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GERMAN IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR RESIGNS

Dr. Georg Michaelis Appointed
to Succeed Von Beth-
mann-Hollweg.

London.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has resigned, according to messages circulated through the wireless stations by the German government.

Dr. Georg Michaelis, Prussian under-secretary of finance and food commissioner, has been appointed to succeed Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

Rumors of the abdication of the Kaiser were not confirmed.

A Bern dispatch says an official telegram has been received there from Berlin announcing the resignation of General von Stein, the Prussian minister of war. The importance of his resignation lies in the fact that the Prussian war ministry is in reality the war ministry for the German empire and that General von Stein is a staunch supporter of the Pan German, who are the bitterest opponents of peace without annexations or indemnities.

The political turmoil which has been convulsing Germany ever since Russia's first startling success on the resumption of her offensive has culminated for the present in the resignation of the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, but all indications serve to show that his resignation, far from being the last act in the drama, is but the beginning of far-reaching developments which are bound to affect the fabric of the German empire and have momentous consequences on the progress of the European struggle.

GENERAL OFFENSIVE BEGUN BY RUSSIANS

Washington.—The whole Russian front from the Gulf of Riga to Roumania is reported in official dispatches from Petrograd to the Russian embassy here to be alive with battle. The Germans are said to be rushing troops from the Italian and French fronts and to be entirely rearranging their positions.

On the northern front near Riga German reinforcements are rushing up by sea transport. On the Lemberg front the troops are being shifted back and forth by means of heavy automobiles in an attempt to prevent further advances by General Korniloff. On the southern front, in the Carpathians, the Austrians are said to be in full flight.

Although the movement of the Russian infantry engaged in General Korniloff's big offensive in eastern Galicia is being hampered by bad weather, the Cossacks apparently have been able to keep up their dashing tactics. This is indicated by the report that the town of Dolina has been occupied by Russian forces.

REPUBLICANS TAKE PEKIN

Complete Restoration of Republic is Indicated by Decisive Victory.

Washington.—The occupation of Pekin by the republican forces, following the surrender at Fung Tai of the Monarchist army of 10,000 men, indicates the complete restoration of the republic, the Chinese legation here declared.

Order in the capital was restored with few casualties. The advisers said that two foreign civilians and four foreign soldiers who ventured to the firing line were slightly wounded.

Chang Hsun, who led the revolt of the imperialists, took refuge in the Dutch legation in order to obtain safe conduct out of the country. Premier Tuan Chi Jui will establish republican headquarters in Pekin immediately, it is said.

German Attacks Repelled.

Paris.—A strong series of German attacks between the Somme and the Aisne and in the Champagne were repulsed everywhere except near Montant in the Champagne, where they retained a few trench elements, the war office announced.

Russians Advance Captures Villages. Petrograd.—On a front of nearly 50 miles from Halls to the foothills of the Carpathians the Russians have advanced westward across the Dniester, capturing several villages and important enemy positions.

1200 I. W. W.'s Placed in Camp. Columbus, N. M.—The 1200 Industrial Workers of the World banished from Bisbee arrived here from Hermans, N. M., and were placed under guard of United States troops.

Colorado Woman N. E. A. President. Portland, Ore.—Mary C. C. Bradford, superintendent of schools of Colorado, was elected president of the N. E. A. at the annual business meeting.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG



Former Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, who was forced to resign as a result of internal troubles in Germany.

MOBILIZATION OF GUARD IS BEGUN

Washington.—Mobilization of the national guard began Monday.

While no orders for embarkation of state troops for France will be given until after August 5, when the entire force will be formally drafted into the United States army, there are indications that some divisions will be regarded as ready to board transports soon after that date.

Rapid progress is being made in relieving guard regiments which have been in the federal service since the declaration of war guarding property. This work will be taken over largely by civilian watchmen.

Departure of the guardmen for France, it was indicated, will be governed by the shipping problem.

War department officials regard many divisions of the state troops as virtually ready now for the intensive training behind the fighting line in France which will prepare them for their place in the trenches. There is no reason why some elements could not go forward at once, except lack of transportation and the submarine menace.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

The reports from Berlin show that the reichstag has gone on strike against the crown and the military party, apparently in the interest of a parliamentary system of government.

In Champagne to the north of Montant and northeast of the Teton, the French in a violent attack captured powerful organized German trench elements on a front of more than 800 yards and to a depth of more than 300 yards.

By the capture of Bukazowice, on the Gnila Lipe river, the Russians are now less than 45 miles from the Galician capital, on the southern side. This represents an advance of more than 17 miles in the Stanislaw-Halcz-Brezany sector since General Korniloff opened his offensive.

The peace clamor is growing both in Germany and Austria-Hungary. Part of the trouble between the reichstag and the governing class is over the government's persistent declaration to state Germany's peace terms on the basis of the non-annexation demanded by what now comprises a majority block in the reichstag.

GREECE ENTERS WAR

Considers Herself a Belligerent and Army Soon to Be Mobilized.

Washington.—Washington has been officially advised that Greece has not only severed relations with Germany and the three other central powers, but is actually in a state of war against them. France has been notified that Greece considers herself a full belligerent and will act accordingly.

Greece is expected to lose no time in mobilizing her war resources and joining effectively in the allies' operations in the Balkans.

Commissioner Jorant, whom the allies entrusted with enforcing Constantinople's abdication, has reported that a Greek army of 250,000 will be raised to add to the 700,000 allied soldiers already in the Balkans.

Seattle Car Men Walk Out.

Seattle.—Between 1500 and 1600 members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees employed by the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company, which operates most of the street railways of Seattle, went on strike Monday night.

DETAIL OF DRAFT PLAN IS GIVEN

Every Registered Man Will Get
Number Showing Liability
For Army Service.

Washington.—Drawing of lots for the selective draft not only will determine what men are to be called to the colors in the first war army but will show in what order the others registered will be liable for service when later armies are organized.

Definite plans for the waiting lists will be given every one of the millions who registered. Those standing at the head of the list in each county or city district will be called first before the examining boards and then the obligation will pass on down the line as long as men are needed.

To prevent embarrassment among those who are exempt, the war department has decided to give with each exemption certificate a bronze badge bearing the inscription, "Exempted—U. S." It is desired to prevent those exempted from any suspicion of being slackers.

In assigning the quota of men that each state must yield for the new army, the war department used the federal census population estimates.

New York leads all others with 69,241. Oregon is asked to yield at least 717. Washington, 7296. Idaho, 2287. California, 22,060. and Alaska, 696.

Because Oregon, in proportion to population, furnished more volunteers for the National Guard and regular army than any other state in the Union, its quota, under the selective draft, is the smallest assigned any of the 48 states.

SENATE AGREES TO PASS FOOD BILL

Washington.—Disposal of the administration food-control bill by the senate, under its agreement for a final vote next Saturday, virtually comprises the entire programme of congress this week. The bill was discussed after Wednesday under a five-minute limit of debate. Prompt agreement of the conference next week is expected so that the legislation will be on the statute books before August 1.

With the food bill and practically all other war legislation congested in the senate, the house virtually will suspend work until next week. New war measures are being brought out almost daily, however, giving capitol leaders little hope of adjournment for many weeks.

Awaiting senate action are the \$640,000,000 aviation measure, the \$1,670,000,000 war tax bill, the trading with the enemy measure and many others of minor importance already passed by the house.

WHEAT CROP NEEDS RAIN

Crop Believed Cut Almost Half by Drouth and Heat.

Portland, Or.—The wheat crop of the Pacific northwest is passing through a critical period. The prolonged dry spell has caused much loss and hot winds in the inland empire are increasing the damage.

Portland grain men, who are keeping in daily touch with the situation in the interior, fear that the northwest will not have more than half a crop this year.

It is the early spring-sown grain that is being hurt in the dry sections of Washington, but in the dry sections of Oregon the late spring-sown wheat is suffering most. Winter wheat is generally in good condition, but the winter-sown acreage is not heavy.

Rains throughout the wheat belt this week would, of course, be of benefit, but the greater part of the damage already done cannot be repaired, in the opinion of crop experts.

Few Mills Reported Closed.

Seattle.—Fifteen lumber and shingle mills out of a total of 700 in western Washington are closed as a result of a general strike order for all mill-workers and shingle-weavers, according to reports to the lumbermen's defense committee for Washington and Oregon. Thirty-five hundred of the 40,000 lumber and shingle mill workers in the same territory have left their employment.

Bo Sweeney is Dead.

Washington.—Bo Sweeney, assistant secretary of the interior, died suddenly at his home here from angina pectoris. Mr. Sweeney had been assistant secretary since 1914, when he left his law practice at Seattle to join Secretary Lane.

Porto Rico Votes Prohibition.

San Juan, Porto Rico.—With 62 out of 76 municipalities completely reported, election returns showed Porto Rico to have voted for prohibition by more than two to one.

ADMIRAL GLENNON



Admiral J. H. Glennon, of the American commission to Russia, whose address quelled a mutiny among the sailors at Sevastopol.

I. W. W. ARE JAILED WHEN MILL BURNS

Klamath Falls, Or.—Klamath Falls is practically under martial law. Armed guards patrol the streets, industries of the city are protected by special deputy sheriffs and I. W. W. are being rounded up like cattle as the result of a fire which destroyed the grain elevator and mill of Martin Brothers and 25,000 bushels of grain. The loss is placed at \$150,000. Incendiarism is suspected.

Immediately after the fire Sheriff Humphrey communicated with Governor Withycombe, swore in 200 deputies and raided the headquarters of the I. W. W., seizing papers and books and arresting 39, some of whom are thought to be local leaders of the organization.

The I. W. W. recently established headquarters here and have been active in the distribution of their literature and in soliciting members. Acting on instructions from the governor, every I. W. W. in the county will be arrested by the sheriff.

CITIZENS GUARD, BISBEE

Will Not Allow "Agitators" to Come Back to Mining District.

Bisbee, Ariz.—While armed civilian guards stood watch over the roads approaching the copper mining district to prevent the return of any of the 118 men exiled from here last week, the mine operators prepared to work their properties on a larger scale than at any time since the strike call is issued by the Industrial Workers of the World went into effect nearly three weeks ago.

Peace officers and leaders of the citizens' association, who conducted the deportation last week, declare they will not tolerate the return of those they termed "agitators" unless they were compelled to by the federal government.

Warships Send Plungers to Bottom.

London.—Four of the largest and most modern German submarines were destroyed by American warships which were conveying the first installment of American troops to France, according to a report from German sources as contained in a Bern dispatch to a Rome news agency, and forwarded from Rome by the Central News.

Scientists Can't Ask Exemption.

Boston.—The Christian Science board of directors announces that a Christian Scientist cannot claim exemption from military service under the draft as a conscientious objector without misrepresenting Christian Science.

Harvest Labor Plentiful.

Washington.—No general shortage of harvest labor exists in western states, according to reports gathered by the department of labor's employment bureau from federal agents and state labor commissioners.

Freight to Be Moved.

Washington.—Creation of a division of car service to deal with the movement, distribution, exchange, interchange and return of freight cars was announced by the interstate commerce commission.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$2.07; bluestem \$2.10; red Russian, \$2.06; forty-fold, \$2.08.

Barley—No. 1 feed; \$42 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa \$18.

Butter—Creamery, 37c.

Eggs—Ranch, 33c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 61c; valley, 75c.

Mohair—45c per lb.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Rainier held its third annual sweet pea show last week.

Linn county now has 18 branches of the Red Cross society.

The Albany fruit juice factory began pressing jumboberries Monday.

The Oregon state pioneers' annual reunion is to be held in Portland Thursday.

Bank deposits in Yamhill county show an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 for the year.

Albany employees in the fire and street departments may be increased \$10 a month.

Albany may soon employ a motorcycle policeman to catch violators of the city speed laws.

The southern Oregon chautauqua opened at Ashland last week with the largest crowd in its history.

Brush burning in the brush above Mabel, near a rich timber region, have been causing some concern.

The U. S. senate has decided to hold memorial services for the late Senator Harry Lane of Oregon on August 12.

Two forest fires last week threatened valuable timber, one in Columbia county and the other in Tillamook county.

John Livingstone and his son Evert, homesteaders near Estacada, are believed to have drowned in the Clackamas river.

The body of Mrs. Elise Wilder, of Silverton, was found in the Willamette river at Albany. She had committed suicide.

Coos Bay was selected as the next place of meeting of the United Swedish Singers of the Pacific coast at the close of their convention at Tacoma.

All troops in the Oregon national guard not now in federal service, with the single exception of staff corps and departments, will be mobilized on July 25.

Robert Booth, pioneer minister, last of those closely identified with early religious work in Oregon, died at the home of his son, R. A. Booth, in Eugene.

A company to be known as the Pacific Coast Lumber Mills, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has been organized to manufacture flax and hemp products in Portland.

Professor M. B. McKay of the department of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural college has been called to eastern Oregon to investigate a serious potato disease.

Organizing to cooperate with the state officials in the conservation of the fish and game resources of central Oregon, Bend sportsmen will form a rod and gun club.

At the next meeting of the state highway commission Friday, July 20, bids will be received for paving work involving the expenditure of over one half million dollars.

Appeals to the supreme court will be prosecuted in practically all the Benson & Hyde cases, according to Judge A. C. Shaw, of Portland, one of the attorneys in the case.

Application for permit for the irrigation of 2700 acres of land in lower Powder valley, Baker county, has been made State Engineer Lewis by F. A. Phillips, Russell Ingle and A. N. Ingle.

Eastern Oregon has for the past two weeks sweltered under a hot sun, and as a result wheat harvesting preparations have been hastened, and it is likely harvesting will begin within the next few days.

All night fishing in the lower harbor at Astoria stopped Monday, under an order of the navy department prohibiting small craft, including fishing boats, from frequenting that portion of the harbor at night.

In compliance with the request of the highway commission, the state board of control decided to issue bonds totaling \$400,000 to procure funds to match the federal appropriation for highway work in this state.

Sea weeds and mussels may find their way to Oregon tables if investigations now being conducted by University of Oregon faculty members disclose that these products of the Pacific Northwest are valuable as food.

Many small dairymen in Linn county who milk from three to half a dozen cows expect to go out of the business this fall owing to the heavy expense in complying with the inspection law enacted with a loss of nearly \$28,000.

Six steel steamers, each of 8800 tons deadweight, will be turned out at Portland for the republic of France, four contracts having been closed with the Northwest Steel company and two with the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation.

The chamber of commerce of Grants Pass has arranged, subject to the approval of State Fire Commissioner Harvey Wells, for the conducting of classes in fire fighting methods to teach constables of rural towns and villages modern methods of handling fires.

With proposals which will be prepared soon for advertising still further work on the Columbia highway in Hood River county, the work so far mapped out for the year by the state highway commission is a little in excess of \$1,000,000.

During the past week 335 accidents, of which three were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission. The fatal accidents were Jasper Howell, Austin, sawmill, Bert Manning, Westport, sawmill, and Otto Timm, London, logging.

Contracts were closed at New York between the Foundation company, of that city, and representatives of the French government, whereby the former will construct 40 wooden steamers for France. Twenty of the vessels will be built at Portland.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Editorial association closed at Pendleton with the election of the following officers: A. E. Voorhies, president; George H. Currey, Jr., vice-president; Phil S. Bates, secretary, and E. F. Brodie, member of executive committee.

Owing to the fact that the merchants and business men of the The Dalles have subscribed liberally to liberty bonds and Red Cross funds and further that there will be additional call for money, it has been deemed wise not to hold the Wasco county fair this fall.

Unless the greatest precautions are taken this state will suffer heavy losses from forest fire this year, according to State Forester F. A. Elliott. He bases this prediction upon the unusually dry season and the difficulty, owing to the dry timber, of controlling fires once they get started.

The Oregon & California Railroad company, which owns the main line operated by the Southern Pacific in Oregon, received during 1916 as income from lease of road the sum of \$1,807,743, according to the company's annual report filed with the public service commission.

Opening of the Oregon & California grant lands, for which arrangements have been practically completed by the general land office, is clouded with uncertainty as a result of the attorney general's opinion advising against payment of any penalties or interest on taxes to be paid by the government.

Following action taken at a meeting of the board in Portland on June 1, the state game and fish commission has posted Hood River and Herman creek of Hood River county as salmon spawning streams, and following July 25 the streams will be closed indefinitely to all forms of fishing except angling with hook and line.

Figures gleaned from the forthcoming Oregon blue book, which will be issued by Secretary Olcott shortly, show that in the eight regular and two special elections since 1902, at which initiative or referendum measures have been voted on, a total of 155 measures have been submitted to the people. Of this number 56 have passed and 99 have been defeated.

Following a conference between Governor James Withycombe, Adjutant General George A. White and State Fire Marshal Harvey Wells as to the I. W. W. situation in eastern Oregon the adjutant general announced that there is in process of formation a battalion to be made up of men of experienced military training, to be stationed permanently in Oregon for home defense.

An entirely new route for the Pacific highway between Junction City and Eugene has been proposed by the engineers of the state highway commission. The plan, which has been made as a suggestion for the consideration of the Lane county court, contemplates the elimination of the river road, now a part of the Pacific highway, and the hard surfacing of a prairie road paralleling the Oregon Electric railroad for the greater part of the distance. The new road would be about the same length as the present road and four miles west of the river road.

Five visitors to the state druggists' convention at Seaside were seriously injured while taking a spin in an auto to Cannon beach, when the machine ran into a crab-hole and overturned. The men injured are: C. A. Skelton, Portland representative of the United States Rubber Co., two ribs broken; W. L. Ferdon, of San Francisco, back injured and cut about the face and legs; A. W. Allen, secretary of the association, face cut and teeth jarred loose; Glen D. Hart, of Portland, bruised about the head and body; W. R. Sawyer, knee injured and body bruised and cut.

Hundreds of trees in the Long Tom district of Lane county, infected with fire blight, have been cut down and destroyed during the last few weeks upon the direction of C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector. The field of his operations have extended as far north as the Benton county line. The blight, which is declared to be the worst disease known to attack fruit trees, has been spreading badly among the wild Hawthorne and crabapple trees in the Long Tom bottoms. The only remedy is the destruction of the trees. A few fruit trees on farms in that region were also found to be infected and were destroyed.