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## RUSSIANS STILL IN RETREAT IN GALICIA

### LACK OF MEN HALTS DRIVE OF GERMANS

Russians Fall Back to Lines of Last Year—Germans Unable to Prosecute Big Offensive Because of Shortage of Troops—Huge Reserves of Loyal Soldiers to Be Hurlled into Breach by Kerensky—Russians Again Resume Offensive.

Russia's shaken armies in Galicia are still in a retreat which bids fair not to end until they reach approximately the line occupied by them last year before General Brusiloff began his big offensive.

Despite this extensive retrograde movement, covering virtually all the front between the north Galician border and the Carpathian foothills, the tone of both official and unofficial dispatches from Petrograd shows confidence that the disorganization in the army will be adequately dealt with and a firm front again presented to the enemy.

Not Men to Follow. For one thing the Germans by their own admission have not the men to spare to prosecute a sustained offensive on a large scale on the eastern front. The British and the French are keeping them too busy and they are too apprehensive of some extra forceful stroke in the west to transfer any great numbers of troops from the Franco-Belgian war area.

Old Line Occupied. PETROGRAD, July 25.—The present line of the southwestern front is approximately that occupied after General Brusiloff's drive last summer, except before Tarnopol, where the enemy succeeded in pushing further into Russian territory. The fate of the latter town was virtually decided with the Germans holding the suburb just across the Sereth river, within easy gun range.

The Germans chose the junction points of the seventh and eleventh armies for beginning their offensive, the first blow being struck between Zboroff and Pebako on a twenty-mile front. Without great effort, as is admitted in the Russian official communications, they pursued their advance to the line of the Sereth. This uncovering of the Russian positions south of Tarnopol forced a retirement all along the diagonal line southwestward, cutting the Strypa and Zlota Lipa to Halex and the Lomnica. The Russians have been obliged to retire to the right bank of the latter river and Halex is seriously threatened, with a prospect of a further retirement to the original Russian positions east of Stanislaw, occupied before General Brusiloff's advance.

Restore Death Penalty. One of the first results has been a (Continued on page five.)

### CANADA SEEKING HUNDRED MILLION

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Secretary McAdoo has notified Sir Thomas White, Canadian minister of finance, that the United States government has no objection to Canada's obtaining a short time credit of \$100,000,000 from private sources in the American money market. It is not known whether the loan has been made, but negotiations have been in progress for some time.

### FRENCH WIN MASTERY BY BIG BATTLE

Protracted Struggle for Possession of Strategic Points on Californie Plateau Ends in Brilliant Victory for Petain's Forces, Who Oust Germans From Few Positions Won at Huge Sacrifices in Over Month of Strenuous Fighting.

The inherent strength of the entente position in the west has just received a fresh illustration on the Alsne front.

Here the French have just emerged victors in a long drawn out struggle with the Germans for possession of the important high ground in the Craonne region.

Yesterday's brilliant attack gave General Petain's troops renewed possession, in almost complete measure, of the slight area gained by the crown prince in his costly series of attacks. The French even pushed beyond their old line at some points.

This morning came the test of the German reaction. It was directed against the positions recaptured by the French on the Californie plateau. Altho delivered after a violent bombardment, it was entirely futile, the French retaining the re-won ground and consolidating their gains.

Crown Prince Repulsed. ON FRENCH FRONT, Tuesday, July 24.—The furious attack of the Germans along the Chemin Des Dames sector on the Alsne front has brought them nothing but death and the failure of all their plans to obtain possession of the ridge and the observation points.

At daybreak today the French launched a counter-attack with such vigor that they turned the Germans out of the few hundred yards of trenches they had succeeded in occupying in the first onset, and sent them rushing back to their old lines. The famous 152d regiment led the attack.

On Californie Plateau. The Californie plateau was the scene of the most furious fighting. The Germans who had gained a footing there were driven out everywhere except at one small point which is of no importance.

On the Casemates plateau the result was similar. At almost every point the French compelled the retirement of the Germans. Subsequently the Germans tried once more, but in vain, to drive out the French.

The artillery tonight is at work most heavily. The front line is as light as day from flashes of the shells.

On British Front. BERLIN, July 25.—Continuation of exceptionally violent artillery fighting in Flanders is reported in today's official account of operations on the western front.

LONDON, July 25.—British troops yesterday made successful raids east and west of Ypres on the Belgian border, capturing 114 prisoners, including two officers, according to the official statement issued today by the British war office.

### JURY UNABLE TO REACH VERDICT IN MOONEY CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The jury trying Mrs. Rena Mooney for murder resumed deliberations at 9:50 o'clock today.

Tired and worn, the panel filed into the jury room and prepared again to sift thru volumes of testimony in an effort to reach a verdict. The case went into their hands at 12:50 p. m. last Monday.

Mrs. Mooney, whose trial for murder grew out of a bomb explosion here last July, which claimed ten lives, spent the time quietly in her cell in the city prison. She received a steady stream of visitors.

"Tell the court there is absolutely no chance of an agreement on a verdict," Foreman William R. Hardwick instructed the bailiffs guarding the jury at noon.

"Take them out to lunch," was Judge Seawell's answer.

Superior Judge Seawell said he would keep the jury locked up until he believed they had had "sufficient time to consider the evidence from all angles."

AMERICA'S WAR BILL FOR YEAR 17 BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, July 25.—America's war bill for the fiscal year will total \$17,000,000,000. Senator Smoot told the senate today, instead of the \$14,220,000,000 he estimated yesterday, the increase resulting from an additional \$500,000,000 for the shipping board, \$2,000,000,000 for the allies, and \$150,000,000 deficit in the executive departments.

LONDON, July 25.—The British merchant cruiser Otway was torpedoed and sunk in northern waters on July 22. Ten men were killed. The remainder on board were saved. This announcement was made officially today.

MERCHANT CRUISER SUNK BY U-BOAT

LUTHER BURBANK CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

### TROLLEY STRIKE IN SEATTLE MAY CLOSE INDUSTRIES

SEATTLE, July 25.—Labor union leaders declare that any attempt by the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power company to operate cars with strikebreakers who arrived from the east last night will cause the light and power departments of the company to be declared unfair immediately. The company's 1600 platform men struck eight days ago for recognition of the union and higher wages. The metal trades council held a meeting last night and arranged for the calling out of its men in the shipyards if unfair light or power is used. The shipyards employ nearly 15,000 men.

The King county council of patriotic service is making a strong effort to obtain a basis of arbitration of the strike. The street car company refuses to arbitrate the whole controversy, saying it would not reinstate the seven men discharged in Tacoma for joining a union. Dispatches from Washington report President Wilson and Secretary of Labor Wilson seeking to end the strike on account of the danger that it will affect the shipyards.

RAZVOSOFF LEADS RUSSIAN NAVIES

PETROGRAD, July 25.—Rear-Admiral Razvosoff has been appointed commander in chief of all the Russian naval forces in the Baltic.

The newspapers announced that Rear-Admiral Verdovski, commander of the Baltic fleet, had been arrested for communicating a secret government telegram to sailors' committees.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., July 25.—The condition of Luther Burbank, who is suffering from an inflamed appendix, continued to show improvement today, according to his physician, who is in constant attendance.

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### KENYON RESUMES WAR UPON RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Senator Kenyon resumed his attack on the \$27,000,000 river and harbor bill today, characterizing it as "wasteful extravagance" and ridiculing many of its projects.

"While congress is engaged in finding way to meet the stupendous total of this year's war expenditures, estimated at seventeen billions of dollars," he said, "we have this bill carrying appropriations for wasteful river and harbor projects."

The senator quoted from reports of army engineers, showing that after improvements had been made in one river, a stream twenty inches deep and sixty feet wide was created.

"What joy there must be in the hearts of the American people who are already saying and sacrificing to learn that they will have to pay the enormous taxes provided for in the rivers and harbors bill in order to get a stream twenty inches deep and sixty feet wide," said he, adding, "It would have been better to turn the stream on its side."

Senator Ransdell opposed Senator Borah's suggestion that the president be empowered to designate what expenditures were to be made, declaring that the chief executive was already overburdened with war duties.

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### SAY AMERICANS SANK SIX U-BOATS ATTACKING TROOPS

HALIFAX, N. S., July 25.—British sailors arriving here today, who claim to have been among crews of vessels in the vicinity of the transports which conveyed the first American troops to France, say they were credibly informed that German submarines made a concentrated attack and were beaten off with a loss of six U-boats, only one submarine escaping.

The sailors say they were within three miles of the transports and witnessed some very continuous fire. The men were on three former Dutch vessels which had been taken over by the British government and were on their way to Europe.

KAISER ARRIVES ON GALICIAN FRONT

COPTNHAGEN, July 25.—The arrival of Emperor William at the Galician front yesterday morning is reported in a Berlin dispatch. After hearing the report of the commander in chief, the emperor visited the troops on the Sereth.

The emperor awarded the order Pour Le Merite with oak leaves and chain to Prince Leopold of Bavaria, General Hoffmann, Prince Leopold's chief of staff, and Major Franz, chief of staff of an army corps.

Emperor William has watched the German repulse a Russian attack from the plain of the Sereth between Tarnopol and Trembowla. It is officially announced.

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### STATES RACE FOR FIRST TO FILL DRAFT

Rivalry to See Which Will Secure Its Quota of Soldiers First—Calling Up of Men for Physical Examination Begun—Regular Army Claims Get First Consideration—Distribution Among Sixteen Cantonnments to Follow Mobilization.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The race between states for the honor of being first to fill their quotas under the selective draft bill was on today in earnest. Calling up men for physical examination begun this morning in several regions.

Meanwhile details of the machinery for actually calling the accepted men into service and sending them to mobilization camps are being worked out. Prosgot Marshal-General Crowder has already ruled that the claim of the army attaches to any registered men as soon as the local selection board has posted him as accepted. From that time on, unless exempted, he will be subject to military law and the articles of war. Failure to appear when called will bring the military forces of the proviso marshal general in search of the missing man and he will be tried for any violation of regulations before a court-martial. This ruling was necessary in order to enforce the prompt compliance of all accepted men with army orders.

Assembled First. It appears probable that the accepted men, when the mobilization order for the new army is given, will be first assembled in their selection board headquarters. Their distribution among the sixteen cantonnments, General Crowder said today, would be governed by two rules—first, the section of the law requiring that they be assigned, as far as practicable, to duty with troops from their own state, and secondly, the location of the nearest cantonnement to reduce the transportation problem as much as possible.

No information has reached General Crowder indicating that there will be any need to summon a second draft in addition to the 687,000 men now called for, during the present year. General Crowder said today he had understood that the draft machinery would not need to be employed again during the present year, altho it will be kept intact. Estimates to cover expenses of the second increment have been submitted, it was pointed out because all these expenditures must be made in advance of a call to have equipment and quarters ready, or the funds must be actually on hand when the call is made.

Regarding Exemptions. With physical examinations actually in progress, the record of the draft during the civil war becomes interesting. At that time 25.77 per cent of the men called up were rejected for physical defects. There is no reason to expect any material increase in that factor.

Exemptions for industrial or similar reasons, as well as exemptions because of dependent relatives, enter an unexplored field. Until a ratio for this is worked out in practice in several typical communities and worked up into an average figure, no definite forecast of the probable number of men who will pass thru the draft machinery can be made.

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STRIKE MEDIATOR OFF ON VACATION

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