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7000 MORE HUNS TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

Slav Smash Breaks Austro-German Line at Stanislaw and Cavalry is Pursuing Retreating Enemy—Several Villages and 48 Guns Captured With Prisoners—Gateway to Lemberg is Doomed to Fall—Local Fighting on the West Front.

PETROGRAD, July 9.—Several villages and more than seven thousand men have been captured by the Russians west of Stanislaw in Galicia, the war office announces. Forty-eight guns including twelve of large size and many machine guns were also captured by the Russians.

Russian cavalry is pursuing the retreating army and has reached the Lukva river.

New and powerful blows are being struck by the Russians in Galicia. Apparently they have broken the Austro-German line west of Stanislaw, south of Halez, as today's official report from Petrograd not only reports important gains for the Russians in the Stanislaw area, but declares the Russian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy. This pursuit has already reached the Lukva river.

Halez, the gateway to Lemberg from the south, seems doomed to fall unless the Russian onslaught is quickly stopped. A Russian push north-west resulted in Halez being surrounded on two sides.

The onslaught in this sector brought with it not only territory but 7000 prisoners and 48 guns including a dozen large calibre pieces. The total Russian captures of men in the present remarkable offensive is mounting rapidly and now is in excess of 25,000.

North of the Stanislaw area, General Brussloff is holding fast to his newly won positions in the vicinity of Brzezany and near Koniuchy, where his troops are well placed for a continuation of the drive upon Lemberg along converging railway lines. Austro-German counter-attacks here have failed to shake the Russian possession of this valuable terrain.

Local Fighting in West.

There is little but local fighting along the British front in northern France, but further down the line the Germans are giving the French little rest. Attack after attack is being launched by the crown prince in desperate attempts to shake the French from their positions along the Chemin-Des-Dames. There was another such drive last night at Pantheon, but like others that have preceded it the effort was unsuccessful.

Meanwhile such trenches as the Germans were able to retain after their repulse in the attack of Saturday night in the Alsine region were wrested from them in greater part by a brilliant counter offensive started by the French.

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PERSHING'S TROOPS MOVE TO FRONT

A FRENCH SEAPORT, July 9.—This city was astir today at the prospect of the impending departure of the American contingent for its permanent training camp. Major-General William L. Sibert has completed all arrangements for moving the men. The general himself will leave by automobile and will take up quarters already prepared in a village "somewhere in France," which will be with in hearing of the German guns, if not within direct range.

The troops were enthusiastic today at the prospect of getting several miles nearer real action and hailed vociferously the prospect of an early departure. The town took a vacation to visit the camp. The residents had heard only the vaguest rumors about the troops leaving, but did not venture to lose the opportunity to see the Americans.

ASSERT ENGLAND DISGRACED BY AIRSHIP RAID

Press Declare Incident Displayed Incompetence of Both War Office and Admiralty Air Service and Removal of Those Responsible Claimed For—National Pride Outraged

LONDON, July 9.—The morning newspapers subordinate everything to Saturday's air raid. The country, it is declared, has been disgraced in a manner never experienced since the Dutch fleet burned Chatham more than 250 years ago. The incident is described as disgraceful alike to the service and the removal of those responsible for the "miserable display of incompetence" is demanded.

Even those comments which are more restrained complain that Great Britain is falling behind in aircraft construction and say it needs speeding up. General Halg's reference to increased German air activity is regarded as highly significant. In all the comments there is the same note of outraged national pride and disgust at the impunity with which the enemy came, raided and departed.

Devastation Threatened.

It is remarked also that the aerial attack raises to a practical level the question of a possible absolute devastation of London by aircraft and the infliction of such losses as would amount to a serious military defeat. If a score of enemy machines are able to operate with calm impunity, it is asked what will happen of two hundred come, or, as the Koelnische Zeitung recently urged, a thousand.

Those favoring reprisals naturally emphasize their demands while those opposed contend reprisals not only are useless but would lead to a competition in brutality wherein "expert will beat the amateur."

Some editorials refer to the hope with which the advent of the American air forces is awaited, anticipating important results therefrom.

Women Worst Sufferers.

Altho some of those injured in Saturday's raid are in serious condition, no further deaths have occurred. Some of the streets in which the bombs were dropped still were closed to traffic this morning.

The police were searching the ruins of east tenements this morning for a number of persons who are missing. In several instances nothing remains of dwellings except smoldering ruins, around which gathered women and children searching for some memento of their homes. The worst sufferers appeared to be wives and families of men at the front who have no means of re-establishing themselves. They are being cared for by charitable institutions.

COMMANDEERING OF PLANTS UNDER DEBATE IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, July 9.—With the prohibition issue disposed of temporarily at least, the senate today again took up the food control bill in the expectation that final action on the measure as a whole will be reached during the week. Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, was determined to secure, if possible, an unanimous consent agreement for a vote Thursday. Unless an agreement is reached today to vote at that time, he plans to invoke the cloture rule limiting debate.

The senate today took up the bill's section which would authorize the president to commandeer factories, packing houses, mines and other plants and to operate them and fix employes wages. There is considerable opposition to these proposals.

Pending a final decision by congress on the liquor question, revenue and other related problems cannot be worked out. The senate voted Saturday to prohibit manufacture and importation of distilled beverages only and the house stands recorded for prohibiting manufacture of all intoxicants.

THREE BILLION BUSHELS OF CORN IN 1917 CROP

Farmers' Answer to President's Call for Food is Record Production of Corn—Heavy Plantings of All Crops, Reported in Fair Condition 678 Million Bushels Wheat.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—A three billion bushel prospective crop of corn this year is the answer returned by farmers of the United States to President Wilson's call for food for America's allies in the war. Never before has such a crop been grown.

Production forecasts of the country's principal crops announced today by the department of agriculture (expressed in millions of bushels) follows:

Winter wheat 402; spring wheat 276; all wheat 678; corn 3124; oats 1453; barley 214; rye 56.1; white potatoes 452; sweet potatoes 82.2; Tobacco (pounds) 1215; flax 17; rice 34.4; hay (tons) 103; apples, 200; peaches 43.5.

First announcement of areas planted (in thousands of acres) follows: Corn 121,045; white potatoes 4384; sweet potatoes 904; tobacco 1418; flax 1939; rice 968.

Wheat remaining on farms July 1 estimated at 15,720,000 bushels.

Condition of crops July 1 follows: Winter wheat 75.9; spring wheat 83.6; all wheat 78.9; corn 81.1; oats 80.4; barley 85.4; rye 79.4; white potatoes 90.1; sweet potatoes 81.9; tobacco 86.8; flax 84.0; rice 85.1; hay 89.3; apples 64.0; peaches 55.2.

Condition of corn and spring wheat by important states:

Corn, Ohio 85; Indiana 80; Illinois 81; Iowa 86; Missouri 87; Nebraska 86; Kansas 77.

Spring wheat: Minnesota 87; N. Dakota 73; South Dakota 89.

NATIONAL GUARD CALLED TO COLORS

WASHINGTON, July 9.—President Wilson issued a proclamation today drafting the entire national guard of the country into the United States army to date from August 5 next and also calling the regiments out for active service.

The national guard of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska will be called into the federal service on July 25 and sent to concentration camps in the south, altho the draft will not apply formally to them until August 5.

Similarly the state troops from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon are called into the federal service on July 25.

WHISKEY CONCERN TO QUIT BUSINESS

CHICAGO, July 9.—Chapin and Gore, one of the largest whiskey making firms in the United States, is going to go out of business, it was announced today. Charles H. Hermann, president of the firm and directing head of the National Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association, made the announcement, which comes as the first direct result in Chicago of the recent national anti-whiskey legislation.

Mr. Hermann also declared that within 60 days not less than 2900 saloons in Chicago would be closed by the new legislation and that a like proportion through the country would be similarly affected. He estimated that the whiskey now in existence would be exhausted within a year, saying that he had positive knowledge that there was not more than 200,000,000 gallons of whiskey now in bond.

22,625 AIRSHIPS ASKED FOR UNCLE SAM IN EUROPE



Fastening mahogany bottoms to the pontoons of seaplanes being constructed for Uncle Sam. Twenty-two thousand six hundred and twenty-five aircraft are planned and engines for them will cost approximately \$363,000,000 and the remaining \$276,000,000 asked would be necessary to man the air fleets and provide for ammunition and supplies.

REGISTRANTS FOR DRAFT NOTIFIED TO BE IN READINESS

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Unofficially it was indicated today that 687,000 is the number of men to be selected for the first national war army from the millions registered June 5. Probably twice that number of names will be drawn, as the number of exemptions is estimated at fifty percent. Next Saturday is understood to have been tentatively fixed upon as the date for the drawing, altho no announcement has been made by the provost marshal general's office.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Registrants subject to draft for the new national army were today notified to hold themselves in readiness to appear before boards which will conduct examinations and consider exemption claims. Detailed instructions regarding the course to be pursued are contained in a circular sent broadcast by direction of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Details of the means to be employed in making selections were withheld today pending the completion by delinquent states of the organization of all local and district exemption boards.

PAN-GERMANS UNDER ATTACK

COPENHAGEN, July 9.—A Berlin dispatch to the Fremdenblatt of Hamburg says that the entire clerical party in the reichstag with the exception of three members, voted on Saturday night to support the stand taken by Mathias Erzberger, who made a sensational speech in the secret session of the main committee, attacking the admiralty and pan-Germans as the great obstacles to peace and advocating peace without annexations or indemnities and the introduction of a parliament form of government. This action was taken, the dispatch says, under the presumption that Cancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg would retire.

The clerical party is the largest in the reichstag. Hitherto it has worked with the conservatives in giving the government a majority.

NAVY EXPLOSION RESULT OF PLOT

VALLEJO, Cal., July 9.—While no official statement has been made as to the cause of the explosion in a Mare Island navy yard store house, officials said this afternoon that they believed it was due to a plot. Investigation has been started along these lines, it was said.

BERLIN RUMORS CHANGE IN GERMAN CHANCELLORSHIP

AMSTERDAM, July 9.—The Tageblatt of Berlin says it is rumored that a change in the German chancellorship may be expected. Among those mentioned as the possible successor of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg it names Prince Von Buelow, former chancellor; Count Von Hertling, Bavarian prime minister and Count Von Roeder secretary of the imperial treasury.

Count Von Hertling has had several conferences recently with Austro-Hungarian officials, presumably in regard to the peace questions. He is said to favor peace without cash indemnity. During the war Prince Von Buelow has spent most of his time in Switzerland. It has been reported that the German government kept him in a detached position in the expectation of calling him back when the time to arrange peace with the idea that he could render greater service on account of having had no share in the conduct of the war.

COLORADO STRIKE CASES DISMISSED

TRINIDAD, Colo., July 9.—All indictments pending as a result of the coal miners' strike in the southern part of Colorado in 1913 were dismissed in the district court of Las Animas county today at the request of Attorney General Hubbard. The most important case dropped was that of John R. Lawson, charged with murder on four counts. Four indictments against Louis Zancanelli, convicted of the murder of George W. Bebehr and given a life sentence, which was remanded by the supreme court, also were dismissed.

Lawson, a prominent mine leader, was convicted of the murder of a mine guard as a result of the so-called "battle of Ludlow." He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Upon appeal, the supreme court freed Lawson of the charge on which he was convicted, holding that the lower court had erred.

OREGON GUARDSMEN GUARD NORTH YAKIMA

NORTH YAKIMA, Wa., July 9.—Detachments of Oregon National Guardsmen were placed today at North Yakima, Cle Elum and Ellensburg. The commanding officer of each detachment reported to the mayors of the cities. The guardsmen were ordered to North Yakima, it is reported, on the request of the state council of defense to combat any move the Industrial Workers of the World may make.

JAP MISSION TO AMERICA SEEKS UNDERSTANDING

At Farewell Dinner Ishii Asserts That Visit Is to Cement Friendship—Is Both Military and Peaceful—Elimination of Germany Means End to Friction Constantly Engendered.

TOKIO, Friday, July 6.—(Delayed)—An enthusiastic farewell dinner was given tonight by the America-Japan Society in honor of the Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, head of the mission soon to visit the United States.

Despite the indefatigable efforts of the Germans to bring about discord between Japan and the United States, said Viscount Ishii, the two countries are now practically allied, making common front against Germany.

"My mission I consider as a military one in one respect," continued the viscount, "and one of peace in another—military as against the central European system of militarism and domination, but one of peace to be consolidated and reaffirmed as between Americans and Japanese, Viscount Ishii concluded.

Disturber Eliminated.

"It is gratifying to think of one great benefit with which the war has already endowed Japan and the United States. I mean the disappearance of Germany in this quarter of the world. Now that Germany, the universal disturber of the peace, has been completely and once and for all out of her Asiatic bases, there remains no longer any one who will venture to cherish the design of estranging Japan from America. Consequently, the Pacific henceforth will have the noble destiny to join the two great nations and never to separate them."

Viscount Kentaro Kaneko, a member of the house of peers and a privy counselor, who presided at the dinner, emphasized the nobility and uprightness of the attitude of the United States, which he said was fighting for individual liberty, national freedom, peace and civilization of mankind.

Clear Understanding Sought.

"A clear understanding with the United States is most important for the present and the future," he added. "This must be the aim of Viscount Ishii's mission."

Former Minister Hiroki expressed the opinion that in addition to the questions of the day, all questions of any importance existing between the United States and Japan would not escape either settlement or discussion while Viscount Ishii was in America. The mission was a difficult one because of the vastness of the field and the complexity of the problems to be handled, he contended, but the two groups would not be throwing dust into each other's eyes. There would be plain dealing, just and fair, actuated by mutual respect and sympathy.

GIRARD RESIGNS FROM DIPLOMACY

WASHINGTON, July 9.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, has resigned from the diplomatic service and returned to private life. His resignation was accepted some time ago, tho the fact was not allowed to become known until today.

JAPAN'S HANDS OFF IN CHINESE WAR

TOKIO, Friday, June 6.—(Delayed)—Denial that Japan had assisted the northern or any other Chinese party was made by Premier Teruchi in the diet today. Japan's policy was to let China be governed by Chinese, he declared.

OREGON PIONEER OF '47 CROSSES LAST DIVIDE

EUGENE, Ore., July 9.—Mrs. Eleanor Blair Huff, one of four sisters who crossed the plains with their parents to Oregon in 1847, died at her home here last night, at the age of 75 years. She is survived by a sister and four children.

SIX KILLED BY EXPLOSION MARE ISLAND

Black Powder Magazine Explodes, Shattering Buildings Nearby but Not Injuring Other Munitions Stored—Fire Follows Which Threatens Magazines Proper—Jar is Felt 40 Miles Away—Vallejo Damaged by Concussion.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Five men were killed and 31 injured in an explosion which wrecked two storehouses at the Mare Island navy yard today, according to the commandant's report to the navy department.

An official announcement of the dead resulting from the explosion at the Mare Island navy yard at 7:56 this morning was given out this afternoon and included the following names:

Allen F. McKenzie, a chief gunner; Mrs. McKenzie; Dorothy McKenzie, 12, their daughter; Mildred McKenzie, 8, their daughter; George Stanton, a gardener; N. C. Damsteadt, a civilian employe of the ordnance department.

Following is the navy department's statement:

"The department is in receipt of information from Mare Island navy yard that the black powder magazine exploded at about 8 o'clock this morning, shattering the buildings nearby but not detonating any of the other ammunition stored in the magazines. The explosion killed six, wounded 31, four of whom were seriously hurt."

No Estimate of Loss.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 9.—Six persons are known to have been killed in an explosion which wrecked two storehouses at the Mare Island navy yard today, and at least 31 persons were injured. Fire, which started from the explosion and for a time threatened to spread to the magazine proper, was extinguished. No estimate of the extent of the property damage has been made.

Buildings in various parts of the island were damaged and in some instances roofs were lifted from their holdings. The buildings demolished are understood to have been used for the storage of loaded shells of large calibre.

Vallejo Damaged.

The damage in Vallejo was extensive, windows being shattered and doors as far as two miles from the scene of the explosion twisted from their hinges.

Reports as to the number of casualties continue to come to Vallejo which is just across the channel from the navy yard. One of the reports was to the effect that one and possibly two women and several children were among the victims.

An official investigation as to the number killed and injured and as to the possible origin of the explosion is expected this afternoon from Captain Harry George, commandant of the yard. In the meantime no one is allowed to leave the island and only those having official business with the navy department are allowed to land at the yard.

Explosion Causes Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—Two store houses at the Mare Island navy yard on San Francisco bay were destroyed by an explosion this morning.

Twelve or fifteen magazines were badly damaged by the explosion, the

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BLACK HAND BOMBS WEALTHY FISH MAN

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—A bomb explosion, which last night destroyed the front of the residence of Nuncio Tarantino, wealthy shareholder in the Western California Fish company, was attributed by police to black hand activities. Tarantino had received ten threatening letters demanding that he pay over \$10,000 to his blackmailers, but repeatedly ignored the demands.