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TREASON MAY RECEIVE ITS FULL REWARD

SENATE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING MEASURES FOR PUNISHMENT OF TRAITORS

TWENTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT

Interference With War Bond Issues, or Obstructing Enlistments, Will Bring Heavy Penalties

Washington, Apr. 2.—The senate judiciary committee has adopted an amendment to the "disloyalty" bill, providing a 20 year imprisonment and \$10,000 fine, for those who, by word or act, shall support or favor the enemy cause, or oppose the cause of the United States. Interfering with war bond issues, or obstructing enlistments, bring the same penalties.

SAN FRANCISCO MAN DIES WHEN PLANE FALLS

Wichita Falls, Apr. 2.—Second Lieutenant Byron Jackson Jr., of San Francisco, was killed at Call field about 4:30 p. m. today when the machine in which he was flying crashed to earth out of control, from a distance of 600 feet. A cadet who was with Jackson was only slightly injured.

MERGING OF EXPRESS COS. IS BEING CONSIDERED

Washington, Apr. 2.—Merging of express companies under a new corporation, to operate as a unit and work out a basis of distribution of profits, is being considered.

MANY MEN ARE SHOT IN SLACKERS' RIOT

Quebec, Apr. 2.—Fighting between rioters against conscription and the military authorities, continued early this morning. Men on house tops sniped soldiers for hours.

Quebec, Apr. 2.—Rioting by anti-conscriptionists broke out again last night and the military authorities immediately took measures to repress the disorders. A number of men suspected of leadership in the rioting were arrested and others are being sought.

During the evening the cavalry charged a crowd of disturbers advancing on St. Francis street toward Jacques Cartier square, and drove them back.

Later soldiers began firing on the disorderly elements. A number of the soldiers had suffered injuries at the hands of the mob previous to using their rifles.

The rioters were not long in returning the firing of the soldiers and the shooting became general.

Four civilians were killed and four other civilians and a number of soldiers were wounded in fighting which occurred last night between anti-conscriptionists and the military. One hundred men charged with rioting were arrested.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO CENSOR INFORMATION

Washington, Apr. 2.—Under orders cabled to the war department, Secretary Baker has directed that all information concerning the American forces in France, be published only from headquarters of the expeditionary forces there.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN THE CAUCASUS

Turks Begin a Military Occupation of Districts in Georgia Under the Brest-Litovsk Treaty

Petrograd, Apr. 2.—Fierce fighting has broken out in Caucasus, where Armenians and Georgians have formed an army for defense against the Turks, who have begun a military occupation in the districts of Batoum, Kars and Ardahan, under the Brest-Litovsk treaty. The entire population of Georgia is mobilized.

HEROES REWARDED IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, Mar. 7.—(Correspondence)—There was a stir in the house of commons the other day when the Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, suddenly appeared on the floor just before the close with an important-looking document in his hand. Instantly members began to speculate as to what might be the subject of the announcement he was to make.

The premier started talking confidently with one of the under-war ministers as soon as he had taken his seat on the treasury bench, and it was immediately inferred by observers that the subject was military, possibly the military situation in Ireland or some development on the fighting fronts. Other members noticed that Mr. Lloyd George was in good spirits and began whispering about the likelihood of a great victory somewhere, or perhaps good news from the Irish convention.

Then the prime minister arose. His message was a signed document from the king, asking the authorization of parliament for a grant of \$125,000 to Lady Maude, the widow of General Frederick Stanley Maude, who commanded the British expedition that captured Kut and Bagdad. The general, after a wonderful career of victory, died a poor man, leaving hardly more than enough to pay his funeral expenses. The king's request was referred to its proper committee and it is expected that the grant will, in due course, be made.

The habit of recognizing great victories by public grants of money is an old one in England, and most of the great British soldiers of the old wars benefitted by it.

Wellington received three different grants, amounting in all to \$3,500,000. Lord Roberts received \$500,000 in 1901 and Kitchener received \$400,000 for his work in the Sudan and South Africa. Lord Nelson received a pension of \$25,000 a year, charged against the funds of the postoffice.

U-BOAT SINKS ARMED BRITISH STEAMER

London, Apr. 2.—The British was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on March 28, according to the admiralty report last night. Four persons were lost.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT IN TRENCH 14 HOURS

New York, Apr. 2.—Captain Archibald Roosevelt lay in a trench for 14 hours suffering great agony after he had been wounded by a German shell. It was learned today through a letter from a physician at the front to Dr. Josiah Hartwell, Captain Roosevelt, the letter said, could not be moved owing to heavy German fire.

HOLLAND PROTESTS THE TAKING OF HER SHIPS

Washington, Apr. 2.—The Netherlands minister formally protested against the United States taking over the Dutch ships.

AMERICAN TROOPS WILL FORM ALLIED BRIGADE

To Secure Immediate One-man Power, All Questions of Pride Will Be Thrust Aside and the Unseasoned Yankees Will Fight With Allied Veterans

Washington, Apr. 2.—American army units will be a brigade with the British and French, thrusting aside all question of pride, so that one man power may be immediate. Indicated troops now training, will be rushed across, regardless of efficiency. Unseasoned American units will be replaced beside allied veterans.

London, Apr. 2.—Infantry operations on a large scale have died down on Ploardy battle field, while both sides are preparing for the next move.

Germans have been checked while attempting to advance toward Amiens, while the Franco-British have made small gains. Germans have apparently learned that massed infantry attacks, without great artillery preparation, are fruitless. Their guns have not been brought up yet. Seventy-seven divisions are on the battle line awaiting guns. The allies, under General Foch,

are preparing to withstand another blow, which the enemy must make or concede defeat, and are probably preparing for a counter offensive. Germans are massing troops before Albert. The British expect a heavy attack north of the Somme.

British Headquarters, Apr. 2.—British stormed strongly held positions of the enemy in a wood along the Luce river yesterday, when he withdrew, leaving the ground strewn with dead.

Paris, Apr. 2.—French and British advanced last night, between the Somme and Demuin. It is relatively calm over most of the front. The eighth long range bombardment of Paris began today.

London, Apr. 2.—British took 50 prisoners this morning between Avre and Luce and made a successful stand near Hebuterne, taking machine guns and prisoners.

HUNS ARE HAMPERED IN THEIR MOVEMENTS

Ottawa, Canada, Apr. 2.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France, telegraphing tonight, says:

"The enemy movements and fighting of the last 24 hours indicate the development of an attempt to work toward Amiens, down the Anere valley, and also from the southwest.

"Great masses of German troops continue to concentrate in the region of Albert, and fighting is progressing toward Villers, Bretonne and Reux. The enemy is finding serious difficulties in transport work, owing to the ceaseless destructive activity of our armies, and also owing to shortage of animals and in bringing up his artillery. Meanwhile the enemy is largely employed with his trench mortars.

"Trench mortars, however, have only a limited range and require enormous quantities of ammunition which is very bulky."

STRANGE EPIDEMIC AT FORD MOTOR CO.

Detroit, Apr. 2.—Officials of the Ford motor company confirmed the report that over 200 men have been affected by a mysterious epidemic resembling la grippe, which is prevalent in the plant. It is estimated that 2,000 have been ill thus far.

GERMAN "PEACE" FORCES STILL INVADING RUSSIA

Petrograd, Apr. 2.—It is reported that a German army is within 33 miles of Kursk. Ekaterinoslav has been cut off from railway communication and Poltava has been bombarded and is burning. The city has been abandoned by the soviet forces. It is reported that Sebastopol is threatened by the Turks, who are within 16 miles of the city, and from the east by the advancing Kurds.

NEBRASKA SENATE FAVORS NATIONAL PROHIBITION

Lincoln, Neb., Apr. 2.—The house of the Nebraska legislature today voted in favor of ratifying the national prohibition amendment. The ratification measure now goes to the senate.

FRENCH PREMIER HAS CLOSE CALL

Premier Clemenceau When Visiting Front is Vigorously Shelled and Windows Knocked From Auto

Paris, Apr. 2.—Premier Clemenceau, visiting the front, was so near that his automobile was shelled vigorously by German artillery. All the windows were broken, but the premier was unharmed.

At 3 o'clock this morning the air raid warning was sounded in Paris and anti-aircraft guns placed a curtain of fire around the capital. All clear was signalled an hour later.

YANKEES MARCHING THROUGH MUD ROADS

With the American Army in France, Apr. 2.—The muddy roads were jammed today with Americans on the move. In some cases they were marching in double lines, taking up the road from side to side. For obvious reasons, it is inadvisable to disclose where the troops are going, where they are coming from, or even the direction in which the movement is being made. It may not be many days, however, before the United States will know. It is probable that the first news will come with the American forces in action, but when that may be is another subject which cannot be discussed.

If a clash should come in the open, the American troops will like it all the better, for they say:

"That's our game." All are determined to get into the fight if possible. The correspondent saw men on the march limping along but refusing to drop out for fear that they might be left behind. If there was a single straggler in the long marching lines today, he had effectively hidden himself.

Definite official announcement that American troops actually will fight side by side with the French and British in northern France reached the American troops last night in Paris newspapers. It was greeted with cheering. The men who will go are envied by the rest of the American forces. As they passed by in roads they were speeded on their way with cries such as:

"Eat 'em up!" and "See you fellows are in luck!" Orders to proceed toward the plains of Picardy were received from the French high command three days ago, but until it was officially announced, no mention could be made of it.

GREAT BRITAIN IS GRATEFUL TO U. S.

Washington, Apr. 2.—Lord Reading, the British ambassador, has thanked President Wilson, on behalf of Great Britain, for "instant and comprehensive measures" he took, in responding to a request that American troops be used to reinforce the allies.

IDLE SISLAW SAW MILL TO BE OPERATED

Eugene, Apr. 2.—It is reported on the Sislaw, that the mill of the Tidewater mill company at Florence, which has been idle for a number of years, has been leased and will be operating soon. The mill is owned by Porter Bros., who are engaged in shipbuilding.

AMERICAN GAS VICTIMS TAKEN TO PARIS HOSPITAL

Paris, Apr. 2.—A number of American soldiers who had suffered from the effects of gas at the front, have arrived at the American Red Cross military hospital No. 2 in Paris. Most of the men will recover.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF R. R. LAND

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED FOR A UNIT OF 100 ACRES OR LESS

CASH PAYMENT 50C PER ACRE

War Veterans May File a Soldier's or Sailor's Testamentary Statement With Regular Fee of \$4

Secretary Lane of the department of the interior has just approved regulations opening to entry under the homestead laws, as modified by the act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat., 218), about 200,000 acres of land classified as agricultural, situated principally in Jackson and Josephine counties in southern Oregon. These lands are a portion of what are commonly known as the Oregon and California railroad grant lands, title to which was resumed by the government under the act of June 9, 1916. The agricultural lands opened to entry at this time are by no means all of the agricultural lands in the grant. Additional agricultural lands in the grant will be restored to entry from time to time as the classifications are completed.

The classification as agricultural does not necessarily imply that the lands are suitable for the plow. The law under which the classification was made directed that such lands be separated into three classes; first those valuable for power sites; second, timber lands, including those containing 300,000 feet, board measure, of timber to a tract of forty acres; third, agricultural lands, those not falling within either of the other two classes. Large tracts so restored are covered with brush or varying quantities of timber less than 300,000 feet, board measure, to the forty acre sub-division, and some are valuable only for grazing.

Applications to enter any of the lands thus restored may be filed by any duly qualified person for a unit of 100 acres or less in the United States land office at Roseburg, Ore., at any time during the period beginning April 29 and ending May 28. All applications filed during this period will be considered as filed simultaneously. Persons filing at or near the end of the period will have the same opportunity as those who file at the beginning. In case of conflicting applications for the same land, a drawing will be held on May 28 to determine the successful applicant.

Applications to enter must be sworn to before the register or receiver of the United States land office at Roseburg, Ore., or before a

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BOLSHEVIKI CONSIDER REFORM MEASURES

Petrograd, Apr. 2.—The Bolsheviki are ready to abandon a purely socialist program to insure the reconstruction of Russia—politically, industrially and financially.

In this creative work they will call on the bourgeoisie and even the intelligentsia, but they emphasize that this must not be construed as indicating any relaxation in their dictatorship.

This was made plain today in a statement by A. B. Lunacharsky, commissary of education.

"The government's policy is undergoing a change, due to the fact that the soviet's power is now sufficiently strong to permit them to undertake creative activity," Lunacharsky said. "In order to accomplish this, we must use all the powers of the country, particularly the financial and economic."