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GOOD REPORTS FROM RUSSIA NERVE ALLIES

TROOPS FIGHTING YALANTLY AND MARCHING TOWARD RIGA THREE CITIES TAKEN

CABINET CRISIS HAS PASSED

Korenaky Firmly in Control. Korniloff Will Probably Escape Death Sentence. Alexieff Leads

Washington, Sept. 17.—The Russians are driving toward Riga along a wide front. During the last five days their troops have advanced seven miles.

This is the report reaching the Russian embassy here from official sources today. The whole Russian military establishment is being reorganized under General Alexieff with a policy of ousting discredited commanders.

Two sections of the front which it was feared had been torn by the Korniloff forces were those which the official statement today declared had made good advances against the positions gained by the enemy in the recent German advance.

The Petrograd statement told of establishing of advanced Russian posts in the village of Medug and of the capture of Kronberg. Both cities are in the Riga sector, not far from the coast. The war office asserted prisoners had been taken.

Further to the east, on the Pskoy road, the city of Pelu was occupied by the Russian drive. The attacking troops, according to the war office, moved on toward Lemberg, occupying the villages of Kietzen and Sleseral.

General Alexieff, Korenaky's new chief of staff, personally arrested Korniloff and supervised the gathering in of the other rebel chieftains. Alexieff has telegraphed to the premier from general army headquarters that he is in complete control of the situation.

An official statement issued today describes the political crisis as solved by the formation of a new ministry, satisfactory to all factions. It is believed that the new cabinet includes four constitutional democrats.

Official cables from Petrograd are most encouraging. The present morale of the troops is splendid. The provisional government is reported stronger than ever.

Official word received from Petrograd to the effect that the responsibility of the Korniloff rebellion has been fixed upon his advisers and not the general himself, indicates the probability that he will not suffer the death penalty for his share in the trouble.

A BEFORE-THE-WAR DRUMMER OF FRENCH ARMY IS KNIGHTED BY ITALIAN KING FOR BRAVERY

With the French Armies, Aug. 28. (By mail)—Knighthood in the Royal Order of the Crown of Italy has just been conferred by King Victor Emmanuel on Margis Gullbaut, a French soldier who before the war was a "drummer" for a wholesale grocery house.

One of King Victor's hobbies since the beginning of the war has been the seeking out and rewarding of real deeds of knightly valor among the soldiers, not only of his own, but of the allied armies. In conferring the cross of a chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy on Gullbaut King Victor dubbed him a second "Chevalier d'Assas."

Caught in a night ambush, and knowing that unless the alarm was given other French soldiers would also be captured, Gullbaut valiantly

GERMANS TRIED TO STIR REVOLT

Efforts Made to Cause Trouble in Philippine Islands. Reducible Promises Made to Natives

Washington, Sept. 17.—German intrigue undertook to create an insurrection in the Philippine islands. Conrad Andre, German vice-consul at Cebu, Iloilo and other islands, is alleged to have surrounded himself with a number of influential Filipinos, gaining strength to his numbers by promising the natives among other things that they could have as wives any white women in Cebu if they would take part in a rebellion.

It is suspected that Andre undertook to establish a submarine base in the Philippines. A ship bearing a complete machine shop equipment was intercepted and detained off the islands.

AUSTRIA RESTLESS UNDER PRUSSIANISM

Rome, Sept. 17.—It is reported here, on what is considered good authority, that Austria is finding it increasingly difficult to work with Germany.

Epidemics and riots are reported throughout the dual empire, and political differences over Prussian leadership indicate that there is growing danger of a break between the two nations. Austria is unquestionably suffering from a lack of food.

It is reported that Prussian officers are frequently assaulted on the streets.

NEW VOLCANO NEAR LASSEN ERUPTING

Redding, Cal., Sept. 17.—A new volcanic vent, possibly a new volcano has been uncovered when a dense column of smoke began to issue from hills about 10 miles south of Mount Lassen today.

Observers declare the eruption as large as any that Lassen has ever staged. It is thought to indicate a resumption of the activity in that section which distinguished Lassen as the only active volcano in the United States a couple of years ago.

SIX ARE KILLED IN REAR END COLLISION

Aurora, Ill., Sept. 17.—Six persons were killed and six injured this morning when two east bound stock trains met in a rear end collision on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad.

tatingly called out to his men in fire directly onto his captors although well knowing like the Knight of Assas of old that the bullets must almost inevitably kill himself as well.

The daring plan proved effective. Realizing they were discovered, and that French soldiers were close at hand, the Germans, with curses fell back into the darkness, the last one thrusting his gun into Gullbaut's face. Gullbaut seized the barrel and succeeded in turning it aside, the bullet tearing away part of one thumb and grazing his chest.

With the alarm that had been given the entire German patrol stationed earlier in the night for the purpose of ambushing the French, beat a discreet retreat and Gullbaut's sentinels and advance posts remained master of the situation.

WORK STOPPED IN SHIPYARDS ALONG COAST

SYMPATHETIC STRIKERS CLOSE DOWN WORK ON IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

FEDERAL MEDIATORS TAKE HAND

Government's Ship Program Seriously Interfered With by General Walk-out of Workmen

Portland, Sept. 17.—A thousand engineer and pattern makers and other unionists working in the wooden shipyards went on strike this morning in sympathy with the ship carpenters who struck Friday. The callers at the shipyards did not attempt to work with the other places vacated.

It is reported that the wooden shipyard workers are attempting to get the laborers in the steel yards to also stage a sympathetic strike.

All the Portland plants have been operating on an open-shop basis and it is the intention to resume on that basis. All hands will be taken back tomorrow morning, indiscriminately—strikers, if they want to come back, as well as those who did not go on strike, and new applicants who may be looking for work. Every plant reports a heavy list of applicants and the managers say they will have little or no trouble filling the places vacated by the strikers.

Washington, Sept. 17.—William Blackman, a department of labor mediator, today took charge of the Pacific coast shipyard labor problem.

With a delegation of Portland unionists, he, and other federal authorities, are conferring today with a view of reaching a satisfactory agreement that will permit the government's ship contracts to proceed without further interruption.

ITALIANS ARE STILL DRIVING OFFENSIVES

Washington, Sept. 17.—The Italian offensive cannot be considered ended, according to telegrams received by the state department from Rome.

Italian activities in the Balkans indicate a new offensive there while General Cadorna's troops are winning fresh victories in the Bainsizza valley.

Preparations are being made for continuing the advance beyond Mount St. Gabriele, the summit of which was taken by the Italians late last week after a two-weeks' campaign.

SILVER PLATED PERISCOPES HELP TO HIDE SUBMARINES

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 17.—German submarines have been equipped with silver plated periscopes, making them practically invisible, according to a report brought here by the passengers of an American liner.

EXAMINATION FOR ALL REGISTERED MEN NOW

Washington, Sept. 17.—If a large part of the governors of the states approve a suggestion by the provost marshal-general, an immediate examination of the 7,000,000 men registered for military service and not yet called for duty will be begun. The suggestion was made with a view to satisfying the great number of young men as to what they may expect.

TOMORROW IS DAY FOR WAR LIBRARY DRIVE

COMMITTEES READY FOR WORK WHICH WILL GREATLY HELP SOLDIER MORALE

COUNTY WILL DO FULL SHARE

Nation-wide Movement Meets With Prompt Response in Every Quarter. War Secretary Appeals

Thirty of the prominent women of this community are ready for the "War Library Fund" drive which will be conducted in Josephine county tomorrow. The city has been districted and a team placed in charge of each district. Subscription blanks are in the hands of these teams and will be used in the drive tomorrow. Later, receipts, issued by the state campaign committee, will be mailed to each subscriber.

To facilitate the work, the local committee asks subscribers to hand the amount of their subscriptions to the committee when they are made. This will obviate a long-drawn-out collection campaign.

Should any citizen be missed by these soliciting teams, the committee would appreciate having them telephone the Chamber of Commerce and volunteer their subscriptions.

Portland, Sept. 17.—With Governor Withycombe as the head of the Oregon War Library Council, an energetic campaign has been begun to raise Oregon's \$25,000 quota of the million-dollar fund to equip every army camp and cantonment in America and France with libraries.

Secretary of War Baker, in announcing the campaign, said:

"Three hundred and fifty thousand books will be purchased at the outset, and the plan is to maintain these for the period of three years. These libraries must be rushed so that the men in the various camps may be rendered more efficient, keener, better soldiers.

"The establishment of the libraries are an absolute essential and their maintenance becomes a patriotic necessity.

"The war library fund was begun at the instance of the war department and is in addition to the collection of books and so that there will be the widest possible range of works for the libraries. It is realized too, that the constant usage of the books will demand maintenance and replacements, hence the million-dollar fund which will provide at the outset 350,000 books for the cantonments and maintain them for three years, new books being purchased as the need arises.

"I trust that every citizen in Oregon will realize that it is his duty to subscribe to this fund," said Governor Withycombe, Saturday.

AUTO RACES DRAW CROWDS AT YAKIMA

North Yakima, Wash., Sept. 17.—Automobile races today drew a record crowd to the Washington state fair in progress here. A silver cup and \$1,250 in cash were offered to the winners. Today is automobile day.

The fair opened Saturday and will end next Friday night. New buildings, exceptionally large crowds and unequalled exhibits make this the best fair in the association's history.

Westwood, Cal., Sept. 17.—A million-dollar damage was the result of a fire which early today destroyed two-thirds of the stock of the Red Wood Lumber company here and for a time threatened the plant itself.

MOST SERIOUS COAST STRIKE

All San Francisco Bay Ship Building Stopped by Strike of Iron Workers—Many Riots

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—The most serious strike in the history of the Pacific coast began this morning.

Following the walk-out of 2,400 iron workers, stopping operations in every San Francisco Bay ship building, rioting has been reported from many sections. A dozen street cars of the United Railways have been partially or wholly wrecked and early this morning a number of strike breakers were severely beaten.

Government ship contracts involving \$150,000,000 are completely tied up. Because of this fact it is hourly expected here that the federal government will intervene. In this connection comes the report that orders have been issued at the presidio that soldiers have been ordered to be held ready for instant call if needed to preserve order.

TWO PORTLAND BANKS ARE MERGED INTO ONE

Portland, Sept. 17.—Two of the leading financial institutions of this city were consolidated Saturday and this morning opened for business as one. They were the United States National bank and the Lumbermans National bank.

The consolidated bank will do business under the name and charter of the United States National in the handsome new quarters of the latter bank, at the northwest corner of Sixth and Stark streets.

It will have a capitalization of \$1,500,000, surplus of \$1,000,000, undivided profits of \$400,000 to \$500,000 and deposits in excess of \$20,000,000.

SCOTCH AND ENGLISH ARE SUCCESSFUL IN NIGHT RAID

London, Sept. 17.—General Haig reported today that England and Scottish regiments last night successfully raided the German positions east of Epehy. German dugouts, trench mortars, emplacements and ammunition stores were destroyed.

FORMER UNIVERSITY MAN GETS OHIO POSITION

Portland, Sept. 17.—Dr. Don C. Sowers, assistant director of the bureau of municipal research of Dayton, Ohio, and formerly professor of municipalities in the University of Oregon, has been appointed director of the bureau of municipal research of Akron, Ohio, succeeding Frank L. Olson.

HEATING PROBLEM FOR CAMP LEWIS GIVES AUTHORITIES MUCH CONCERN—ALL BUSY

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Sept. 17.—The invigorating air of the early morning is almost too much for men and officers here from southern states. Their sufferings are increased by the fact that the steam heating plant for the officers' quarters is not completed and all the stoves in the barracks are not installed.

The men from the northwestern states of course look forward with much pleasure to the approaching Indian summer.

The heating problem here is a big one. The first shipment of 1,073 big heaters for the barracks has arrived. Forty eight thousand tons of coal will be used this winter to heat the various buildings here. Bids for this fuel are now being sought. Captain Maurice D. Welty, aide-

SUGAR PLANT NEAR MEDFORD NOW PLANNED

UTAH-IDAHO COMPANY MAKES PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING FACTORY IN UPPER VALLEY

TERMS CAN EASILY BE MET

Medford Paper States That Local Factory Will Be Moved Owing to the Lack of Beets

The following is clipped from the Medford Mail Tribune and re-published without comment.

The Utah-Idaho Sugar company has submitted a proposition to the Medford Commercial club for the establishment of a sugar factory in the Medford-Central Point section to replace the present Grants Pass factory, which is to be moved to Washington, on account of lack of sufficient beets to operate profitably. The proposition is a business one and the best yet submitted—but is dependent upon irrigation.

The company agrees to erect an up-to-date modern factory, costing, equipped, in the vicinity of \$750,000 provided contracts for 2,000 acres of irrigated beet sugar land in the Medford valley, approved by its soil experts, are signed up for the first year on three-year contracts, 2,500 acres for the second year, and 3,000 acres for the third year. In addition, the company agrees to secure 1,000 acres here and plant it to beets—the yield of the total 3,000 acres in the Medford district together with that of the Grants Pass and other sections, being sufficient to operate the factory the first year. The success of the growers is dependent upon to induce increased acreage in the future. To show its good faith, the sugar company will put up a bond of \$50,000 to insure carrying out its agreement and the building and operation of the factory.

JAPAN IS PLEDGED TO STAND BY ALLIES

Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—Speaking beneath the tower of Independence Hall, today, Viscount Ishii, special ambassador of Japan, asserted complete sympathy of Nippon with ideals of human liberty and promised that she would stand with the allies "through the struggle for liberty and for freedom."

de-camp of Major General H. A. Greene, has been named camp censor.

Officers at Camp Lewis will not have time to play. From early morning until late at night their time will be occupied by drills, study and classes at the camp school, when the organization of the camp is completed. Permission for absence from the camp will be given sparingly, as a privilege, not as a right, according to general orders.

Examination of men in the first quota continues. The number of rejections due to physical disabilities has been higher than the army physicians expected, especially since the men were examined before they left for American Lake. Probably 100 men will be rejected from the first quota.