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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 revolution has broken out in Southern Costa Rica, Jorge Volio has invaded Costa Rica territory from Panama and a force under him is attacking Villa Concepcion Perez, a town on the frontier.

Miss Emma G. Mullen, of New York, was killed in the Paris church struck by a German shell on Good Friday. This increased to five the number of Americans who lost their lives in the church.

In the week ended March 30 Teutonic submarines sank three Italian steamships of more than 1500 tons and destroyed one sailing vessel of more than 100 tons and nine sailing vessels of a tonnage under that figure.

Members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at Knappa, Or., tarred and feathered two pro-German members of the L. W. W. Thursday, and then headed them up the road with a warning not to return.

Charles Cole pleaded guilty to a charge of appropriating \$12,000 worth of Liberty bonds from the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco, where he was employed, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at McNeil's Island.

Germany's bombardment of Paris by long-range guns will only serve to strengthen the resolve of the French to resist the last man if necessary to Teutonic invasion according to a report received at the State department from Ambassador Sharpe at Paris.

There was a sudden and marked decrease in the losses to British shipping through mine and submarine in the past week. The admiralty reports that only six British merchantmen of 1600 tons or over and seven under that tonnage were sunk in the week ended March 30.

Representatives of every state, including more than a dozen governors, met in Washington D. C., Wednesday, at an Americanization conference called by Secretary Lane, of the Interior department, to draft recommendations to congress for legislation providing for a National campaign against illiteracy.

Major General March, acting chief of staff, has directed that the issuance of the daily casualty list be suspended pending definite interpretation from Secretary Baker as to whether it is forbidden by his new order providing that General Pershing's headquarters shall issue all news relating to the troops in France.

About 500 dressed reindeer will be shipped to the food markets of "the states" on the first boat leaving Nome, Alaska, after the breaking-up of the ice on Bering Sea this spring. All winter long a marketing firm has been slaughtering and preparing a certain number for shipment "outside." Several hundred are in cold storage waiting for the boat.

An arrangement has been concluded under which Japan will turn over to the United States 450,000 tons of shipping, of which total 150,000 tons will be supplied immediately, in return for no consideration except the chartering rates of the allies. The Japanese government will make up the difference between this payment and the Far Eastern rate, involving an expenditure of 18,000,000 yen.

The house of the Nebraska legislature has voted in favor of revising the national prohibition amendment. The ratification measure now goes to the senate.

Naval ordnance experts have submitted to Secretary Daniels plans for a heavy gun, which they say will throw a shell 105 miles. They question the military value of the weapon.

150,000 MEN CALLED

Mobilization Orders Sent by Crowder to Governors of Various States—
No Likelihood of Increase.

Washington, D. C.—Approximately 150,000 men will be sent to training camps the five-day period beginning April 26 under orders sent to state governors Monday by Provost Marshal General Crowder for mobilization of the April call of the second draft.

This is three times the number it was originally planned to call and is nearly twice the monthly quota as based on the calling of 800,000 men over a period of nine months.

It is indicated that there will be no increase in the grand total for the year.

Calling out of the increased number was made necessary by the decision of President Wilson to respond without delay to the need of France and Great Britain for reinforcements in the great battle in Picardy.

Vacancies in National Army divisions resulting from the withdrawal of men to complete National Guard and Regular Army units and for the formation of special technical units asked by General Pershing, will be made good by the April draft. Those divisions farthest advanced in training are to receive first attention in order that the maximum number of complete units may be sent abroad soon.

Failure of congress to pass the amendment to the selective service act which would permit the fixing of state quotas on the number of men in class 1 necessitated temporary adherence to the old system.

Local boards have been officially advised, however, that they are to ignore "quotas" for the time being and to simply continue calling up men until they have obtained the number they have been instructed to forward. When a basis for establishing state quotas has been found due credit against future increments will be given for those already called.

Among the men to be called will be approximately 116,700 whites and 33,700 negroes. Pennsylvania leads, with 10,965 called; Ohio is second, with 10,302, and New York third, with 10,171. Idaho will call 604, Nebraska 1460, Nevada 179, Utah 618, Oregon 923 and Washington 1596.

FRENCH OFFICER OPTIMISTIC

Expert Says Huns Can Have Amiens if They Will Pay Price in Lives.

Paris—The German attack Monday on the left bank of the river Oise, between Chauny and Barisis, is taken by some military critics as indicating that the enemy, finding himself cramped in the salient which his offensive had created toward Montdidier and Amiens, is seeking more elbow room, as without it he will be unable to deploy his masses in Hindenburg style.

The retirement of the French to positions prepared in advance cause no uneasiness here.

"People should not allow themselves to be hypnotized by the official bulletins," said one high official.

"In a battle like this," he added, "bulletins showing more or less important advances and retreats are simply geographical summaries which convey little meaning except to those who are directing the operations."

"People ask: 'Will the Boches get Amiens?'"

"My reply is, perhaps they will, if General Foch can smash more German divisions by letting them in than by keeping them out. Unbeaten armies are more important than towns, and what has happened in this battle does not show on the map."

"Germany's gains look like a fat, juicy pear to the newspaper reader, but the kaiser knows how hollow it is at the core."

Lynching to Be Probed.

Collinsville, Ill.—State officials, acting under instructions of the attorney general, probably will take over investigation of the lynching of Robert P. Prager, an enemy alien hanged here last Friday after he had been accused of making disloyal remarks.

Formal investigation started by the coroner will be followed up by the attorney general's office which will assume full charge of the case. All information obtained will be turned over to a special session of the grand jury which opens next week.

ALLIES BLOCK HUNS' PLANS FOR VICTORY

War Department Asserts French and British Upset Schedule.

RESULT IS UNCERTAIN

Position of Allied Armies Declared to Be Better Strategic Standpoint, but Attacks are Expected.

Washington, D. C.—French and British tenacity has upset the ambitious plans of the German high command for the battle of Picardy, says the War department's weekly military review Sunday night, and now the enemy determined to get in some sort of success at any cost, is throwing fresh forces into the battle in an effort to win limited objectives. Because of this, the situation is expected to remain uncertain for some time to come.

General improvement in the strategic position of the allies is noted, and the review declares that under General Foch the allied military machinery is working smoothly and efficiently in stemming the German assault.

There is no mention whatever of the American troops reported hurrying to the front to join the British and French, though the department again mentions that several American transport sections have taken an active part in the battle and that the American aviation service is co-operating with the British artillery.

"At the opening of the third week of the German offensive, we find that the enemy is still far short of attaining his principal objectives," says the review.

"It is now evident that the German high command contemplated overwhelming the British at the outset between the Oise and the Seneze, and driving a wedge into the Franco-British forces."

"The enemy fully expected to achieve a decision in the field in the course of one great battle."

"Evidence of prisoners tends to confirm that the enemy hoped to gain the line of the Somme by the evening of the first day of the offensive. As a matter of fact, it took the Germans 10 days to cover the ground they expected to overrun within 48 hours."

"Under the leadership of General Foch, the allied military machine is functioning with precise smoothness insuring greatest economy, harmony and efficiency in the use of all the forces now united in stemming the German assaults. The morale of the allied troops remains high."

"The German offensive has not spent itself and the situation will continue uncertain for some time to come. However, the general strategic position of the allies is becoming more favorable."

"After a period of relative calm early in last week, during which the enemy was busy bringing up his heavy guns and repairing the wastage of battle by replacing tired units with fresh troops, another powerful attack was launched along the segment of the line now held by the French, stretching from the Amiens Roye road to Grivesnes. The enemy was able to make slight headway. Fierce fighting continues. Allied forces are massed to check the invaders in this area."

"The Austrian armies, with the exception of the few units operating in the Ukraine or in the western area, are now in the Italian theater."

Hun Future is Uncertain.

London—The Birmingham Daily Post says that if statements in Hamburg newspapers are reliable, the prospects of German shipowners after the war are uncertain. It is considered probable that for some years they will have difficulty in again obtaining a foothold in several important trades which they at one time almost monopolized.

Commenting on the same subject the London correspondent of the Liverpool Daily Post says German mercantile marine, which aggregated 3,072,993 tons when the war began, has been depleted to the extent of nearly 3,000,000 tons.

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