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Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

A shell explosion on the U. S. S. Von Sheuben, which killed three men, was announced late Thursday by the Navy department. The shell exploded while being fired.

Captain Archibald Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, has been wounded in action with the American forces in France, according to a cablegram that was received Thursday at the colonel's office in New York.

It is confirmed that the two American engineers captured by brigands in Northern Honan and held prisoner for ransom are E. J. Pursell, of Philadelphia or St. Paul, Minn., and G. A. Kyle, of Portland, Or.

A further extension of commercial relations between Argentina and France is provided for in an arrangement concluded by the French minister for the purchase in Argentina of a large amount of supplies.

Attacking over an 11-mile front on the coastal sector in Palestine, East Anglian, South Anglian and Indian troops have advanced to an average depth of three miles, according to an official statement issued by the London war office.

Philip Kirtland Glazebrook, Unionist member of Parliament for South Manchester and a major in the Cheshire Yeomanry, has been killed in action in Palestine. Mr. Glazebrook was born in 1880 and was first elected to Parliament in 1912.

By a vote of 42 to 30 the Maryland house of delegates late Thursday defeated the bill giving the women the right to vote at Presidential elections. The bill giving women the right to vote at municipal elections is expected to share the same fate.

Young men of Jewish faith continue to enlist in the Jewish battalion of the British army, which is to fight for the emancipation of Palestine from the Turk. A second contingent of recruits will leave New York for Canada and thence for England March 21.

Lord Rhondda, the food controller of England, speaking in London Thursday, said he hoped in April to be able to give those engaged in hard physical labor an increased meat ration of 50 per cent and those engaged in very hard physical labor double the ordinary ration.

According to a dispatch from Zurich, the German Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts says the scandal in Germany connected with graft at the Daimler munitions factory, which the budget committee of the Reichstag is investigating, has caused a veritable panic in the Berlin stock exchange.

A member of the Mexican bandit gang which raided the East ranch near Laredo, Texas, last Thursday night, was captured by Mexican authorities near Guerrero, opposite Zapata, and confessed, declaring that all the bandits were Mexicans, organized and equipped on the American side of the Rio Grande.

The American forces northwest of Toul carried out an important raid on the German lines Monday night. The artillery preparation lasted 45 minutes, and the Americans entered the German defenses as far as the second line. They found a number of German dead from shell fire and some of those who were retreating were shot down.

Billy Sunday, the evangelist, said Tuesday that as soon as his Chicago engagement is completed, he will go to France to visit the trenches.

China, in response to an inquiry from Tokio, has signified her intention to co-operate with Japan in the protection of allied interests in the Far East.

ADVANCE CONTINUES

Teutons Take Nikolayev, Near Odessa, Where Rich Wheat Storage is Seized—No Resistance Met.

London—The Germans have occupied Nikolayev, in addition to Odessa, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Both Odessa and Nikolayev were taken without fighting. The fleet at Odessa had fled to Sebastopol.

The Germans immediately suppressed the soviets in both cities and seized the naval yards at Nikolayev.

The German advance continues in the direction of Kherson.

The first trains direct from Berlin arrived in Odessa Sunday.

Nikolayev, about 40 miles northwest of Kherson, on the Bug River, has occupied an important place in the naval defenses of Russia. It has a great navy yard and is the seat of a military governor who is commander of the Black Sea fleet. The approaches to the city are strongly fortified. Its population is about 100,000.

Nikolayev lies about 70 miles northeast of Odessa, and is reported to be Russia's great wheat-storing center. An American grain expert, who returned recently from that area, said that the storehouses of Nikolayev contained 5,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Within recent years the imperial government constituted Nikolayev the shipbuilding base for the Black Sea fleet.

The naval works have an area of nearly 200 acres and equipment for the employment of 10,000 men.

ORGANIZE GERMAN CAPTIVES

Germans Mobilize Prisoners Into Two Full Army Corps.

Tokio—It is reported that the Germans are trying to organize two army corps of German war prisoners in Russia. One corps, it is said, is being secretly organized at Irkutsk, Siberia. Two cavalry corps also are being formed.

Tokio—Premier Terauchi and Foreign Minister Motono told parliament Monday nothing had been decided upon with reference to the Siberian situation.

The military situation has reached a state of perfected preparedness.

Sunday night the Seiyukai (constitutional) party, the largest in the diet, held a conference and reaffirmed its position taken at a recent meeting in opposition to immediate mobilization. The press is almost unanimous in urging mobilization. The Ashai Shimbun and the Yorodzy Choho say they are unable to understand America's "excessive generosity" toward Russia, now giving supplies to Germany and imperiling the stores in Vladivostok.

Suspensions in regard to Japan weaken the allies, they assert, adding that it is Japan's duty to work in the interests of peace and humanity by assisting to crush Germany. The Kokumin Shimbun issued a call to arms, saying that America is sincerely friendly, but mistaken.

The Ashahi Shimbun, of Osaka, voices the opinion widely held among the middle classes that extensive mobilization would create acute distress industrially and in regard to the food supplies.

London—The evacuation of Petrograd has been completed, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city, quoting an official communication.

None of the population will be permitted to leave the city hereafter and, in order to make certain that the order is obeyed, all passenger train service has been suspended.

The council of commissaries of "the commune of Petrograd," which will be the official designation of Petrograd and surrounding district in the future, has authorized the reappearance of so-called bourgeois newspapers, which had been suppressed since the beginning of the German offensive.

Austrian Strikes Spread.

Amsterdam—Strikes are again in progress in Austria and Hungary and are spreading rapidly, according to reports appearing in German newspapers. A Vienna dispatch to the Weser Zeitung, of Bremen, dated Friday, says that a strike in Budapest and Vienna was suspended Thursday. A Vienna dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, confirms the report of last week that workmen in railway shops have gone on strike.

U. S. MAY HAVE TO EAT LESS WHEAT

Food Authorities Contemplate
Further Restrictions.

SUPPLIES ARE SHORT

Allies Have Been Promised 90,000,000 Bushels Between January 1 and July 1, and Will Receive it.

Washington, D. C.—While the food administration was making plans to meet the critical wheat shortage by a further reduction in consumption, the senate again took up and debated legislation to increase production by raising the price on the 1918 crop.

The food administration was stirred to action by reports from the department of Agriculture showing that the supply of wheat on farms and in country elevators is far less than it was a year ago.

The senate considered a bill by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, to fix the price at \$2.50, or 30 cents a bushel more than set in a recent proclamation by President Wilson. In the house Monday also a bill was introduced by Representative Morgan, of Oklahoma, to appropriate \$300,000,000 to compensate producers for the losses they sustained when the government established its 1917 prices at a figure lower than the then market price.

Senator Williams, of Mississippi, Democrat, opposed price-fixing legislation, declaring farmers should be allowed a free market for their products.

The seriousness of the situation is shown by a frank admission at the food administration that existing flour stocks are only 30 per cent of the normal quantity needed until July 1.

Food administration officials thought the department's estimate of 180,000,000 bushels of wheat in elevators and on farms March 1 was optimistic and said their best information was that 125,000,000 bushels was the greatest amount that could be expected.

The allies have been promised 90,000,000 bushels of grain between January 1 and July 1. There is no intention of failing to carry out this program which is regarded as the most important duty now confronting the American people.

Owing to shortage of transportation, the greater part of the export program remains to be carried out and the wheat must be obtained from the scant supply in this country by curtailment of individual consumption.

Wheat holdings at country mills and elevators on March 1 were estimated by the department of Agriculture at 68,972,000 bushels. That is about 20,000,000 bushels less than was held March 1 last year, and 86,000,000 bushels less than in 1916.

PEACE TREATY IS RATIFIED

Final Action Taken by Bolsheviks to Make Peace With Germany.

Moscow—The all-Russian congress of soviets has ratified the peace agreement with Germany by a large majority.

A Bolshevik resolution approving the acts of the government of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and of the peace delegation, and calling for organization of the defense of the country by the creation of a national army of both sexes was passed after Lenin's restoration of peace among the warring factions and his statement that this action was the only way out, intimating that the treaty might be broken under changed circumstances.

The opposition, notably the Social Revolutionaries of the left, made a valiant but futile effort to prevent the acceptance of the treaty, which was characterized by the minister of justice as being "anti-revolution and anti-socialistic."

He said that the Social Revolutionary party repudiated the responsibility for the acceptance of the treaty, would resign from the government and devote all its power and influence to the organization of armed resistance to German imperialism.

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