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AIR RAIDS ARE HAVING EFFECT UPON GERMANS

SOUTHERN CITIES WANT AGREEMENT TO PREVENT FURTHER REPRISAL AIR RAIDS

RIGA GULF MOVE UNIMPORTANT

Italy Is Getting Ready to Give Austrians Another Stirring Along the Isonzo Front

The Germans are taking possession of the islands near the mouth of the Gulf of Riga, but well informed military authorities place little importance upon the move, thinking that it is a part of Germany's effort to compose internal troubles in the imperial navy.

The determination of England to bomb the towns of Germany in reprisal for raids upon England, is having a sobering effect upon the south Germans as indicated by the Muenchener Post which suggests that the belligerents come to a mutual agreement to forego further air raiding upon unfortified towns.

The troops of the entente allies are still keeping to their trenches in Flanders, probably awaiting betterment of soil conditions. Possibly, however, Field Marshal Haig and the French commander on his left, have not yet sufficiently pounded the German lines with their big guns to warrant the turning loose of the infantry for further gains. Day and night the British and French guns are showering the German positions with the usual mass of steel and the Germans are replying vigorously.

There is every indication that shortly along the Isonzo front in the Austro-Italian zone another big battle will begin. From the head of the Adriatic northward to the Bainsizza plateau intense artillery duels are in progress. Considerable activity also is in progress on the Carso.

PRIZES FOR CORN SHOW ANNOUNCED

The first annual corn show of southern Oregon, will be held at Grants Pass, Oregon, in the rooms of the Winetroot Implement Company, on November 16th and 17th, 1917.

The premium list is as follows:
The best ear of field corn, 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5.
The best 10 ears field corn, 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5.
The best 10 ears dry land corn, 1st, \$8; 2nd, \$5; 3rd, \$3.
The best 10 stalks of silage corn, 1st, Syracuse plow; 2nd, Acme harrow or harrow cart; 3rd, one diverse cultivator.
Best school team in corn stringing contest, 1st, \$5; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$2.

RUSSIA IS FLAGLESS SO PATRIOTIC ALLIED PARADE COULD NOT HONOR NEW DEMOCRACY

Helena, Mont., Oct. 17.—The Russian flag did not appear in a recent parade held here in honor of departing drafted men. The local committee wished to honor the new republic by such representation, along with the flags of other allies, but announced, on no less authority than that of Ellhu Root of New York, head of the American mission which returned recently from Russia, that the nation is entirely flagless.

RUSSIA NOT ABLE TO HOLD TEUTONS

German Proceeding to Take Possession of Islands, Cutting Off Garrisons From Home Lines

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The Russian home war office has completely lost touch with the troops which were stationed on the Island of Oesel.

It was learned here today that one German warship ran into a mine near the coast of the island. After the explosion it made for the coast. Its fate is as yet unknown.

The landing of German troops on Oesel Island could have been averted only by risking battle under unfavorable circumstances, which might have resulted in the opening of the Gulf of Finland to the enemy. Admiral Verdovski, minister of marine, said today. The blow is a hard one to Russia, but the Russian people apparently were in no position to hinder the Germans.

SOCIALISTS OPPOSE GERMAN WAR LOANS

Amsterdam Oct. 17.—German socialist papers state that the socialists of that country have decided to vote against the new war credit of ten billion marks which will be submitted to the reichstag in December unless Chancellor Michaelis resigns.

HOOVER APPEALS FOR SMALLER SUGAR USE

Washington, Oct. 17.—The food administration has today made a special appeal to the American people to eat less sugar so as to mitigate the effects of a shortage which will not be relieved until the new crop comes in late in November.

GOTCH LEAVES HOSPITAL HEALTH GREATLY IMPROVED

Chicago Oct. 17.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, who has been confined to the hospital here for over a week for an injury to his back done in lifting logs on his Iowa farm, left today decidedly improved and well on the road to complete recovery.

AMERICAN DESTROYER IS HIT BY SUBMARINE

Washington, Oct. 17.—3:30 p. m.—An American destroyer on patrol duty in the war zone has been torpedoed by a German submarine, with one man killed and five wounded.

The destroyer managed to make port despite the severe damage done to her hull. Gunner's Mate Osmond Ingram was killed, being blown overboard by the force of the explosion.

"Old imperial flag abandoned," Mr. Root wired in reply to an inquiry on the matter. "No new flag adopted. New flag hardly to be expected until approaching constitutional assembly has determined on form of government. Situation identical with ours for first year after declaration of independence." The farewell could not easily be postponed, and Russia's flag was absent.

BILLION MARK IS REACHED IN LIBERTY LOAN

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE COMING IN BETTER, BUT GOAL IS STILL FAR AWAY

STATE CAMPAIGN WARMING UP

Speakers Traveling Over Oregon Stir People to Need of Supporting Government in Crises

Washington, Oct. 17.—Reports coming in from all over the country today indicate that the billion dollar goal has been reached in Liberty loan subscriptions.

Committees in almost every part of the country still wire encouragingly that they can make their maximum totals, a treasury statement said today.

"Possibly they can, but either they are concealing their actual sales—which is not believed to be the case—or there must be a most unexpected spurt in the offering," the statement said. "Certainly there is little about the sales thus far to win great confidence that the five billion dollar mark will be reached."

"Granting the most reasonable allowance for unreported sales," the treasury's statement continues, "the situation is not encouraging. Every day since the beginning of the drive October 1, the daily quota necessary to achieving the desired total of \$5,000,000,000 by October 27, has grown larger until tonight it reaches, in all probability the enormous figures of \$400,000,000."

Portland, Oct. 17.—Liberty loan subscription in Oregon today reached \$4,810,840, or more than a quarter of the allotment of \$16,500,000 for the state. Banks today took up for consideration the proposal to lend liberty-bond-subscribing borrowers money at four per cent instead of five and six, the rate prevailing. A battery of speakers tonight began a speaking campaign covering every important town in Oregon.

LOWER CALIFORNIA HAS NEW MEXICAN GOVERNOR

Mexico City, Oct. 17.—General Manuel Mestas has been named governor of the lower half of Lower California and has left for La Paz to assume his post.

BOTH OF CHINA'S CONTENDING FACTIONS CLAIM LEGAL STATUS

Peking, Sept. 1.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Constitutionality is the wall behind which contending factions in China are taking refuge. Premier Tuan Chi-jui insists that the republic which he re-established in Peking with Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang at its head, is the constitutional government of China.

The so-called parliament at Canton consisting of 50 or 60 members of the dissolved parliament insists that it is the constitutional government of China, and that Li Yuan-hung still is the president.

The "constitutionalists," now active in the south China under the direction of Sun Yat-sen, have contested every important change in the central government during the last few months, and denounced it as unconstitutional. They say Li Yuan-hung had no right to dissolve parliament, and that there certainly is nothing in the Nanking provisional constitution which justified such action.

Consequently, according to their line of reasoning, Feng Kuo-chang

SEATTLE MEN RESUME WORK; APPEAL WINS

FEDERAL MEDIATION BOARD SECURES RETURN OF SHIP BUILDERS

PORTLAND STRIKERS ARE FIRM

Prefer That Laborers Should Be Drafted As Such to Concession of Principle of Closed Shop

Seattle, Oct. 17.—The strike among shipyard employees here is considered as temporarily settled and strikers, to the number of about 12,000 are expected to return to their work Monday.

This result comes from an appeal to the men's patriotism made by the federal wage adjustment board a few days ago. The decision to return to work was made at a meeting held last night.

All will go to work under the conditions which prevailed before the strike leaving their claim for an adjustment of wages and a closed shop in the hands of the adjustment board.

Portland, Oct. 16.—Labor union representatives today told the federal adjustment board in session here in an effort to settle the strike in the steel and wooden ship yards, that conscription of labor for the yards, was preferable to any action or compromise which would not give the union men the principles for which they are out, in effect "closed shop."

While the adjustment board was in session, the police guarded every plant where the employers are attempting to operate despite the strike. A picket line of more than 100 attempted a demonstration at the Independent foundry late this evening but were held in check by a special police reserve. There were no arrests there, but at other places about the city six men were arrested.

GERMAN SAILORS SENT TO EASTERN DETENTION CAMPS

San Francisco Oct. 17.—One hundred and sixty officers and men from the interned German merchantmen, who have been kept at Angel Island, were sent east today for detention in the Philadelphia and North Carolina camps.

CHICAGO FACES COAL SHORTAGE

If Illinois Coal Mine Strikes Continue Ten Days Longer, City's Supply Will Be Depleted

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Unless the strike in the Illinois coal fields is settled within ten days business in Chicago will be paralyzed, according to the statement of Fred W. Upham, president of the largest coal company here. "There is less than 10 days' supply in the city and no coal coming in," said Mr. Upham today.

More than 40 coal mines in Illinois, employing between 12,000 and 15,000 miners were shut down today and the commercial mining industry of the state tonight faces practical paralysis, operators here stated, as a result of the spreading strike of miners who demand immediate wage increases.

Miners said today they were given to understand that the new wage agreement, reached at Washington, D. C., would be effective without delay. Operators, on the other hand, pointed to a clause making the increase contingent upon advance by the fuel administration in Illinois coal prices, declaring present prices are prohibitive of wage increases.

AMUNITION MAKERS TRIED TAX DODGING

Washington, Oct. 17.—Internal revenue agents have reported that evasion of the special tax of 12 1/2 per cent upon munition manufacturers, have totaled approximately \$17,500,000. The government has obtained over \$10,000,000 of this sum by vigorous measures against the offenders.

AMERICA WILL GO TO ALLIED CONFERENCE

Washington, Oct. 17.—While an official announcement is withheld, it is practically certain that the United States will be represented at a coming conference of the allied nations now at war against Germany which will probably be held in Paris at an early date.

Secretary of State Lansing has stated that it has been definitely decided that such a conference will be held and the United States is considering whether it should participate therein.

PRICE OF FISH IN HONOLULU IS HIGH

Honolulu, T. H., Oct. 7.—(By mail)—Though the waters of the Pacific surrounding the Hawaiian islands teem with fish of all description and variety, still those who are fond of them must pay exorbitant prices, far in excess of those on the mainland. An instance of this is seen in the price prevailing for mullet, a choice delicacy which has recently gone to 30 cents a pound.

NORWAY ADOPTS STRINGENT LIFE-SAVING RULES FOR SHIPPING THROUGH WAR ZONE

Christiania, Oct. 17.—New and stringent regulations come into force shortly in regard to life-saving appliances to be used on Norwegian ships traversing the war zones.

Each lifeboat must be half covered over with waterproof cloth as a shelter, and must be provided with oil-skins for the crew, with signal lights, a hand pump, and ample supplies of bread, meat and water.

FRIDAY IS DAY CHILDREN WILL GIVE WAR HELP

STUDENTS AT SCHOOLS WILL SUPPLY THIS CITY'S QUOTA IN IMPORTANT WORK

COUNTRY RESPONDING READILY

First Time in This Country's History Soldier Camps Are to Be Made Helpful Rather Than Hurtful

Friday of this week is the day set by the Chamber of Commerce and the school authorities for the collecting, through the city's school children, of the Grants Pass quota to the War-Camp Community-Recreation fund. The children will be handed a circular on Thursday, stating the purposes of the fund. They will ask that the parents co-operate by helping each of the children to do his or her little bit in this great cause, which bit is 50 cents each.

These sums will be brought to the schools Friday, and collected by the teachers. Each school principal will turn over the collections of their school to Roy K. Hackett, treasurer, at the First National bank, who will forward the same to Washington without delay.

The telegram to Secretary of War Baker, to be signed by each of the school children contributing his or her bit, has been prepared and will be sent Friday night or early Saturday morning as soon as the names can be correctly listed. One of the duties of each teacher in this work will be to keep a correct list of the children in her room who join in this movement, which will doubtless be practically every child in the schools.

Washington, Oct. 17.—"The American spirit must be made in America." This is the substance of the admonition of Secretary of War Baker who has called upon the people of the United States to do all in their power to make the life of the student soldiers and sailors in this country a pleasant and profitable one.

Officials at the national headquarters here of the war camp community recreation fund, of which John N. Willys, of Toledo, has been appointed chairman by Secretaries Baker and Daniels jointly, state that this is the first time in the world's history that sustained and organized effort has been made to throw around a nation's army all the wholesome, stimulating environment by which the men in training would be surrounded if they were at home. Always in the past camp and community have been left to shift for themselves with resultant damages to both sides.

Trained organizers, under the direction of the war department and navy department commissions on training camp activities are lining up the forces around every training camp to give the men the helpful, normal entertainment which they

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