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VALIANT SLAV WOMEN FIGHT BACK TEUTONS

WOMEN OF LEGION OF DEATH SHAME MEN COMRADES WITH THEIR HEROISM

RUSS RETREATING FROM RIGA

Petrograd Papers Call for a United Nation or Russian Freedom: May Be the Price Paid

Petrograd, Sept. 5.—Women soldiers near Riga threw back the assault of the Germans along a front of a fifth of a mile.

Their firm stand against the enemy inspired their comrades to a resistance that held the enemy in check, according to dispatches from the front.

These dispatches praise the valor of the Legion of Death in the highest terms.

The Russian commander is endeavoring to extricate the Russian troops trapped northwest of Riga. Semi-official dispatches state that the Russians are retreating in an orderly manner following a pre-arranged plan.

The Petrograd morning papers agree on the gravity of the situation caused by the fall of Riga.

Most of the newspapers are of the opinion that the fall of Riga in itself does not threaten Petrograd. For such an operation, says the Rech, von Hindenburg has on the north front only seven corps.

Boris Savinkoff, assistant minister of war, says measures are being taken to halt the German advance, but that it is not yet possible to state the position of the new defensive lines.

The Russika Voia expresses fear that the next German operations will be against Minsk. Riga's fall, declares the paper, is the last warning. The Novoe Vremya echoes this sentiment, declaring that the army must be reorganized at once.

THIRD AIR RAID ON BRITAIN LAST NIGHT

London, Sept. 5.—The third German air raid in as many days occurred last night with the result that 11 were killed and 62 injured in the city of London. One of the German aeroplanes was brought down.

German raiders have killed 117 and injured 141 people in England since last Sunday.

ELEVEN MILLION BILL PASSES HOUSE TODAY

Washington, Sept. 5.—An informal agreement among the house leaders assured the passage this afternoon of the \$11,000,000,000 war bond bill.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Passage of the \$11,538,945,460 war bond and certificate bill by the house in virtually the form it was received from the committee seemed assured tonight, after four hours debate. All parties are united in supporting the general features of the bill, and a fight by Representative Moore for his proposed amendment to create a war expenditures committee will not delay the vote materially.

President Wilson let it be known at the White House today that he still opposed any congressional war committee and administration leaders immediately laid plans to strike out the Moore proposal on a point of order.

I. W. W. RAIDED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Industrial Workers' Headquarters in Several Cities Raided on Same Day. Records Are Seized

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Government operatives this afternoon raided the Socialist Industrial Workers national headquarters, seizing literature and records.

Adolph Germer, executive secretary of the socialist party was present when the raid was made. William Heywood saw his office searched. There were no arrests.

Seattle, Sept. 5.—Federal agents here raided the headquarters of the Industrialists this morning, seizing papers and other records.

Portland, Sept. 5.—A printing press, literature that set out the anti-war propaganda of the order, and correspondence was seized when deputy sheriffs and federal agents raided the I. W. W. headquarters here today.

Carl Linker, who could not give an account of himself, was arrested.

Tacoma, Sept. 5.—The local headquarters of the Industrial Workers were raided by federal officers today and all papers and letters found there were seized.

GERMANS PREPARE FOR WIDE RETREAT

London, Sept. 5.—Allied aviators have reported the Germans as preparing for another "strategic retreat." They are clearing western Flanders east of Ypres and Dixmude as far as the line between Courtrai and Thourout.

The retreat is expected to release 225 miles of Belgian territory. Military experts believe that the Germans are preparing to open dykes and canals flooding the entire territory with water. Many of the trenches along the battle lines of this area are below sea level and would be flooded.

It will be remembered that just before the first German "strategic retreat," they devastated the territory which they were vacating so that it would contain nothing of military value to the allied army when they moved forward to occupy the same.

A dispatch to the Havas agency from Hazebroutek says:

"Western Flanders is being evacuated as far as the line of Courtrai-Thourout (this line running to the east respectively of Ypres and Dixmude.) It is learned today that many refugees are being cared for at Ghent, large numbers of them arriving from Roulers (northeast of Ypres) which the British are bombarding ceaselessly.

"The population of Courtrai has been authorized by the German military officials to leave, if they desire, and a majority of them have departed. Refugees from northern France and Flanders are going to Limbourg."

ALLIES AIM DRIVE AGAINST AUSTRIANS

Washington, Sept. 5.—Endeavoring to offset the menacing possibility of the Russian situation forcing that country into a peace more rapidly than otherwise, the allies will probably soon undertake a new anti-Austrian campaign. There is a strong pressure being exerted to have the United States declare war on Austria and then help down her.

It is known here that officials are withholding the details of new anti-Austrian activities as a military secret, but it is expected that all the allies will help Italy in her new drive.

GREAT ARMY GATHERING AT CANTONMENT CAMPS

All Over Land Trains Are Speeding New Soldiers to Camps for Hard Training Before Leaving for the Battle Fields of Europe. Oregon Men Ready

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Sept. 5.—The first of America's conscripted army reached this camp this morning. The first detachment included 93 men from Seattle. Twenty-five hundred men from all parts of the northwest will be here by the early part of next week.

It is estimated that it will require two days to organize the skeleton companies. The conscripts with sufficient military knowledge will be appointed non-commissioned officers as soon as possible.

Washington, Sept. 5.—America's first 24,350 drafted men today bade home goodby and marched away to war.

They went amid the tears and cheers of millions. Some with the light of adventure lighting their eyes, others not so happily.

From every walk of life and from every nook and cranny in the nation they came trooping in early today, each with his meagre bundle and his vision of France and the fighting front.

In cities, towns, hamlets and villages gayly bedecked in honor of their going they lined up, the first of America's conscript legions, at salute before the local boards which chose them.

Their procession formed but the vanguard of a larger which followed in their wake. Wives, mothers and sweethearts, brothers, fathers and friends trudged along at their sides and stood at a distance while they reported themselves ready to do their bit.

Tomorrow these boys who yesterday were prosperous young business men, clerks, laborers, artists, roustabouts, stenographers, students, social butterflies or pool room hangers on, will all be levelled to the drab plane of khaki, indistinguishable units under the orders of the war masters, learning the business of battle at the country's sixteen cantonment camps.

Assembled from homes, and hotels and rooming houses where many of them spent the night, the groups were each put in charge of

BUTTE IS THREATENED WITH COMPLETE TIE-UP WITH LITTLE PROMISE OF EARLY SETTLEMENT

Butte, Mont., Sept. 5.—A complete tie-up—not of the leading copper and zinc producing properties of the district alone—but of the entire city of Butte as far as all building and almost all business are concerned.

The district's labor troubles take on new and more complicated aspects daily.

As it is, the population of Butte has been reduced several thousand through the movement of miners to the harvest fields and to other camps.

The Metal Trades council will vote on a general walkout Friday. If the metal workers vote to quit—and it is generally predicted that they will—the independent mines, which are still trying to operate, will be closed before the end of the week. The metal trades unions contend that the companies have broken the recent contract, giving them grounds to make new demands and strike. They want \$6.50 a day and the complete abolition of the rustling card.

The strike fever is spreading to other labor organizations. The walk out of 5,000 members of the building trades unions is freely predicted. The painters union and a

local contract brought on this new angle to Butte's labor troubles. The contractor and the union were unable to agree on the employment on a certain job of one painter, and unable to agree on a way to settle their difference. The union is preparing to call out the 200 painters here, and the building trades council, with which the painters are affiliated, are preparing to call a general strike.

Butte's labor troubles have no promise of an early settlement. The striking Metal Mine Workers' union's officials believe that the companies will keep the mines shut down for at least two months, unless the government takes a hand in the situation. Others say that the mines will not open for two months. Horses, mules and machinery have been brought up from the mines.

The fact that the government is planning to fix the price of copper at 20 to 22½ cents has complicated the situation. With copper at 20 cents the men would get \$4.50 a day under the wage schedule recently made by the Anaconda company. With copper at 21 to 23 cents, the men would get \$4.74 a day, which was under the price paid before the shutdown. The striking miners want \$6.

ROOSEVELT HITS RICH-POOR ALIKE

Colonel Roasts Wealthy Dodgers, Unfair Strikers and Peace Advocates. Wants Heavy Tax

Chatham, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Theodore Roosevelt, speaking here today, demanded the conscription of war profits. He declared that he favored a heavy graduated tax on excess profits due to war conditions, a tax as heavy as Britain now imposes.

The colonel attacked as enemies of the United States the war profiteers and workmen who refused first class work for first class wages. He called professional pacifists who advocated a peace without victory, pro-German patriots.

The Industrial Workers and socialist party machine came in for a round scoring. He declared that the German-language papers were scandalously disloyal.

"The German methods of warfare are hideous beyond belief," declared the colonel. "The words obscene, cruel, brutal and unspeakably foul, are all too mild to express the real facts."

TWO HUNDRED MILLION MORE LOANS TO ALLIES

Washington, Sept. 5.—Secretary McAdoo today announced loans of \$100,000,000 each to France and Great Britain.

LIVE-STOCK MARKET STRONG IN PORTLAND

Portland, Sept. 5.—The Portland Union Stock Yards report the week's opening market as active in all departments, especially so in the cattle section. Offerings consisted of 1,400 cattle, 1,000 hogs and 1,500 sheep.

The great bulk of cattle trading was in good and unfinished steers, selling between eight and nine dollars. Trading was brisk with a strong demand for top stock.

The week's opening found an offering of splendidly finished hogs and the market went up to \$13. The supply is inadequate to the demand.

ITALIANS OUTFLANK SECTION OF AUSTRIAN BATTLE LINE

Rome, Sept. 5.—The war office has announced the capture of Monteseanga Briel, enabling the Italians to outflank a section of the Austrian line.

TACOMA HAS TWO PLATOON FIRE SYSTEM

Tacoma, Sept. 5.—The city commissioners voted the two platoon system, averting the threatened strike of the fire department which had been set for September 10. The firemen thereupon withdrew their resignations.

SUBMARINE VICTIMS INCREASE PAST WEEK

London, Sept. 5.—An increase in the number of British vessels submerged during the past week is authoritatively forecast.

London, Sept. 5.—An official dispatch from Petrograd reports the Russian army as vigorously opposing the advance of the Germans north of Riga.

SEATTLE HAS GREAT LABOR DAY PARADE

Seattle, Sept. 5.—Seattle Monday held the greatest Labor day parade in the city's history. Twenty-three thousand organized toilers were in line. Stepping in close files extending across the broad business thoroughfares, it took more than two hours to pass a given point.

LOGAN MINE IS PURCHASED BY SEATTLE MEN

FAMOUS JOSEPHINE COUNTY PLACER PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS AT GOOD FIGURE

OUTPUT TO BE INCREASED

New Owners Plan Extensive Im- provements Which Will Make An- nual Production Larger

One of the most important mining deals in the history of southern Oregon has been consummated within the last day or two in the sale of the famous Logan placer mine situated on the Grants Pass-Crescent City road, about two miles northwest of Waldo, to George M. Estery and associates of Seattle. The purchase price is \$140,000.

An option on the property was taken by Mr. Estery about ten months ago. Since that time an immense amount of sampling has been made, the first pits numbering over one hundred being put down and sampled by Lewis Lavensaler, representing Mr. Estery and associates. The average value of the ground as disclosed by this extensive sampling has not been announced, but the fact that the parties want the option by the terms of which final payment on the property need not be made till December, 1918, and are closing it by final payment at this time indicates their satisfaction with the showing made.

The change in ownership means that the property will be operated on a considerably larger scale than heretofore. The problem in this district is the water supply. The Logan mine owns practically all the available water. The new owners intend enlarging the ditches and expect to increase very materially the yardage handled annually. As the property has netted nearly \$40,000 annually, Mr. Estery's plans when consummated mean that the property will be a very large producer.

The mine is one of the oldest in the state. It was in operation before there was even a village on the present site of Grants Pass. In the early days, supplies were brought in and the mine output was shipped by way of Crescent City. Its early history is contemporaneous with the gold rush to Jacksonville, where \$38,000,000 of placer output was recorded by the Wells Fargo Express company, within a few years. James Logan, the seller of the property, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Simmons, who formerly owned the property and has lived on the ground for nearly half a century, have operated the property for many years.

Only about 2% of the placer ground in the Logan ownership has been worked up. The remaining shows by extensive sampling, gold content equalling that of the ground worked over.

FRISCO STREETCAR TIE-UP CONTINUES

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—United Railroads' cars were running again today after having been idle all of yesterday. But while the cars were idle efforts to end the strike were in progress.

A committee of the grand jury has taken a hand in the situation. It became known today, having met with President Lillenthal of the United Railroads yesterday. The only announcement which followed the conference was that there is some hope of settlement.