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UNCHECKED RUSSIAN ROUT GROWS WORSE

DO NOT TELL FULL EXTENT U-BOAT PERIL

MILITARY CENSORSHIP FORBIDS INFORMATION THAT AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW

HARD PROBLEMS ARE UNSOLVED

American People Can Best Serve by Backing Those Who Are Informed On Whole Situation

With the American Destroyer *Florella* in British Waters, July 10.—(By mail)—“Take off the lid and show the people back home what a fierce fight we're up against.”

Thus a highly-placed American naval officer, attached to the command of the destroyer squadron, endeavored to say something about a dire situation, without being able to say anything definite. The officers tell plenty—in confidence. The correspondents attached to the American destroyers know that ships have been destroyed by the U-boats in far greater tonnage than at present they can be produced. They know also, something of the methods by which our destroyers are fighting the unseen menace and of the handicaps which are hampering the fight—handicaps which give the Germans the advantage and which the Americans back home could remove in a few months.

But the naval officer couldn't tell what he knew, for publication. And the correspondents are on their honor to submit all their work to the censorship.

“It would help the enemy if we should tell our people all they ought to know,” the naval expert continued. “A frank statement of the whole submarine situation, with its bearing on the land campaigns, might be of considerable practical value to him. Perhaps it would also stimulate his sinking morale for a time—that depends on whether he is expecting a great deal or little from his submarine fight.”

“But I seriously question whether it would not eventually help us to win this fight. If the people could only know, they wouldn't for a minute hold back the support we need.”

Though the censorship, with its evil tendency to shut the people's eyes to the peril, be maintained, the officer said ours need not become a losing fight. Under present conditions, he advised, the people back home can give best aid by backing the war program of the army and navy departments without question, however grotesque they may seem.

“Just now there are a hundred facts which would illuminate the public mind,” he concluded. “As long as civilians can't know these things the best they can do is to trust the departments that really do know, to make the right decisions.”

TERRORISM OF I. W. W. SPREADS TO OREGON

Portland, July 26.—It is evident that the I. W. W. intend to extend their operations to the lumber camps of Oregon.

One Washington county camp is closed and strikes have been called in others. The employers state that the I. W. W. is backing the agitation. The men demand an 8-hour day at present scale of wages.

SHORT LINE WON BY GAS CHARGE

Germans Make Slight Gain Against British by Using Fire in Charge. Heavy Artillery Duels

British Headquarters, July 26.—The retirement of British troops on a small front east of Monchy was forced today by the obliteration of the Tommies' trenches.

The Germans made a concentrated attack with immense reserves of artillery, then 400 troops, armed with flame throwers, charged the British trenches.

This is the only place along the British front where there was any infantry action except the customary daily raids. The artillery fire was exceedingly intense in many sections. The coast sector will probably rival Lens as a storm center for German shells.

Nieuport was bombarded last night from 10 o'clock until 5 this morning.

MRS. MOONEY FREED ON MURDER CHARGE

San Francisco, July 26.—Mrs. Rena Mooney was today acquitted on the charge of murder, growing out of a bomb explosion on the streets of this city last summer.

After a trial that had lasted nine and one-half weeks, the jury deliberated 51 hours before reaching its verdict of “not guilty.” Seven other indictments are pending against Mrs. Mooney, but it is uncertain, according to the district attorney, whether she will be tried again.

Thomas J. Mooney, her husband, and Warren K. Billings, have been convicted and sentenced respectively to death and life imprisonment. Both have appealed. Israel Weisberg and Edward A. Nolan, the other defendants, remain to be tried.

SHORTAGE OF CRATES HINDERS BERRY CROP

Puyallup, Wash., July 26.—A shortage of crates today is worrying Puyallup valley berry growers and complicating the harvesting of the raspberry crop. Ten carloads of berries have been shipped from the valley daily for some time, cutting down the supply of crates. Because of the prevailing high prices for berries on the open market, growers this year are turning relatively few over to the canneries.

AUTO DEALERS WILL VISIT GRANTS PASS

About 25 cars loaded with automobile dealers of Portland, will visit this city during the week of August 20 next, on a combined pleasure and business trip. There will be about 80 people in the party.

Arrangements are under way whereby it is hoped the visitors may be induced to stay over night here and visit the famous Oregon caves. The Chamber of Commerce is in correspondence with the managers of the excursion looking to that end.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER ISLAND OFF CALIFORNIA

Washington, July 26.—The federal government is authorized to take over North Island, in San Diego harbor, for army and navy aviation training purposes by a bill passed by the house this afternoon. It already had passed the senate. The bill allows private claimants of the land to have their claims adjusted in the courts.

RETREAT JEOPARDIZES GREAT SUPPLY STORES

Russian Troops Kill Each Other in Haste to Reach Rear. Roumanian Front Holds Firm. Members Girls' Regiment Are Killed and Wounded

Petrograd, July 26.—Later.—Dispatches from the front late today report that five women in the Legion of Death were killed and others wounded in their first engagement. Great preparations are being made to care for the wounded girls who are expected to be brought to this city direct from the front.

Petrograd, July 26.—The official statement today reports the capture of over 2,000 Germans by the Russians and Roumanians in the Roumanian Carpathians.

The offensive in this sector has reached such strength that it is hoped the pressure there will relieve the Teutonic drive against Korniloff's troops.

The Roumanians are distinguishing themselves, performing prodigies of valor, and the Russians in that section are thoroughly loyal.

The provisional government has decided to hold a conference at Moscow soon with representatives of all organizations to discuss Russia's position and problems. The future organization will include peasants, soldiers, workmen and cosacks.

London, July 26.—The routed army of the Russians in Galicia may have lost all its artillery and military supplies which the allies have been concentrating for General Brusiloff's great offensive, even if Premier Kerensky, armed with unlimited powers succeeds in stemming the rout. The loss of the supplies if it occurs will be of incalculable value.

Dispatches from Russia describe the wild confusion which prevailed when the eleventh Russian army turned tail and ran. Some of the soldiers shot their own comrades in the artillery, so that they might flee.

FIRE WARNING ISSUED BY WEATHER BUREAU

Portland, July 26.—Fire weather warning, covering the entire state of Oregon, was issued this morning by the San Francisco office of the weather bureau.

The warning says: “Temperatures will slowly rise in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and extreme northern California Thursday. Warm weather will continue Friday in all Pacific states.”

“Winds will be moderate and shift from northwest to northeast, which will enhance danger from forest fire.”

“Extra care necessary to prevent forest fires.”

ALLIED PARIS CONFERENCE DISCUSSING BALKANS

Paris, July 26.—A conference between representatives of the allied nations is in progress here today. Military and political problems in the Balkans was one of the most important subjects discussed.

PORTLAND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FREE OF DRAFT

Washington, July 26.—Representative McArthur is receiving many congratulations on representing the only congressional district in the United States from which no men are drafted.

ROAD MEET AT CRESCENT CITY

Governor of California With Highway Commission to Attend Important Conference at Coast

The members of the local Chamber of Commerce and Grants Pass business men generally are invited to attend a three-day celebration at Crescent City during the week of August 5, when Governor Stevens of California and the members of the highway commission with the state engineer will visit that city.

Governor Withycombe of Oregon and Governor Lister of Washington have been invited.

The local Chamber of Commerce will send a delegation to represent this city, and in addition it is hoped that the invitation may be accepted generally by local citizens. The road matters in which the people of the two cities are interested will be thrashed out thoroughly, and if matters progress as favorably as it is hoped, steps may be initiated which will lead to the construction of a paved highway between this city and the coast.

WOULD DRAFT ALIENS UNDER U. S. FLAG

Washington, July 26.—The United States is negotiating with the allies for a move which will legalize the drafting of many hundred thousand aliens now in the United States for fighting under the American flag.

It will be necessary for the aggregation of existing treaties and congressional action to bring aliens under the draft law, which it is hoped may be done before the time for the second draft levy.

SENATE WILL VOTE ON PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Washington, July 26.—The senate will vote on a national prohibition amendment at 4 o'clock next Wednesday, according to a private agreement between the wet and dry leaders. One of the agreements that the amendment must provide by its terms is that, unless it is ratified within six years by the 36 states required to put it into the constitution, it dies without further action.

EMMA GOLDMAN IS OUT ON \$25,000 BAIL BOND

Jefferson City, Mo., July 26.—After serving two weeks of her two-year sentence for opposing the draft law Emma Goldman will leave the penitentiary here this afternoon for New York. She will be released on \$25,000 bond provided by anarchist societies pending her appeal to the United States supreme court. Deputy United States Marshal Whalen will accompany her to New York today.

NEW MACHINE GUN WILL USE GASOLINE

Huntsville, Ala., July 26.—The Quick-McLean Machine Gun company was incorporated Tuesday to engage in the manufacture of a gasoline machine gun which was invented by Robert B. McLean and Will Quick of this city. The gun is described as firing 800 shots a minute, using gasoline as an explosive, and a gallon of gasoline is said to go as far as a wagon load of gunpowder.

BILL INTRODUCED WHICH AFFECTS O. & C. LANDS

Washington, July 26.—Representative Ferris has introduced an interior department bill authorizing the exchange of Oregon & California grant timber lands for private holdings.

LINE IS WON BY TERRIFIC MASS ATTACK

DESPERATE ASSAULTS LAST NIGHT BY GERMANS TAKE FIRST LINES

TEUTON LOSSES ARE TERRIBLE

Heavy Artillery Exchanges Along Entire Line, But Only Occasional Infantry Engagements

Paris, July 26.—Suffering terrible losses, the Germans succeeded in a desperate attack last night in occupying a part of the first line French trenches, east of Hurlstube, to a point south of Labovele, according to the official French statement issued today. The statement adds that the attack was made in great force and of especial violence.

The Germans have been successful in winning 300 yards of trenches from the British east of Monchy-le-Frenx, which they had bombarded violently for several days past. In the capture of the position the enemy used liquid fire. Along the front in northern Belgium, the heavy artillery duel continues, but as yet there has been no sign of either the British or Germans starting an infantry attack.

DRAFT LISTS IN MAIL; EXAMINATIONS BEGIN

Washington, July 26.—The official lists for the new national army left Washington day before yesterday and already some of the examining boards in the states nearby where the lists are first received, have begun summoning for examination the men whose names were first drawn.

It is believed that a considerable number of men will be selected and awaiting the call to the colors before August 1. The entire force will be ready, with the exception probably of a few disputed cases, by the time the sixteen cantonments are ready early in September.

SIAM SEIZES TEUTON SHIPS; INTERNS ALIENS

Bangkok, Siam, July 26.—The government of Siam has seized all German and Austrian steamers in its harbors,—the first step after rupture with the central powers.

Every ship found had been damaged by its German crew in anticipation of its being taken over by the Siamese government. All male enemy aliens will be promptly interned and all Teutonic business firms will be compelled to close their doors.

MEDFORD OFFERS HOME GUARD AGAINST I. W. W.

Medford, July 26.—The local home guard company has notified the governor that it stands ready to help in curbing any I. W. W. uprisings.

MOTHER OF CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY DIES AT CORVALLIS

Corvallis, July 26.—Emma Amelia Hawley, mother of Congressman W. C. Hawley, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Starr, about 15 miles south of Corvallis.