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PERSHING'S ARMY LANDS MINUS MISHAPS

TRANSFER OF U.S. TROOPS SUCCESSFUL

Pershing Reports Remarkable Transfer of Large Force to France Without Loss or Mishap—Not Man or Animal Lost or Injured—Not Single Case of Serious Sickness—Men in Splendid Physical Condition—Censor Releases Dispatches.

PARIS, June 30.—Major General Pershing, the American commander, on his return to his headquarters today after a quick trip to the port of debarkation, said:

"The landing of the first American troops has been a complete success. In this remarkable transfer of a large force across the ocean—one of the largest operations we have ever undertaken—not a man or an animal was lost or injured, and there was not a single case of serious sickness—nothing but a few minor cases of mumps. The men landed in splendid morale with keen, confident and eager spirits.

"The physical appearance of our men is truly inspiring. They are all fine, husky young fellows, with the glow of energy, good health and physical vigor which will make them a credit alongside any troops. They are exceptionally well equipped and cared for, with substantial wooden barracks, good beds, good food and the best sanitary arrangements. They are located on high ground. For all of this we are deeply indebted to French co-operation with members of my staff."

Dispatches Released.

The various units of the American expeditionary force having reached France safely, the censor has released dispatches filed during the week descriptive of the arrival of the different contingents. No previous word had been received with the exception of one dispatch on Wednesday announcing that the second contingent had disembarked and gone to camp.

Joyful Greeting.

A FORT IN FRANCE, Tuesday, June 26.—The first contingent of American troops, landing today, were greeted joyfully by the population of this whole district.

The transports, whose expected arrival had not been previously announced publicly, came streaming into the harbor in a long line at an early hour. The news that the Americans were arriving spread with amazing rapidity and by the time the troop ships drew alongside the quays thousands of persons were on hand to greet them.

A wild welcome was shrieked by whistles of craft in the harbor and cries of "Vive France" and "Vive les Etas Unis" seemed to come from every throat in the crowd. Meanwhile the bands on the warships were playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and

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AMERICA PROTESTS DANISH UTTERANCE

LONDON, June 30.—Reliable information reached London today to the effect that Dr. Maurice Egan, American minister at Copenhagen, has delivered a protest to the Danish foreign office against anti-American utterances of M. Stauning, socialist member of the Danish cabinet, at the Stockholm peace conferences.

BRAZIL'S NAVY JOINS U.S. IN U-BOAT HUNT

South American Republic Co-operating with American Fleet in Chasing German Sea Raiders—German Ships Seized to Supply Allies—Ships to Be Safeguarded.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Brazil's navy has begun co-operating with the American fleet in South American waters in hunting down German sea-raiders and watching for German submarines.

Sending of a special diplomatic mission to Brazil to arrange for greater co-ordination of forces and the closest possible co-operation of the two governments is under consideration.

Without formal declaration of war Brazil thus practically has joined the United States against Germany. Whether Brazil will supplement her action by a formal declaration of war is regarded as doubtful because the government at Rio Janeiro is inclined to regard its action rather as defensive than aggressive.

Brazil's seizure of the war-bound German ships has added to her merchant marine more than 150,000 tons, which, with that already at her disposal, will, it is believed, contribute materially to the solution of the problem of getting supplies to the allies. Brazil's navy is the largest of the South American group and in connection with the American fleet, commanded by Admiral Caperton, it is believed the work of keeping the South Atlantic clear of enemy craft will be greatly facilitated.

A plan for safeguarding ships carrying food-stuffs to Europe already has been put into effect.

BANKERS TO PASS UPON OFFICERS

PORTLAND, June 30.—Thirty-seven committees of bankers in as many Oregon towns have been named by the state committee of the military training camps association to receive and pass on applications for the second reserve officers training camp at San Francisco.

The Eugene and Medford appointments are:
Eugene—B. B. Brundage, Bank of Commerce; P. E. Snodgrass, First National bank; L. L. Goodrich, First National bank; E. D. Paine, United States National bank.
Medford—Delroy Getchell, Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank; W. G. Taft, First National bank; V. H. Vawter, Jackson County bank; W. H. Gore, Medford National bank.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL AT BISBEE STRIKE

BISBEE, Ariz., June 30.—The presence of Lieutenant Colonel Jas. J. Hornbrook, Seventeenth United States Cavalry, who represented the war department at the recent copper miners' strike at Jerome, was the outstanding feature today of the copper miners' strike called last Tuesday by the Industrial Workers of the World Metal Mine Workers' union.

Colonel Hornbrook arrived last night on request of Governor Campbell, who said there were indications of pro-German activities among the strikers.

Mine operators said 65 per cent of the men were at work in two of the large mines.

Miners at Globe will take a strike vote tonight.

FIRST PICTURES OF GENERAL PERSHING AND HIS STAFF TAKEN IN EUROPE



Front row, left to right: Lieutenant-Colonel Harbord, chief of staff; Major-General Pershing, commanding; Colonel Alvord, adjutant-general; Colonel Brewster, inspector-general. Standing, left to right: Colonel Ireland, medical corps; Colonel Taylor, chief engineer officer; Major Dodd, aviation; Colonel McCarthy, quartermaster-general; Colonel Bethel, judge-advocate; Colonel Russell, chief signal officer; Lieutenant-Colonel Williams, chief ordnance officer; Captain Margette, aide-de-camp.

VENIZELOS CALLS OUT GREEK ARMY CLASSES OF '16, '17

ATHENS, June 29.—Premier Venizelos, in his speech to the crown, after taking the oath of office at the palace yesterday, said that Greece's place was beside democracy and that the nation was struggling for freedom of the world against the two central powers, with whom Greece's hereditary enemies were allied.

"We realize," the premier said, "that unless we drive the Bulgarians from eastern Macedonia, that part of Greek territory will be always exposed to great danger. Before, however, thinking of mobilizing that part of Greece which has not shared in our movement, we must vitalize its military organization which has fallen into such decay and bring about a fusion of the two armies. In brotherly co-operation, therefore, we shall now call out the untrained classes of 1916 and 1917."

INTERNED BARK IS NOW AMERICAN SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—The German bark Ottawa, interned here since 1914 and seized by the government after the declaration of war, was transferred to the federal shipping board under the name "Flying Cloud" here today, according to an announcement by San Francisco customs officials. It was understood that the vessel would be chartered to a local shipping firm.

LAST WET DAY FOR SOUTH DAKOTANS

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 30.—Saloons here did a bumper business today preparatory to closing tonight, when the statewide prohibition law becomes effective. Several saloons closed their doors early today, having exhausted their stock, and most drinks were selling at a premium. Few arrests for drunkenness were reported.



General Pershing, on this arrival, inspecting the guard of honor, accompanied by General Pitcairn Campbell of the western command, representing the war office.

BRITISH STEAMER ESCAPES U-BOATS AFTER A BATTLE

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 30.—A running fight between a British steamship and two German submarines which took place June 8 about thirty miles off the Italian coast near Genoa in which the steamship succeeded in eluding the U-boats by superior speed, was described by officers of the ship on arrival here today.

The submarine came into sight some distance astern the steamer shortly after she had left the Italian port, one of the officers said, and immediately opened fire with shrapnel from deck guns and the steamer's deck houses and funnel were considerably battered. The gun crew of the steamer returned the fire and soon succeeded in making one of the submarines withdraw.

The second enemy, after an hour's chase, gave up to go after a smaller vessel that appeared in the distance, and soon after a wireless message was heard telling that a steamer had been torpedoed and asking for assistance.

DR. STRAW ELECTED CHIEF OF MEDICOS

PORTLAND, June 30.—Dr. H. E. Straw, Marshfield, was elected president of the Oregon State Medical association here today. Other officers chosen were: Dr. J. A. Best, Pendleton, first vice-president; Dr. A. Tyler, Portland, second vice-president; and Dr. Clarence McCusker, Portland, secretary.

GERMAN TACTICS BEGINNING OF END SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

DUNDEE, June 30.—"We have driven the great army of Germany underground," said Premier Lloyd George in a speech here today. When a great army is driven to these tactics it is the beginning of the end; it means that we are pounding a sense of inferiority into every pore of the German military mind.

"It is good for the war, it is even better for after the war. As long as the Prussians have an idea of superiority in their minds, Europe will not be a decent place for people to live in peace. It will be easier after this."

The Prussian, said Lloyd George, has many virtues, but a sense of humility has never been among them. The premier added that the Prussian is now being taught the virtue of humility with a fierce and relentless lash.

Mr. Lloyd George said that if necessary the government would resort to the exchequer in order that the price of bread should be within the compass of the bulk of the people.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITY IN GALICIA REPORTED

BERLIN, via London, June 30.—Russian activity in east Galicia, the war office announced today, indicates that attacks are contemplated. Strong Russian destructive fire, the German general staff reports, has been maintained from the Lemberg-Brody railway to the south of Brzezany.

DRY LEADERS TO KEEP HANDS OFF FOOD BILL

Anti-Saloon League Leaves Question to Congress and President—Adoption of Amendment Stopping Only Liquor Distillation, Giving President No Authority, Likely.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Prohibition features of the food legislation engrossed senate leaders today while debate continued on the food control bill.

Prohibition legislation, it was generally predicted, will be confined to distilled liquors following President Wilson's suggestion to prohibition leaders to drop the fight against the manufacture of beer and wines.

Leaders discussed many proposals for compromises on the liquor issue, but with little prospect of agreement. A clear-cut fight and vote next week was in prospect, with both factions admitting that because of the president's intervention prohibition would extend only to distilled spirits. Leaders of the "dry" movement are working for the best possible compromise.

Stop Only Distillation.

Senator Martin, the democratic leader; Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the food bill, and some of the other leaders planned and predicted adoption of an amendment stopping only liquor distillation and giving the president no authority to stop wines and beer. Senators who conferred with the president are confident that even if given such authority he would not exercise that, for the present at least.

The "dry forces," admitted by their leaders to be without the votes to stop manufacture of beer and wines, are divided on giving the president any authority over the light beverages.

Anti-Saloon league leaders in conference here today decided on a "hands off" policy toward the situation, and in a letter to President Wilson, to be drafted later, will express a willingness to leave the question to congress and to the president in view of the national emergency.

Lewis Urges Bill.

When the senate resumed debate on food bills, Senator Lewis, democratic whip, urged that congress should speedily dispose of the bill to avert the calamity that had befallen other countries in delaying over formalities and time-worn precedents. He said it would not serve for congress to excuse inactivity and defeat methods of conserving the food supply because of the cry of "unconstitutionality."

"The people are not so much concerned about our constitution as they are about our institutions," said he. "The American people are in no mood to allow an obsolete paper constitution to defeat the preservation of the human constitution. The text of our action must be—long live America; death to her destroyers at home or abroad."

"We cannot charge the president with the responsibility and at the same time withhold from him the authority necessary to execute the responsibility."

Senator Lewis contended that as congress was giving the president full power to control food, it should also let him control the liquor question involved in the food legislation.

SUBMARINE LEAVES SPANISH WATERS

PARIS, June 30.—A Madrid semi-official note says that a German submarine which took refuge at Cadix, left port yesterday morning escorted to the limit of territorial waters by two Spanish torpedo boats. The Spanish government asked and obtained from the Berlin government a formal promise that the submarine would go direct to a German port without attacking enemy ships or performing any other act of war.

BRITISH WIN COAL MINES FOR FRANCE

Strongly Organized Defensive Systems About Lens Taken—Gain of Ground Greatest Since Capture of Vimy Ridge—German Power Lessening as Troops Losing Heart—Revolution Predicted by Prisoners—Germans Renew Verdun Attack.

LONDON, June 30.—A series of strongly organized defensive systems on both banks of the Souchez, covering Lens, has been captured by the British, it is announced officially. In their recent operations the British have advanced more than a mile on a front of four miles about Lens.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 29 (by Canadian Press, Ltd.)—Success, unexpectedly great and complete, at a cost in casualties far less than in some recent unimportant engagements, has attended the drive of the Canadians along the valley of the Souchez toward Lens, during the last week.

Great Ground Gain.

The gain of ground is greater than in any actions since the capture of Vimy ridge and the land restored to France includes some of her most productive coal mines. Coulotte, Leventie and almost all of Avion are firmly held and that part of the plain east of Vimy where a week ago no one could show himself above the top of a trench without drawing the fire of snipers and machine guns, may now be traversed in the open.

There are daily increasing signs that the German man power is no longer what it was. The number of enemy troops in the field appears little less than before the opening of spring operations, but the spirit of the men is no longer that of an assured victory. A prisoner taken yesterday spoke of the process of disillusionment the German people are now going thru. If the war does not end soon, he said, there will be a revolution in Germany. Most of the German prisoners are well nourished.

Verdun Attack Renewed.

PARIS, June 30.—The Germans resumed their violent attack on the Verdun front west of Dead Man's hill last night, the war office announces. Picked German troops advanced on a sector of one and three-fourths miles and were almost annihilated by the French. The Germans penetrated the first French line over the entire front attacked, but were driven out excepting on the western slope of Dead Man's hill.

The French made a counter-attack west of Hill 304 and took back most of the trenches lost Thursday.

On the Aisne front the Germans attacked northeast of Cenry, employing burning liquid. They occupied a salient after the defenses had been

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LAST CRUST TO WIN FOR TEUTONS

LONDON, June 30.—According to the Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin of June 26, Dr. George Michaelis, the Prussian food controller, announced that a military house to house search for foodstuffs which were impounded by the government for general use, only resulted in the addition of about 4 per cent to the existing stocks.

The newspaper says the Prussian minister of agriculture has appealed in the gravest terms to the public, imploring that every privation be faced until victory, which he says will be won, not by the last bullet, but by the last crust.