fight is being made against it.

Owing to continued opposition to some amendments, compromise food legislation in some form is conceded by its opponents. Senator Chamberlain said tonight the bill would be enacted by July 1, as desired by the president, but few shared his optimism, the general opinion expressed being for two more weeks, at least of senate debate.

Senator Kenyon occupied most of the day in support of the bill. He emphasized the necessity for the broad government control of food-stuffs as a war measure, defended the bill's constitutionality and flayed speculators whom he characterized as "highwaymen and allies of the kaiser."

Senators Gore, Reed and Vardaman, democrats, continued to be the principal critics. They were joined by Senator Borah, who said the measure "was full of glittering generalities, which would bewilder the business world and paralyze the initiative of the country." He also attacked the constitutionality of the measure.

In the house Representative Meeker assailed the bill and questioned the ability of Mr. Hoover, the food administrator, while Representative Lenroot opposed the broad powers the measure would confer upon the executive.

## BALFOUR HAS STRONG PRAISE FOR AMERICA

TELLS ENGLISHMEN OF MOST HOSPITABLE RECEPTION BY AMERICAN PEOPLE

## AMERICANS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Statesman Deeply Moved by Demonstrations of Loyal and Vigorous Support of Allied Cause

London, June 21.—At a luncheon arranged in his honor today, Arthur J. Balfour spoke most enthusiastically of his recent trip to America and the conditions he found there.

The gathering was non-political. Former Premier Asquith and Premier Lloyd George and Ambassador Page occupied seats on either side.

"The success of the mission was not due to the personal qualifications of your representatives, but to far deeper and more permanent causes, which must give us all great cause for gratification. I say nothing of the hospitality of the United States, which is proverbial. I need not dwell on the boundless kindness shown us, which was so obviously from the heart. The American people would have given us that same hospitality under any circumstances.

"What moves me, and all of Britain, and France, too, is something deeper, namely the tremendous and spontaneous enthusiasm of America for what is now our common cause and the deep feeling of sympathy which manifests the entire American community, north, south, east and west.

"It was not in the power of any mission or any group of individuals to create that feeling. Our mission was merely the occasion for its manifestation; it gave the Americans a welcome chance to show what they felt in the cause of world freedom."

## COCCHI ARRESTED IN ITALY FOR N. Y. MURDER

Rome June 21.—Alfred Cocchi, alleged murderer of Ruth Cruger in New York, was arrested in Bologna by Italian authorities this afternoon.

## NEAR HOLD-UP FOR LOCAL MAN

Grants Pass Men Have Interesting Experience on Auto Trip From Willamette Valley

A. N. Parsons and wife, with a party of friends, had an experience on their recent return from the Willamette valley which they will not forget at once.

They were driving through Cow Creek canyon late Monday night when, on approaching a small bridge, they saw that the planks had been torn up and so piled as to compel an auto to stop. Parsons jumped out removed the obstruction, noting as he did so that it must have been intentionally placed as he found it. He hurried back to the car and drove on. Just as he finished removing the obstruction, a man by a camp fire about 100 feet from the bridge gave a shrill whistle which Parsons believes was a signal to a confederate.

The quickness with which the car was stopped, the obstruction removed and a fresh start made, prevented developments by the would-be hold-up artists, as Parsons believes them to be. The place was an ideal one for such a performance, being in a dark section of the road more than a mile from the nearest house.

This incident occurred on Monday evening following the Saturday night robberies at Canyon City and Riddle, both of which cities are near Cow Creek canyon.

## SUBMARINE IS SUNK BY U. S. DESTROYER

The Base of the American Flotilla in British Waters, June 21.—An American destroyer rammed and sank a submarine near here today. The submarine was sighted by a German born sailor on an American craft. The destroyer is returning to port.

This is the first of the American destroyer flotilla reporting the sinking of a submarine.

## LAST WEEK'S LOSSES FROM U-BOATS HEAVY

London, June 21.—The weekly list of British losses in torpedoed ships shows the highest total in many weeks, the number of ships sunk being comparable to the worst week since the ruthless U-boat campaign began. The returns week by week for the last three months show that the U-boat activities run in waves and it is assumed that this week is the crest of a period of super-activity noticed the previous week.

The situation, however, is not regarded over-pessimistically by naval men who insist that the admiralty methods of fighting the submarines are constantly growing in efficiency. In support of this they point to the constantly increasing number of boats which escape the submarines.

## ITALIANS RESUME SEVERE FIGHTING

Rome, June 21.—The Italians on the Aniago plateau, southeast of Trentino, are again developing the offensive which last week gave them considerable territory, but which was stopped by weather conditions. The Rome war office reports the taking of formidable positions on the plateau and the capture of more than a thousand prisoners, besides inflicting heavy casualties on the Austrians who strenuously resisted the advance.

## GOOD RESULTS OF RED CROSS WORK COME IN

A GENEROUS RESPONSE FROM ALL CLASSES OF JOSEPHINE COUNTY FOLK

## WORKERS IN COUNTRY TODAY

Most Subscriptions Are Moderate but Practically Everyone Asked Responds so Total Is Large

The Red Cross "drivers" of Grants Pass have carried their campaign into all sections of the county today. From the unusual atmosphere of bustling activity which has prevailed in this city for the last two days, the streets have taken on a partly deserted appearance.

Between 10 and 15 auto loads of determined hustlers have scattered into all sections of the county to carry the appeal of humanity and helpfulness.

The results to date have been thoroughly satisfactory. A good working organization and a general response by nearly all the citizens of the city have produced a result of which Josephine county may be proud. It is particularly a matter of satisfaction that the subscriptions are many in number and average comparatively small. This makes the support of the movement more nearly that of the entire community.

The work in the rural districts will be finished tomorrow. Saturday will be devoted to a cleaning up of odds and ends and the committee's final report will be submitted at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon next Monday noon.

The list of subscriptions reported Wednesday noon supplemental to the list in yesterday's Courier is as follows:

- \$500 Subscriptions  
Utah-Idaho Sugar company.
- \$100 Subscriptions  
Mrs. Jane Simmons.
- \$40 Subscriptions  
W. C. Hale.
- \$25 Subscriptions  
F. L. Vannice, J. Pardee, Masonic Lodge, S. J. Williams, Stanton Rowell, Dr. F. D. Stricker, E. E. Blanchard, J. A. Thomas, Clyde E. Niles, Eclis Pollock, M. C. Van Leuvan, G. H. Carner.
- \$20 Subscriptions  
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Woodward, C. E. Weston, Mrs. A. M. Heaton, J. M. Dugan, H. E. Gordon, A. McCarthy.
- \$15 Subscriptions  
Joseph Fetzer, Ore. Cement Pipe and Tile Co., H. C. Bobzien, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hammett, Dr. R. J. Bestul.
- \$12 Subscriptions  
Benj. M. Collins.
- \$11 Subscriptions  
W. S. Maxwell.

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## AMERICA CAN WIN WAR BY AEROPLANES

Washington, June 21.—An invasion of Germany through the air with a genuine success is the plan now being worked out by allied chiefs, and visiting war commissioners. Foreigners here insist that such a plan will bring complete victory nearer by several months.

The plan depends upon the passage by congress of the aeroplane program of the National Defense council and the Aircraft Production bureau. Lieutenant Amaury de la Grange, the noted French air man, stated today that the allied general staff attaches the utmost importance to the ability of the United States to furnish a large number of air fighters. He declared that with a decided preponderance in air machines nothing is impossible.



—Dennell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.