

UNCLE SAM TO DECLARE WAR ON SAVAGE SHARKS

Officials Unable to Account for Unprecedented Attacks Upon Human Beings—Co-operation in Patrolling Eastern Coasts and Killing Man-Eaters—Hard to Fight.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Instructions were sent by the treasury department both to the coast-guard cutters and lifesaving stations to aid in killing sharks and when possible waru resorts of their proximity.

Secretary Redfield told the cabinet that the bureau of fisheries had been unable to offer any scientific explanation of the unprecedented attacks upon human beings.

Hard to Fight Sharks

A formal statement made public by Acting Director Moore of the fisheries bureau said the bureau experts reluctantly had been compelled to come to the conclusion that no certain effective measures could be recommended, but advised a shark-catching campaign and warned bathers to stay in shallow water. Attention was called to the small number of attacks compared with the vast army of bathers, with the suggestion that there appeared to be no reason for panic among the people at seaside resorts.

"There are always a few sharks off the coast, particularly in summer, but the recent deplorable tragedies are entirely unprecedented in temperate waters, although the bureau has had reliable reports of similar occurrences in the tropics," said the statement.

No Exclusive Man-Eaters

"There are no 'man-eaters' in the sense of implying exclusive or common addiction to a diet of human flesh. The sharks as a whole are promiscuous eaters, living principally on live fish, but ready to eat any animal matter, dead or alive. Under stress of hunger they become quite bold, and while it is impossible to make a positive statement to that effect, it is probable that a few individuals temporarily deprived of their ordinary food, have been driven by stress of circumstances to attack prey which ordinarily they would avoid."

A resolution was introduced in the house today by Representative Bachman of New Jersey, authorizing the department of commerce to co-operate with state authorities in an effort to exterminate the sharks and appropriate \$5,000 for the purpose.

JOINT COMMISSION ON BORDER TROUBLE

WASHINGTON, July 14.—President Wilson and his cabinet went over today the preliminary proposals for settlement by diplomatic negotiation of difficulties with Mexico, framed by Acting Secretary Polk of the state department and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate.

It is generally believed that Mr. Polk and Mr. Arredondo have recommended the formation of a joint commission to consider questions involved in the border dispute and to prepare plans for co-operative action against bandits.

Mr. Arredondo is said to have submitted the commission plan to his government.

BAND CONCERT AT CITY PARK TONIGHT

A splendid program of popular and classical music will be offered by the Medford band under the direction of Bandmaster Rowland at the city park this evening. The overture "Choral" will be heard for the first time in Medford, and the Gavotte "Stephanie" is being played by request. "March 'The Men of Harlech,'" is an old favorite Welsh air and is not as many people think the national Welsh anthem. The program which will commence at 8 is as follows: Nautical march, "Skipper Susie Green"; Ransay Popular, "That Italian Serenade"; Overture, "Choral"; Clement Gavotte, "Stephanie"; Calibia (By request); Selection, "Bohemian Girl"; Ballet Revue, "Adoration"; Barnard Concert waltz, "Elaine"; Baxtor Welsh march, "Men of Harlech"; Thomas Star Spangled Banner.

VERDUN FORCES NOT WITHDRAWN BY ALLIES' DRIVE

Offensive Along Somme Has Not Caused Taking of Single Man or Gun From Verdun, Says German Report—German Success on Meuse Again Proves German Superiority.

BERLIN, July 14.—The offensive of the entente allies on the western front has not caused the withdrawal by the Germans of a single man or a single gun from the Verdun front, where the attack on the French fortress is being consistently and successfully pressed, says a statement issued today by the Overseas News agency, summarizing newspaper comments on the western front campaign.

"The German success reported yesterday to have been won on the right bank of the Meuse near Fort Souville, and Lunee plateau is commented upon by the German newspapers as an event of remarkable importance," says the news agency. This, the

first enterprise attempted at Verdun since the beginning of the great enemy offensive, proves conclusively that the head of the German army, despite all hostile attacks on both the eastern and western fronts, has not lost sight of the original object in view.

No Troops Withdrawn

"No German soldier, and no German cannon have been withdrawn from Verdun and the battle is continuing successfully with the initiative in the hands of the Germans. If Germany's enemies had hoped to seize the initiative by the attacks of their armies of millions of men, and lay down a course of action for the Germans, they have been bitterly disappointed by the course of events.

"After their brief successes won at the beginning of their offensive the advance of hostile masses have up to this time been broken up by the heroic German resistance and tenacious endurance of the brave German defenders of the Somme. German headquarters remains the master of the course of operations.

German Superiority

"The successes won near Souville is worthy of mention as one of the means taken to achieve the German end, as it shows the whole world the superiority of German arms," the summary concludes, "and proves that Germany has reason for viewing the military situation with the same confidence as before."

Why Smoke Hit Clears

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SUBSTANTIAL GAINS MADE BY BRITISH ON SOMME FRONT

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE

July 14.—The second phase of the British offensive on the Somme front was opened at dawn today and in the course of an intense struggle throughout the day the British forces gained important successes. They penetrated the German second line of defenses over a front of about four miles, captured the towns of Bazentin-le-Grand, Bazentin-le-Petit and Longueval, and made substantial gains in Trones Woods and at a number of other points.

After their methodical day-by-day approaches to within striking distance of the second line German defenses, and after having brought up materials and guns, the British were ready for another big attack, and at 3:30 o'clock this morning the infantry was sent forward. The assault seems to assure the taking of the villages of Longueval and Bazentin-le-Grand, the retaking of Trones Wood and the gaining of ground beyond Contalmaison, and the piercing of the second German line at every point of attack.

The Associated Press correspond-

ent, watching the artillery preparation at night, was able to see the British, as dawn came, in possession of a coveted ridge, where German shells were bursting in an effort on the part of the German command to prevent the attack from proceeding further.

Accounts received at this early hour indicate the German resistance is much weaker than on the first line. The struggle is continuing in Bazentin-le-Petit Woods, where the Germans still hold out, and on the woods beyond Longueval.

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Vesper Services

Union services will be held in the City park Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be ample seating provided and excellent music will be furnished. Rev. H. E. Tucker will be the preacher. These summer evening services are brief and helpful. The public is cordially invited to participate.

F. G. Currin, superintendent of the gas plant at Voorhies, is spending the day in Medford.

BASEBALL

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MEDFORD---SUNDAY Gold Hill vs. Medford

Seiberts and Pruitt will be in the box for the two teams. Both teams are in first class shape and the game will be a warm one.

Game called at 2:30
Admission 25c Grand Stand 35c

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Medford's Greatest Money-Saving Opportunity

Be Sure You Reap Some of Its Benefits - - - Sale Opens Saturday at 8:30 Sharp

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Going in this sale at prices so low that you can't resist buying

All \$20.00 Wool Suits, this year's styles, go in this sale at **\$6.98** each.

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All of our new Wool and Silk Skirts, "Korreet" style, the best fitting and wearing skirt made **25 per cent Off**

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Wash Dresses, Children's Dresses, House Dresses, Bungalow Aprons and Petticoats at unheard-of prices

Three-Piece Breakfast Suits, all colors and sizes, worth \$2, sale price, each **\$1.25**

Bungalow Aprons, made of good percale, worth 75c, sale price, each **39c**

200 Women's Waists, Wash Dresses, Silk Petticoats and House Dresses, slightly soiled, values up to \$8, going in this sale at **98c**

Children's Dresses

75c values now **48c**
\$1.00 values now **69c**
\$1.25 values now **98c**
\$1.50 values now **\$1.19**

Wash Hats

75c values now **48c**
\$1.25 values now **98c**
\$1.50 values now **\$1.19**
\$2.50 values now **\$1.98**

Wash Skirts

"Korreet" Styles
\$1.50 values **98c**
\$2.00 values **\$1.48**
\$3.00 values **\$2.39**
\$4.00 values **\$3.19**
\$5.00 values **\$4.39**

Petticoats Cheap

\$1.00 values now **69c**
\$1.50 values now **98c**
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75c Wash Petticoats **48c**

Parasol Sale

\$1.50 Parasols **\$1.60**
\$2.00 Parasols **\$1.60**
\$3.00 Parasols **\$2.40**
\$5.00 Parasols **\$4.00**

Special Sale of Good Hosiery

Women's and Children's Fast Black Hose, sale price, pr. **10c**

Women's White Silk Lisle Hose, all sizes, very special, pr. **50c**

Women's Fiber Silk Hose, in colors only, sale price, pair **25c**

Special Sale of Good Gloves

Women's Lisle and Chamoisette Gloves, 35c grade, now **25c**

Women's 2-Clasp Silk and Chamoisette Gloves, worth 75c, **50c**

Women's 16-Button Chamoisette Gloves, all colors, 75c grade **48c**

Hot Weather Underwear

Women's Vests, fine grade, worth 15c, now, each **10c**

Women's Union Suits, all sizes, worth 50c, now, each **35c**

Women's Vests, real 25c quality, special, each **18c**

Children's Union Suits, worth up to 50c, special, ea. **18c**

Kayser's fine Union Suits for women, each **69c**

Big Bargains in Toilet Articles

"Queen of the May" Perfume **25c and 50c** bottle.

Tar and Glycerine Shampoo, special at **39c**

Hilbert's Bay Rum, special at bottle **39c**

Colgate's Talcum Powder, all odors, very special, per bottle **15c**

Hilbert's Face Powder, per box **50c**

Puff Case given away Free with every box.

Madame Root's Preparations, Bloom of Roses per bottle **50c**

German Bleacher, special, bottle **75c**

Sanitol Talcum Powder, 25c can, special **10c**

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Mann's Tooth Paste, real 25c value, sale price, **19c**

New Sport Silks

Sport Stripes, in pongee with blue, pink and green stripes, worth \$2, very special, per yard **\$1.39**

Fancy Stripes, in washable corduroy, \$2.00 values, now, **\$1.25** yard

Tub Silks, in fancy stripes, 34 inches wide, worth up to \$1.25, special, yard **89c**

White Goffine Corduroy, 36 inches wide, \$1 grade, very special, yard **69c**