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RUSSIA TO HALT GERMAN INVASION TO ATTACK TURKS

LONDON, Nov. 9, 9:55 a. m.—Russia dominates the military situation today. The speed with which she has cleared the invaders from Rumania Poland must necessarily have a great effect on the campaigns in the other war theater.

Already the inhabitants are reported fleeing from their prosperous Silesian homes despite the fact that General Von Hindenburg's strong army is between them and the advancing Russians. But something besides the might of the German arms may enable them to remain still and for some time in security, for a significant message from Petrograd announces that Russia may defer the invasion of Germany until her historic mission toward the Bosphorus is accomplished.

This mission includes the complete subjugation of Austro-Hungary as well as the invasion of Turkey, and if this is the actual plan of the grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief the Russians may be content to hold their present positions along the German border while making an aggressive war toward the south and east.

Persistent reports continue to reach London that the Germans are sending heavy reinforcements to their western lines. News of a contrary nature, to the effect that the Germans are preparing to retreat through Belgium, also is rife, but the experts seem to place more credence on the reports of reinforcements and the coming week is looked forward to as one of the most crucial of the war.

Czech raids across the German border continue and Berlin now admits that the Russians are well beyond the Warthe river. The Russian advance has been made over bad roads at the amazing rate of 14 miles daily and the German retreat has now passed Czernotchova without stopping.

Another Petrograd report states that Czernotchova is still held as the last German position in Russia, but that it is regarded as untenable.

RUSSIA'S BLACK SEA FLEET LOSES

PARIS, Nov. 8, 11:21 p. m.—Advices received here from Vienna say that the Russians are rapidly advancing on Cracow and that as a consequence the Austro-Hungarian military authorities are betraying great anxiety and are calling every available man to the colors.

It is said that in the last landsturm levy a supplementary notice of which has been issued in Germany, all strangers warned that non-residents are liable to landsturm service, especially the refugees from Galicia and Bukovina, and that in their own interests they should immediately report themselves to the Vienna conscription bureau.

According to these advices cholera continues to spread.

WAR PUTS FRANCE IN DRY COLUMN

PARIS, Nov. 9.—Permanent prohibition of the sale of absinthe and kindred alcoholic beverages in France may be a result of the war. Transportation and sale of absinthe were forbidden when the war began, but traffic in other intoxicants was continued. The government has now supplemented its original order with another forbidding the sale of any alcoholic drinks similar to absinthe. There is a marked movement in all parts of France tending to perpetuate this prohibition.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION

THE deposition of Carranza as provisional president by the convention of Mexican army leaders now in session indicates that the real revolutionists, the element that seeks fundamental change, the faction representing the demands and welfare of the people, is in the majority. If these demands, voiced by Zapata and Villa, are not met, the revolution will probably continue, until changes sought receive official recognition and become the law of the land.

Carranza has not shown himself, from the very first, in sympathy with the agrarian revolt. Pompous, stiff and formal, deeply impressed with his own importance, his desire seems chiefly to have been office, not reform. The radical program proposed, that rallied the revolutionary leaders to his banner, has been changed by success to a conservative one. What else could be expected from a chief whose campaign was financed by the Standard Oil?

Land hunger, the desire of the poor for the restoration of his own small farm, confiscated under the reign of Diaz, this is the motive of the revolution. Land held for generations by the pueblos and communities and farmed by individuals, was thrown by Diaz and his ministers into the large holdings and the independent farmer made a slave. This exploitation of the Mexican people, in progress since the days of the Spanish conquest, but far worse in the last half century, reached a point where it became unbearable and the revolution is the result.

Villa has repeatedly shown his sympathy with the aims and ideals of the revolution. Time and again he has defied the conservative Carranza and ruthlessly confiscated and subdivided among the people the huge estates in the states conquered by his military skill. Chihuahua and other states testify to his administrative ability. A born leader, he has recognized the cancer afflicting Mexico and ruthlessly played the surgeon.

Zapata in the south has played the same role as Villa in the north. Ruling Morelos, a great agricultural state, he has joined revolt after revolt, sustained by the people of his district. His attacks extend to the suburbs of the capital itself, but all efforts to conquer him have failed. He openly stands for the poor people, demanding beneficial results at once, even at the expense of so-called "vested rights." In a manifesto recently issued in the Voz de Juarez (Voice of Juarez) of Mexico City he sets forth the aims of the revolution as follows:

This agrarian revolution is not being fought to gratify the ambitions of one person, nor a group of persons, nor of a political party. It is a deeper crisis, and has higher aims. The man of the fields was hungry and full of misery; he had been exploited beyond endurance, and at last he took up arms to win the bread which the rich in their greed denied him; to obtain possession of the lands which were in the grasp of the selfish proprietors; and to recover his manhood which the slave driver so long had outraged. He embarked upon revolution, not to win illusory political rights which fell to him, but to provide food, to procure a bit of ground which would yield him bread, liberty, a home, independence, and a chance to get ahead. Those who think that the establishment of a military government, that is, a despotic government, will assure the pacification of the country, are sadly mistaken. This can be accomplished only by rendering every element of the old regime impotent, and by creating new interests closely united with the revolution, sharing its dangers, and its prosperity.

The greater part, if not all of the territory, which must be "nationalized" represents land wrested from small proprietors with the connivance of the Diaz dictatorship. The second aim is the restitution of these lands to their original individual owners, and the indigenous communities or pueblos. This great act of justice will be followed by presenting those who never had anything with a portion of the lands confiscated from the accomplices of dictatorship, or expropriated from the spendthrift heirs of the old land-robbers, who do not even trouble themselves to cultivate their inheritance. Thus will the hunger for land and the appetite for liberty, which are felt from one end of the republic to the other, be satisfied.

This will be the formidable reply to the savagery of the landed proprietors who, in the twentieth century, in the heart of free America, have maintained a system of exploitation which would scarcely have been borne by the most unhappy serfs of the Middle Ages.

The country wants something more than the vague promises of Senor Fabila, supplemented by nothing better than Carranza's astute silence. It aims to break at once with the feudal epoch. It aims to destroy at once the relations of master and serf, of overseer and slave, which obtains from Tamaulipas to Chiapas and from Sonora to Yucatan.

The masses of our people desire to live under conditions of civilization, to breathe the air of economic liberty which they have never enjoyed, and which will remain unknown to them if they leave in authority a traditional "Senor" of the old regime, disposing according to his pleasure of the persons of his laborers, held down by pitifully insignificant wage, and brutalized by poverty and ill-treatment.

"Administrative reform" for those who have no share in government, "liberty of the press" for those who do not know how to read and write, "freedom of the ballot" for those who do not know the candidates, "correct administration of justice" for those who never employ a lawyer—these democratic graces, these fine words which used to tickle our grandfathers, have lost their charm for the people of today. They have come to realize that with elections or without them, with suffrage or without it, with dictatorship and a gagged press or with liberty of the press, always and under all conditions they continue to suffer from their bitterness, enduring their hardships, stifling as best they can their never-ending humiliations. On this account the agrarian revolution, distrustful the chiefs who have taken to themselves the airs of conquerors, has adopted the wise precaution to require that all the revolutionary chieftains of the entire country shall participate in the naming of a president ad interim for calling the elections, for it is clear that upon the ad interim president depends the future of the revolution and the fate of the republic. What more just than that all the interested representatives of a nation in arms should unite in the designation of the functionary to whose keeping shall be entrusted the Tabernacle of revolutionary promises and the Ark of the Covenant with the yearning people? After the fear of the part of the so-called Constitutionalists to pass through the crucible of revolutionary revolution and to render tribute to the democratic principle of free discussion of a candidate to represent all the people?

Time to Prune Roses

To the Editor:

Having had over 30 years experience in handling and growing rose bushes, I wish to say that pruning of rose bushes at this time of the year is about the worst thing that could be done.

All bushes pruned now will make a young growth of several inches in a short time and the first heavy frost that comes will not only kill the it.

young shoots but very probably freeze into the old wood, wherever it has been cut.

Especially is this true of all Tea and Hybrid Tea roses, many of them in fact being very apt to freeze to the ground if they are pruned now.

The proper and only time to prune roses is not before February 1st, and the 15th is a still better time to do it.

W. M. FORDE.

TWIN FALLS CANAL
LOSES ITS APPEAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The appeal of the Twin Falls Canal company from the decision of the Idaho supreme court, which held that reclamation companies, under the Carey act, would be required to furnish water to irrigate the entire project, was dismissed today by the supreme court of the United States for want of jurisdiction.

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IOWA TOWN LARGEST
DONATOR TO WAR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Schaller, Ia., has taken the lead of Kansas City, which hitherto held the highest per capita record in contributions to the European war relief fund of the American Red Cross. With a population of 600, Schaller has given 10 cents per capita. New York and Chicago contributed, in the order named, larger sums than any other cities, but not in proportion to the population.

PEACE EFFORTS TO SETTLE WAR BASEBALL WORLD

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Efforts to restore peace between organized baseball and the Federal league were rewarded with progress here today, according to August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, who held an hour's conference here with Charles Weeghman, a high Federal league official.

It was said a second conference would be held late today at which it was likely terms for the purchase by Weeghman of a controlling interest in the Chicago National league club would be discussed. It was admitted that Weeghman holds an option on the controlling interest in the club.

Herrmann said that some serious problems, including that of taking care of the ballplayers, must be solved before peace could be reached.

Both Herrmann and Weeghman said they acted in their conference as individuals, but that should their preliminary negotiations be successful, they would ask authority from their respective colleagues to draw up the actual treaty of peace.

Herrmann expected to leave tonight for the minor league meeting at Omaha in company with B. R. Johnson, president of the American league.

EXECUTIONS TO CREATE LOYALTY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 9, via Sofia and London, 12:35 p. m.—There is a degree of anxiety in governmental circles regarding the attitude of certain sections of the people of Constantinople. An evidence of this is found in the activity of the courts-martial.

The local police maintain a close surveillance over the population, and any one expressing anti-government views is immediately arrested and court-martialed. A considerable number of public executions have taken place in the last few days.

YEAR'S CORN CROP MOST VALUABLE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—This year's corn crop is perhaps the most valuable ever grown, owing to its increased price on account of the European war. The department of agriculture announced today in its preliminary estimate, that the crop would amount to 2,765,692,000 bushels, and that on November 1 farmers were being paid 69.7 cents a bushel. The value of the crop therefore, based on November 1 figures, is \$1,885,867,324.

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DURANT LEADS IN PHOENIX RACE ACROSS DESERT

BARSTOW, Cal., Nov. 9.—With R. C. Durant driving car No. 2 out in front with a margin of six minutes, the leaders in the seventh Los Angeles-Phoenix trans-desert race are strung out this afternoon on the roughest going of the desert, bound for the first control, Needles, on the Colorado river.

Barney Oldfield, driving No. 5, arrived here first, 136 miles from Los Angeles, at 9:10 a. m. His elapsed time was three hours and forty minutes. Olin Davis, No. 4, was in second, three hours and forty-three minutes from Los Angeles. Durant's time here was three hours and forty-one minutes, but he went through in a hurry, leaving Oldfield, who stopped for new fuel supplies. Benadett, who left Los Angeles first, checked in fourth.

Nineteen cars were in the race at this stage, but four were badly damaged, and are not expected to reach Needles, 167 miles away.

Three drivers hurt were the casualties up to this point. F. J. Pink, whose car was ditched fifteen miles out of Los Angeles, is in a hospital at San Bernardino, but not seriously injured. Sprague and Buckius, whose car, No. 16, overturned in the desert, were painfully bruised, but continued in the race with their damaged car.

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RUSSIAN FORCES DRIVING GERMANS OUT OF POLAND

PETROGRAD, via London, 1:19 p. m., Nov. 9.—What is described here as a continued and irresistible offensive of the Russian army, resulting in the evacuation of Poland by the Germans, is reported today as successfully establishing itself in German territory at Pleschen, fifteen miles west of the Russian-German frontier.

In addition, the Germans are said to be generally relinquishing the stand along the Warthe river. This advance was accomplished, it is stated, by the Russian cavalry movement in outflanking the German left.

Russian penetration of German territory to Pleschen, Prussia, no less west of Kalisz, upon which latter point the Germans appear to be withdrawing, threatens the German line of communications.

Along the south Polish frontier, the Russians attacked the Austrian rear guard at Pincow, which commands an important crossing on the upper Vistula, twenty-five miles from Cracow. It is asserted here that a general retreat of the Austrian forces on Cracow as a new base is now apparent.

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