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100,000 MORE MEN OVER SEAS IN ONE WEEK

GENERAL MARCH REPORTS THAT 900,000 MEN ARE NOW ABROAD

PRESENT LULL DANGER SIGNAL

American Artillery Pours Avalanche of Projectiles into Wood at Midnight East of Chateau Thierry

Washington, June 22.—General March told the newspaper men today that 900,000 men had been shipped across the sea. The United States is five months ahead of the schedule for placing her men in France. The number across the waters last week was placed at 800,000 showing the present rate of progress.

General March said that while the situation looks good today, the present lull on the western front means only that the German combat divisions are being reformed for another drive.

With the American Army in France, June 22.—American artillery at midnight last night poured an avalanche of projectiles into the wood to the east of Chateau Thierry, where aerial photographs had shown there was a host of German troops and much enemy material. The enemy undoubtedly was severely punished.

The American fire reached the highest concentration in a 10-minute period when 1,200 shells of all calibers fell on one small area. Later the American gunners concentrated their fire on the town of Brasles, where many of the enemy were assembled and which was the scene of recent captures of prisoners by patrols. Aerial observations today show the extreme accuracy of our fire, but of course the exact effect is unknown.

ONE CENT FARE FOR NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

James Holman, quartermaster of General Logan Post 39, G. A. R., has received from the department of Oregon headquarters, notice that the members of the G. A. R. and affiliated bodies would be allowed transportation to the national encampment, which will be held in Portland in August, at the rate of 1 cent per mile. Old soldiers not members of the post will not be allowed the reduced rate. A certificate will have to be furnished from the G. A. R. in order to buy a ticket at all.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO BE HONORED IN ITALY

Florence, Italy, June 22.—President Wilson on July 4 is to be solemnly declared a citizen of Florence. It has also been decided to hold a great parade over the main thoroughfares of the city. It will end at the historic Palazzo Vecchio, from the balcony of which Gabriele d'Annunzio, the poet, will speak.

VIENNA AUTHORITIES TAKE STRICT MEASURES

London, June 22.—According to Vienna papers, during the serious riots in Vienna the police and military authorities, which were called out, took strict measures and issued a warning to the parents making them responsible for their children's actions.

CIRCUS TRAIN IN BIG COLLISION

From 50 to 100 Persons Killed in Rear-end Smash With Empty Pullmans in Indiana

Chicago, June 22.—Between 50 and 100 persons, mostly members of the Hagenbach-Walker shows were killed or injured today in a rear-end collision near Gary, Ind. The wreckage caught fire, destroying many bodies and ending the suffering of those penned in the debris. Seventy-three injured are accounted for and 40 bodies were taken to the morgue. A train of empty Pullmans crashed through the circus coaches, which had stopped, due to a hot box.

LARGEST DEATH ROLL AMERICA HAS HAD

Washington, June 22.—The casualty list for today is 153 of whom 52 were killed in action and 26 died from wounds. Private Jonas L. Deetz, of Aurora, Ore., died of wounds and Corporal Roy Reynolds, of Ontario, Ore., was wounded severely. The marine list has 21 names.

The steadily increasing participation of the American troops is shown by the casualty list. Fifty two is the heaviest death roll that America has had.

RAGING PIAVE RIVER HELPS ALLIED CAUSE

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, June 22.—Fresh rains have turned the Piave river into a swirling yellow flood which moves silently but swiftly, dealing a fateful blow to the Austrians on its western bank, tearing up the communicating lines and preventing succor being given the shattered divisions struggling under the steady pounding of the Italian guns of the Duke of Aosta's Third army.

The satisfaction of the Italians over the present situation is matched only by the anger of the Austrian command. According to prisoners, the swollen river has been the culmination of a series of difficulties which have prevented the Austrians from making headway either on the Montello plateau or that sector of the country lying between the Treviso-Mestre and the San Dona di Piave-Nestle railway lines, where the fighting has been hard and cruel all the week. The Austrians are sorely pressed at every point, and harassed on both sides of the river by the Italians' small guns and also huge pieces belonging to the navy mounted on floats, which move about the waterway at will.

PRODUCTION OF HEAVY FIELD GUNS BY U. S.

Washington, June 22.—The war department's plans for carrying warfare on the western front beyond the trench stage by vast production of heavy mountain siege and field guns, were made known today.

INCREASE GRANTED ON EXPRESS RATES

Washington, June 22.—The interstate commerce commission granted today a 10 per cent increase on express rates. It will probably become effective within two weeks.

FRESH STRUGGLES IN ITALY FORESHADOWED

Arrival of Many Austro-Hungarian and German Reinforcements—Austrians Gather All Available Men to Mountain Front—Only Small Portion of Reserves Drawn

Paris, June 22.—French struggles on the Italian northeast front are foreshadowed by the arrival of Austro-Hungarian reinforcements. German reinforcements are also said to be about to arrive.

Italian Headquarters, June 22.—One out of every ten Italians wounded bear indications of the use of explosive bullets by the Austrians.

Rome, June 22.—Fighting on the Piave is apparently decreasing. Unrest in Vienna due to the food shortage continues to spread and much anti-German feeling is manifested. The number of munition workers striking in Vienna has increased to 150,000.

Rome, June 22.—The battle situation today is unchanged and the infantry engagements have not been renewed. Friday Premier Orlando told the chamber of deputies that it is now permissible to announce that the battle had been won. The Austrians are gathering all their available men to the mountain front. The Italians on the other hand have drawn on only a small portion of their reserves.

Paris, June 22.—The Austrian losses in their offensive on the Italian front exceed over 120,000 men, according to a dispatch to La Liberte from Rome, quoting the correspondent of the Corriere d'Italia.

Rome, June 22.—A semi-official note issued today concerning the Austrian offensive says: "The Italian counter-offensive is absolutely superior to the enemy's offensive. Yesterday in the Montello region and on the Treviso-San Dona di Piave road and toward the Zenon bend, the Italians reduced by a good half the ground won by the enemy in his grand attack on the preceding day. "Statements of prisoners and the number of dead counted on the field

AMERICAN STEAMERS COLLIDE OFF COAST

Washington, June 22.—Sinking of the American steamer Schurz in collision with the American steamer Florida off the North Carolina coast yesterday was announced today by the navy department. One seaman was killed, but all others of the Schurz's crew were saved. The collision occurred at 4:40 a. m., 10 miles southwest of Cape Lookout. The Schurz was afloat for two hours after being struck and the Florida stood by to take off her ship's company.

The Schurz was the former German ship Gier of 1,600 tons burden, 228 feet in length. Manuel Gouvela Jr., of Honolulu was the man killed. The survivors were being taken to an Atlantic port when the report reached the navy department. Nothing was given out as to the circumstances of the collision.

HOUSE TO ASK WILSON ABOUT THE COAL SUPPLY

Washington, June 22.—The house adopted a resolution today calling on the president to inform the house whether any order had been issued by the fuel administration curtailing the supply of coal to liquor manufacturers.

Seattle, June 22.—The passenger steamer Rosalie was nearly destroyed by fire at the dock today. The loss is estimated at \$70,000.

EMPEROR CHARLES' LIFE IS SOUGHT

Reports Are Current That An Attempt Has Been Made on Life of Austrian Ruler

London, June 22.—Reports are current on the Amsterdam exchange that an attempt has been made on the life of Emperor Charles of Austria. The reports are unconfirmed.

ITALIAN ACE IS MISSING

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, June 22.—Signor Baracco, considered Italy's premier aviator, is missing. His machine fell inside the hostile lines after it had caught fire during a fight.

PRICES FOR LUMBER ESTABLISHED BY BOARD

Washington, June 22.—The price fixing committee of the war industries board today established maximum prices for the northwestern fir logs and lumber and for southern pine. The schedules for the fir will result in a very slight, if any, average advance to the trade.

SUBMARINE DIVERS TO WORK IN ROGUE RIVER

Submarine divers will soon be operating in Rogue river for the purpose of securing platinum and gold which is known to be embedded in the crevices of the bedrock on the bottom of the river in large quantities.

C. F. Collypy and two sons and George Rawson of Seattle, who have been here for the past week on Saturday afternoon launched a scow which they had built on the river bank. This scow is 16x32 feet and 2 feet deep and when supplied with a deck, will house the machinery to operate diving and pumping equipment. This machinery consists of a 9-horse power gasoline engine which will operate a 6-inch centrifugal pump and a smaller engine which will operate a compressor for the diver. They are also equipped with a modern diving suit which is supplied with telephone.

The method of operation will be for the diver to descend to the bottom of the river in water from seven to 15 feet and guide the end of a suction pipe along the crevices in the bedrock. The pump will draw rocks, gold, platinum and any other material up to the deck and deposit in sluice boxes where simple mining operations will follow. It is a dredging operation with 100 per cent efficiency. Mr. Collypy says there is no guess work about it. The operation is simple and the idea correct. He has successfully conducted the same business in other places.

Mr. Collypy expects to have everything in readiness to commence work the latter part of the week.

GALICE LABORER HELD AS AN I. W. W. AGITATOR

A laborer in S. P. Coffers' mine at Galice, who gave his name as John Brown, was reported Saturday as an I. W. W. agitator. He was arrested and is being held in jail until arrangements for a hearing can be made. It is thought by the authorities that Brown may be a draft evader.

DRAFTED MEN LEAVE MONDAY FOR CAMP LEWIS

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE TO GIVE 7 O'CLOCK BREAKFAST FOR THE BOYS

TWENTY MORE CALLED JULY 5

New Call Exhausts Class 1 and Takes Twenty From Other Classes

Thirty-two drafted men from Josephine county will leave on Monday morning for Camp Lewis. These men will be guests of the Council of Defense at a 7 o'clock breakfast on Monday at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, going immediately from the club rooms to the train. There will be short speeches and music at the hall and the band will accompany the men to the train. The Council of Defense hopes a big crowd of citizens will be at the depot to send the men away with a cheer.

The following list of men in the June draft quota will be sent to Camp Lewis Monday, June 24, 1918, leaving on train No. 14 at 8:47 a. m.

- Paul A. Lorenz.
- George Henry Ferren.
- Clarence Frederick Farleigh.
- Ernest Earl Caid.
- Ardell Bailey (Sent from Shelby, Mont.)
- Met Evert Blalock (Sent from McMinnville, Ore.)
- James Robert Fretwell.
- Truman Charlie Nutt.
- George Albert Brock.
- Herbert Chester Tate.
- Allen Carlisle White.
- Albert F. Culp.
- Haskell Fenton Wyatt.
- Herbert Woodbury.
- John William Reed.
- Henry George Alois Steger.
- Frank Oscar Goings.
- Clarence Elmer Hutchens.
- Ord Crow. (Sent from Eugene, Ore.)
- Charley Isaac Sowell.
- Frank Adam York.
- Robert John Boswell.
- Lester Lane Darnelle.
- Francis Speake.
- John B. Niday (Sent from Houston, Tex.)
- Benjamin Jasper Brooks.
- Frank Johnstone (Sent from Bellingham, Wash.)
- Nels Gerhard Rosen.
- Leslie James Buell.
- Oscar Theodore Powers.
- Ernest Ross Moore (Alternate).
- Harry I. Staser (From local board Douglas, Alaska.)

List of men called in the July draft quota, to be sent to Fort McDowell, Cal., within a five day period beginning July 5, 1918.

- Frank Baldwin.
- George Douglas Gates.
- Roy Lee Hervey.

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GILMAN APPOINTED FEDERAL DIRECTOR

Portland, June 22.—L. C. Gilman, president of the Portland, Spokane and Seattle railroad, was appointed today federal director of the Puget Sound district, with supervision over all the railroads in Oregon and Washington, including the Southern Pacific, from Ashland north. His headquarters will be at Seattle.

GREECE GETS \$15,790,000

Washington, June 22.—A credit of \$15,790,000 to Greece, the first under the new financial agreement between that country and the United States, was announced today by the treasury department.