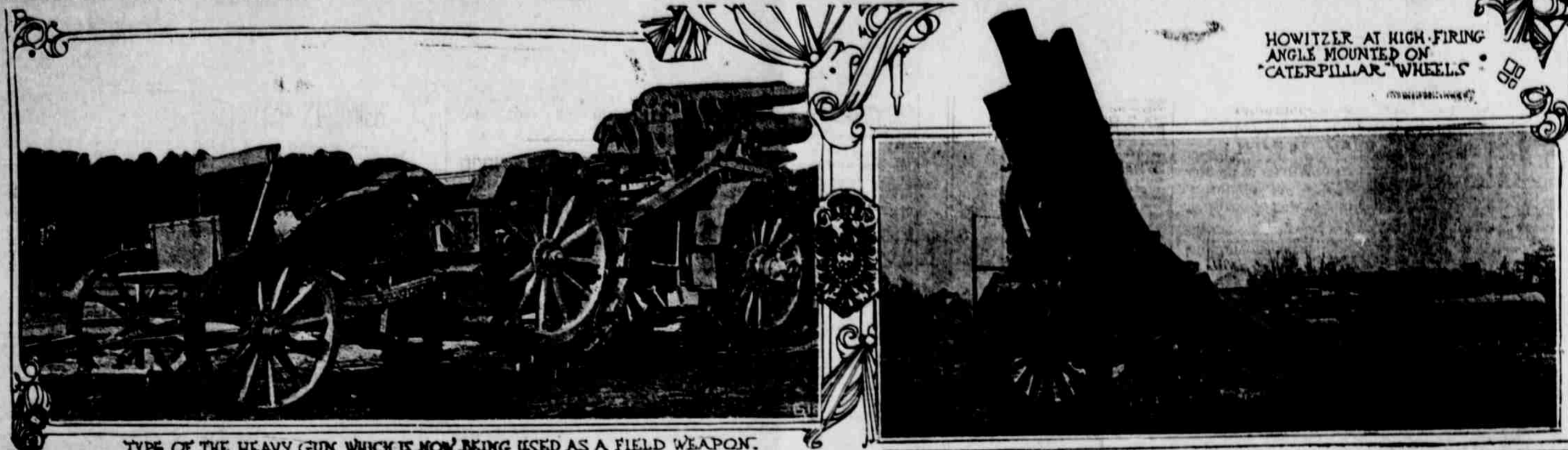


MONSTER GUNS GERMANS ARE TURNING AGAINST THEIR FOES WHICH WILL PLAY A BIG PART IN COMING BATTLES



HOWITZER AT HIGH-FIRING ANGLE MOUNTED ON "CATERPILLAR" WHEELS

TYPE OF THE HEAVY GUN WHICH IS NOW BEING USED AS A FIELD WEAPON.

TENNESSEE AWAITS SAFE ESCORT TO DIFFERENT CAPITALS

FAIRMOUTH, Eng., Aug. 19.—Via London, Aug. 19, 11:15 a. m.—The United States cruiser Tennessee, which should have sailed at dawn today for the Hook of Holland, on its mission relieving stranded Americans in Europe, did not depart.

Henry S. Breckinridge, United States assistant secretary of war, in explanation of the delay said: "I had expected to receive information from all European governments promising safe escort for my representatives in conveying treasures to the different capitals. I also expected some definite information through Ambassador Walter Hines Page from the continent of Europe, as to the exact number of Americans stranded in the various countries. As this has not arrived I must stay on until it does, so that I can instruct my representatives exactly what to do."

"I shall remain here until I receive all information."

The cruiser North Carolina which anchored in the channel all night, left at dawn for Cherbourg. The Tennessee will communicate with her by cable.

American sailors here complain of the high charges for changing their money. They lose eight cents on each five dollar piece.

CROSS OF THE LEGION PRESENTED TO MAYOR

PARIS, Aug. 19, 12:55 a. m.—President Poincare has signed the nomination of Joseph Benoit, mayor of Badenville, in Meurthe-et-Moselle, for the Cross of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his exhibition of energy and magnanimity.

According to the official records Benoit's wife was killed by German soldiers who bombarded their home. Benoit later saved the life of one of the Germans who had been arrested and was threatened by the enraged townspeople.

MORE PAPER MONEY ISSUED BY ITALY

PARIS, Aug. 19, 11:15 a. m.—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Valvas Agency says an issue of new paper notes has been authorized by royal decree. The notes are to be five and ten lire (\$1 and \$2) to the amount of 350,000,000 lire (\$70,000,000) entirely covered by silver in the treasury.

Bills of one and two lire (20 and 40 cents) also will be issued.

BELGIANS EXECUTE THREE INFORMERS

LOUVAIN, Belgium, via Paris Aug. 19, 5 a. m.—Three spies, a German man and a Belgian man and woman, were tried by court martial and shot for warning the Germans after the battle of Diest of the prospect which awaited them at Liège.

THREE CENT RATE LAW VALID FOR SOUTHERN STATES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The inter-state railroad passenger fare of three cents a mile through Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma was upheld by the Inter-State Commerce Commission today acting on complaints of the public service commissions of those states, which sought to have the two cent intra-state rate made the basis of through traffic charges.

The commission's ruling is important, as the reduction sought would have had a wide influence on passenger traffic rates generally. Six states, Arkansas, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma established two cent intra-state rates in 1907 and resulting litigation brought a ruling from the supreme court that nothing confiscatory could be found to justify the railroads' complaint.

GRAND TRUNK STEAMER ASHORE UPON ROCKS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 19.—Vancouver officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific were without any further news today of the accident of the steamer Prince Albert, which went ashore in a fog on Butterworth Rock 25 miles from Prince Rupert, last night. Officials here say that the boat can be gotten off and will be towed to Rupert by the Prince John and the government steamer Lilloet, both of which are standing by. A brief message from the north says that the passengers aboard who numbered less than twenty are quiet safe and are supposed to have been taken ashore. The vessel is worth about \$10,000.

PARIS CONDITIONS APPROACH NORMAL

PARIS, Aug. 19, 10:10 a. m.—A further evidence today of a return in Paris to some of the conditions which prevailed during the mobilization was the reappearance of flower girls on the city streets. The fact that they had fresh cut flowers for sale shows that the train service can be used for something else than the movement of troops and military supplies. Nearly all the flowers seen in profusion in Paris during the summer months come from the south of France.

The restriction of military orders against the use of any foreign language in telephoning still is in operation and rigidly enforced.

ENGLISH STEAMER SERVICE RESUMED

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The announcement of Ambassador Page from London that English steamship service had been ordered to resume has resulted in an easier feeling in importing circles. Lines that responded to this feeling included drugs, chemicals, olive, coconut and other oils, rubber, pig tin and spices.

RING TO SMUGGLE CHINESE UNEARTHED AT COAST CITIES

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.—While local federal authorities today prepared to prosecute on evidence of the existence of a gigantic Chinese smuggling ring, developed by the federal industrial relations commission hearings, the commissioners decided to push their inquiry into the matter further in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Hearings will be held in those two cities within the next month.

Thus far the only San Francisco end to the importation of the Chinese is the fact that Claud E. Stevens, the Seattle attorney who brought 96 of them in as "students" only to have them disappear soon after he had placed them in college, got more than 60 of them through the California port. The commission has been unable to locate any of these Chinese, and it is thought possibly some of them may be found in either San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Washington authorities will be asked to aid the commission in determining how it was possible for Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Sarah E. Hing, who brought in 20 Chinese "students" to defeat the purpose of the exclusion law so easily. None will make the direct statement, but it is intimated that several "higher-ups" in the federal service may be involved. A general report on Chinese smuggling will be made by the commission of December 1.

The commissioners left here today for Portland, where a hearing is to be devoted wholly to the question of social unrest will be opened tomorrow.

BOARD OF TRADE UNDER INQUIRY

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—A hint that the federal investigation of recent increases in food prices might embrace examination of certain board of trade transactions was given by District Attorney Wilkerson today.

"I have received a number of complaints against the board of trade relating to certain operations there, but have not yet opportunity in the rush of other business, to scrutinize them," he said. "Consequently I prefer not to discuss them now."

Mr. Wilkerson said the grand jury expected to complete the investigation of high meat prices first.

STRICT NEUTRALITY OBSERVED AT SHANGHAI

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—A statement given out by the Far Eastern bureau says that at a conference of the foreign consuls in Shanghai it was agreed that the chairman of the consular union should issue a proclamation of strict neutrality to be observed by all nations engaged in commerce at that port.

The business of Shanghai is divided among the Americans, British, Germans, Japan, French and Russians, who express themselves sincerely in their support of the consular union's action. The market is greatly affected by the European war and business is temporarily disorganized.

MONEY ISSUED UNDER HUERTA IS REPUDIATED

First Act of Carranza is to Declare Void Sixty Millions of Six Per Cent Gold Bonds Made by Huerta Regime and Currency Issued Thereon—New Cabinet is Announced.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 19.—A decree is to be issued tomorrow by the governor of the federal district repudiating government notes of the issue of July 25 last. This issue was made during the regime of Provisional President Francisco Carbajal on the authorization of the \$60,000,000 six per cent ten year gold bonds made by the Huerta administration. About \$10,000,000 of this paper is now in circulation.

The repudiation is based on the decree issued by Venustiano Carranza on April 26 refusing to recognize the acts of the Huerta government. New Cabinet Named

The new constitutional cabinet was announced last night as follows: Minister of foreign affairs, Ysidro Fabela; minister of interior, Elizo Arredondo; minister of public instruction, Dr. Miguel Silva; minister of communication, Ygnacio Bonillas; minister of finance, Felicitos Villarreal; minister of war, Eduardo Hay.

The appointment of minister of justice has been deferred awaiting reorganization of the courts.

The mustering out of the federal troops is proceeding rapidly. Four thousand were released today, each enlisted man receiving \$10 and his fare home, while the officers received \$20 and their fare.

Executions for Theft

While absolute order prevails everywhere, the rigors of military government have been in no way slackened. Two thieves disguised in the uniform of constitutionalists were executed at a police station today and their bodies exposed to the view of the curious crowds. As in former cases, warning placards were pinned on the breasts of the dead men.

ACCUSE GERMANS OF BREAKING WAR RULES

PARIS, Aug. 19, 10:50 a. m.—The Brussels correspondent of the Havas agency telegraphs as follows: "A committee to inquire into alleged breaches of the laws of war by the Germans, has drawn up its statement of facts in the cases of Major Van Damme, who was alleged to have captured at Haslen August 12 and dispatched, it is claimed, by a revolver shot from the Germans. It is set forth that Major Knappen was killed under similar circumstances at Orsmaal on August 9."

"Emile Vanderveld, the socialist leader in the Belgian chamber of deputies, who recently became minister of state, has returned from a visit to Paris where he conferred with the prominent men of all parties. He says that his visit gave him absolute certainty of final victory for the allies."

WATER RATES FIXED BY COUNCIL FOR SUBURBANITES

Two months of calm aldermanic dilly dallying was closed Tuesday night when a resolution fixing the following rates for Siskiyou Heights residents was passed without debate, deliberation or delay:

A minimum charge of \$1.75 per month up to 5,000 gallons, and 15 cents per 1,000 gallons for all usage over 5,000 and up to 50,000 gallons, and 10 cents per 1,000 gallons for all over 50,000 gallons. The first rate proposed was a minimum charge of \$2.50 per month, with a 25 cent per 1,000 gallons charge from 5,000 to 50,000 gallons, and 15 cents per 1,000 for all over 50,000 gallons.

The council consumed two months in reaching the final agreement, which is a victory for the Siskiyou Heights citizens.

AUSTRIAN STEAMER EMILIA TAKEN AS PRIZE OF WAR

Oran, Algeria, via Paris, Aug. 19, 4:10 a. m.—The Austrian steamer Emilia of 3587 tons, bound for Trieste, was stopped by a gun from Fort St. Gregoire and brought in here as a prize by a tug. The captain was unaware that war had broken out.

HOLD-UP PAIR ROB THREE AT PISTOL'S POINT

Two highwaymen with a nickel-plated revolver held up and robbed three men in 15 minutes in the railroad yards early this morning. Their victims were Fred Hansen, assistant S. P. superintendent, C. W. Howard and Jess Hamilton, and their profits 80 cents and two watches.

Howard and Hamilton were going down the track when they were halted by the pair—one long, one short. Howard was deprived of 80 cents, and Hamilton of his watch. The robbery over the two victims were forced to climb into a refrigerator car, and the door locked. In a few minutes the car was switched to near the Medford Ice and Storage plant. Workmen heard their cries for help and unlocked the door. Howard sassed the thugs and received a tap over the head with the butt end of the pistol for his pains.

Fred Hansen, assistant superintendent of the Southern Pacific, was held up at the point of a revolver last night near the Medford Grocery company warehouse and relieved of a valuable watch.

Several freight trains were in the yard at the time and it is thought the party committing the hold up escaped on one of these trains. The

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MEDFORD TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 7

Public schools of the city will open Monday, September 7th, which is no harm of Gilead to small boys. This date was fixed at a meeting of the school board Tuesday evening.

Vacancies in the teaching corps were filled as follows: John Kerns, principal of the Jackson school, and M. G. Morse, professor of sciences in High School. Miss Theon Carlin and Miss Bess Kentner were named to fill grammar grade vacancies.

Tuition rates for out of town pupils in the grammar grades were fixed at \$3 a year, and \$6 for the High School.

An estimate of the list of supplies for the schools was taken under consideration.

The tax levy for the year will be fixed at the next regular board meeting.

Police have the description of the robber, but have no clue so far.

The police were notified and a search made with no results. A good description of the pair was secured, and sent north and south. All transients were rounded up and those unable to give an account of themselves ordered out of town.

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