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POSSES TOLD TO SHOOT TO KILL ANTI-DRAFTERS

Thousand Possemen Hunting Down Half a Dozen Armed Bands of Tenant Farmers, Halfbreed Indians and Negroes Who Defy Law in Central Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 4.—Indulging in a dream of revolution and defying the draft law, half a dozen armed bands of tenant farmers, half-breed Indians and negroes are running rampant through five counties in east central Oklahoma today.

As the disturbed territory is about 100 miles long by 90 miles wide, the topography of which is rugged and full of thickets, only an estimate can be made of the total number of rioters, this being placed variously at 500 to 1500.

One thousand possemen, with orders to shoot to kill, began a drive at dawn upon 400 of the draft resisters who were said to be encamped near Sasakwa, in Seminole county, where the anarchist campaign was reported to have had its birth.

Landlordism the Cause. Last night rioters burned a railway bridge in Hughes county, another near Tyrola and a third near Mand. Telephone and telegraph wires were cut in all directions.

Some of the trouble is reported to have been caused by the dissatisfaction of tenant farmers. Large blocks of land, owned by landlords residing in the larger cities, are rented out in small farms to tenants whose poverty has been marked for many years.

More or less friction between the landlords and tenants has occurred for years owing to differences of opinion respecting the crops to be raised, evictions and alleged efforts to control elections, according to the testimony before the industrial relations committee in 1915.

"Rich Man's War." Predominating among the objectors are said to be members of the Working Class union with a membership of 300 with a sprinkling of Industrial Workers of the World agitators and a smaller, apparently local group, known as the "Jones family."

The motto of the rioters is said to be "This is a rich man's war. Let us fight to the death at home rather than be killed in the trenches."

The objectors yesterday partially destroyed two railway bridges and cut telephone and telegraph wires into various towns outside which they gathered.

The first clash with the authorities was reported near Ada last night, but a report from there early today declared that the officers had encountered no resistance and that but one band of 60 men had been sighted. Sheriff Robert Duncan of Seminole county led a posse of 40 men against the objectors and captured 20 men. Ten were found to have been impressed into the ranks of the resisters and were released. The others were jailed at Ada.

Hiding in Wilds.

SASAKWA, Okla., Aug. 4.—Straggling squads of possemen from Hughes, Seminole and Pontotoc counties early today were concentrated at Rock Springs crossing on the Little river for a final council before continuing the hunt for armed bands of objectors to the selective draft, scattered through the adjacent country.

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USE FEDERAL TROOPS TO QUELL DRAFT RIOTERS

All Persons Resisting Conscription to Be Hunted Down and Soldiers Used When Civil Authorities Are Powerless—National Guard of State Now Under Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Federal troops may be sent into Oklahoma and other states to quell antidraft demonstrations which recently have assumed growing proportions.

Department of justice officials, investigating disorders in the south and elsewhere, announced that all persons resisting the draft law would be hunted down and brought to justice, no matter at what cost.

The possibility of sending troops into sections where antidraft agitators have been busy was discussed today at conferences between officials of the justice and war departments. It is probable that a decision will be reached in this respect within the next 24 hours.

As the national guard of the country goes under federal control today, governors in states where disorder occurs will have to ask federal military authorities for help if local civil authorities are unable to quell the disorders.

To Deal Quickly. The intention to deal quickly and severely with all persons spreading dissension in whatever localities against the draft law was expressed by officials of the two departments concerned.

Mr. Flitts, in the absence of Attorney-General Gregory, issued the following statement: "Whether in Oklahoma or anywhere else, if persons who are regularly selected for military service under the selective soldiers act, fail to obey when properly notified and called, they will be reached and overtaken by the strong arm of the federal law and brought before the proper registration boards."

Use Federal Troops. Despite the fact that the letter and spirit of the selective conscription law combine to place its operation in the various states under civilian supervision to the fullest possible extent, it may become necessary to employ federal troops to restore order in the disaffected regions in Oklahoma. This arises from the fact that the entire national guard of the country will be divorced completely from state control tomorrow under President Wilson's proclamation federalizing the force on that date.

Should the situation in Oklahoma get beyond control of the sheriff's posses or other civilian forces, the only recourse of the governor would be to ask General Parker, commanding the southern department, to send troops to do the work. There will be no Oklahoma national guard under the governor's jurisdiction after today, as the Oklahoma national guard passes under complete control of the federal military authorities.

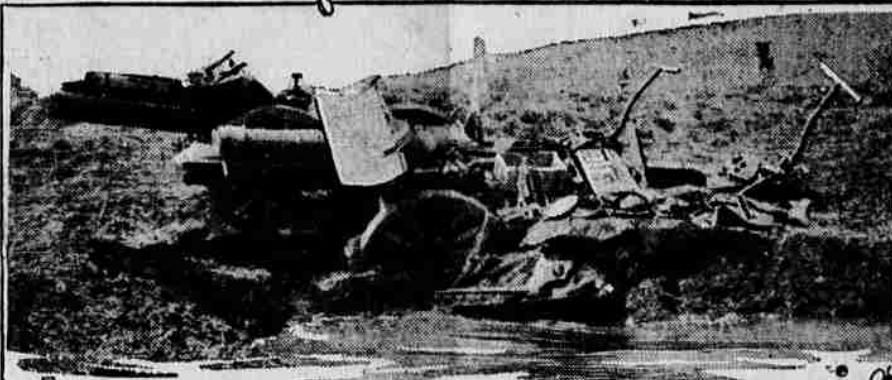
GRANBY SMELTER MINES ITS OWN COAL

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 4.—The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power company, operating the big copper plant and smelter at Anyox and the smelter at Grand Forks, as well as other mining properties in the Phoenix district and in Alaska, has acquired between 1500 and 2000 acres of choice coal lands in the vicinity of Nanaimo, near Cassidy's Landing, with a view to producing its own coke supply hereafter. The coal lands cost in the vicinity of \$700,000 and another half-million will be spent in developing them. In addition a coke manufacturing plant to cost a million and a half, will be erected at Anyox.

MURDER AND ARSON IN GILROY TONG WAR

GILROY, Cal., Aug. 4.—One Chinese was shot and probably wounded and the Chinese quarter was burned to the ground here early today in a local tong war which authorities said had been smoldering many weeks. Names of the tongs involved were not learned.

IT WAS HOT WHEN THE GERMANS LEFT THESE GUNS



Two unusual photographs show abandoned German guns, left when the Germans were driven back in the battle of the Aisne. The deserted battery was a mass of wreckage, as was everything else in the bombarded district. Note the ruins of buildings in the background of the upper photo, indicating the devastation.

POPE NEAR BREAK WITH GERMANY OVER DEPORTATIONS

ROME, Aug. 4.—It is stated in Vatican circles that the pope's impartial attitude toward official Germany is undergoing a change. The pope is reported to regret greatly the action of Germany in connection with the deported Belgians.

The new attitude appears to have been adopted after the fall of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, who just before his resignation wrote what now is apparent was a farewell letter to the holy father thanking him for his forbearance and also calling attention to the fact that he had always tried his best to grant the pope's demands regarding prisoners.

Although an absolute break with Germany is not expected at this time, it is certain that the Belgian deportations are daily making more difficult the maintenance of relations. The pope's personal position is also uncomfortable as the result of the fight made by Anglo-French and Belgian Catholics who long have claimed that the pope was surrounded by central empire influences.

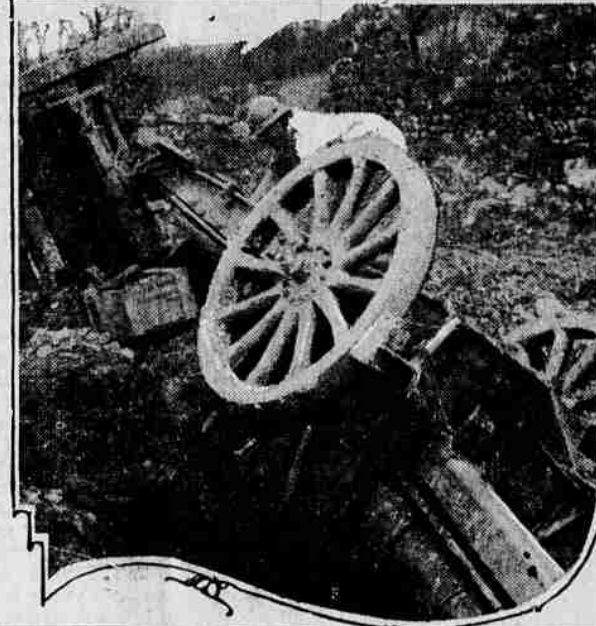
KAISER PRAISES COURLAND TROOPS

BERLIN, Aug. 4, via Copenhagen.—Emperor William, in speaking to a deputation of German troops on the Courland front, thanked them for holding their own against superior Russian forces, which made possible the victorious Austro-German push in southeastern Galicia, and concluded with these words: "Thus the old German perseverance, tenacity, iron courage and firm will formed a barrier against which the Russian advance was broken. It was of great importance to our operations in the south."

"It is our fatherland, the beautiful country of Germany, that we are defending here. I congratulate you on the bravery and excellent bearing you have shown. We are accustomed in battle to fight against superior forces. I expect from you troops of Courland that you will do your duty where battle calls you, so that the fatherland may go forward to its certain future. May God aid you."

GORE TO OPPOSE FOOD CONTROL BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The senate today took up for final disposition the conference reports in the administration food control and food survey bills, both of which were adopted by the house yesterday with practically no opposition. The senate will not favorably on the reports early in the week, probably by Tuesday. Senator Gore, chairman of the agricultural committee, is expected to offer strong opposition to their acceptance.



CHICAGO DRAFTED MEN GAILY PARADE BEFORE RUSSIANS

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—As Chicago's answer to the call to the colors and Chicago's rebuke to slackers and draft rioters, more than 8000 whose names have been called by the draft boards marched thru the streets today to the music of military bands and the accompaniment of cheers from thousands.

As they marched they sang, and the brave words of "America, Wake Up," and the refrain, "If you don't like your Uncle Sammy, just go back home," showed the sentiment of the marchers and won hearty response from the onlookers.

Each division of the eighty-six companies of registrants, one for each of the exemption districts, was led by one of the student officers from the training camps at Fort Sheridan.

The parade, the first of its kind in the country, was reviewed by Major General Thomas H. Barry, commander of the central department of the army. With him were the Russian commission.

PORTLAND TERMINAL WAREHOUSE CITY

SALEM, Or., Aug. 4.—Portland has been designated the terminal warehouse city for wheat shipments under the grain inspection law passed by the last legislature. Frank Miller, chairman of the public service commission announced here today. Mr. Miller said 255 grain warehouses have already been licensed under the law. The new grain standards drawn up by the commission are identical with those of the state of Washington, he added.

NEGROES SHOOT SELVES TO ESCAPE DRAFT

LLOYD, Fla., Aug. 4.—Nathan Mosely and Willie Green, negro farm hands, among the first men drafted in Leon county, have mutilated themselves to escape serving. Borrowing a shot gun, the pair went to the woods and shortly returned, Green with four fingers of his right hand shot off, and Mosely with his right arm shot off below the elbow.

ROOT EXPRESSES ABIDING FAITH IN RUSSIAN PEOPLE

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 4.—A call to sacrifice and suffering to Americans and a promise of hope for new Russia was the message brought back from Russia by members of the American diplomatic mission headed by Ethel Root, who were entertained at a luncheon in a large public hall here today.

"I have abiding faith that Russia, thru trial and tribulation, will work out, create and perpetuate a great, free, self-governing democracy," declared Mr. Root in an impassioned speech that called forth cheer after cheer.

Professing a sincere admiration for the kindly character of the Russian people, "considerate of the rights and feelings of others, and with a high capacity for self control and a noble idealism, heading always in a better way toward higher things," he pleaded for deep sympathy for the nation, "which is struggling with problems that we have been studying for 140 years and have not solved."

Declaring that "America must muster its manhood with democracy against the power of autocracy," he said: "There will be death, widowed homes, sacrifice, suffering, doubt, almost despair. In the end will rise a great free country, remade in the spirit of our fathers, competent to accomplish its divine mission and carry liberty and justice thruout the world."

"Don't argue about why we are in the war, but realize that the time has now come when American liberty, American justice, American independence and freedom is the stake for which we must fight."

Basin Soldatyn Koff, special envoy of the Russian government accompanying the mission, expressed the gratitude of the new republic for the help and sympathy extended to it by America. Asserting that the two needs of the new Russia were time and friendly sympathy, he said to his hearers: "Be confident."

Charles Edward Russell, writer and sociologist, said: "Be of good cheer regarding Russia. If mercy survives the world, the people of Russia will rule."

WAR'S OBJECT TO END WAR SAYS BRITISH PREMIER

Lloyd George Reiterates Aims for Which Allies Are Fighting and Indicates Peace Terms—Victory Must Be So Complete That National Liberty Will Not Be Challenged.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—David Lloyd George, the British premier, in the presence of a distinguished gathering, representative of all parties which met this afternoon in Queen's hall to mark the third anniversary of the declaration of the war, reiterated the aims for which the entente allies were fighting and indicated the only conditions under which they would consent to a suspension of hostilities with the central powers.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the national war aims committee and was probably the greatest patriotic demonstration of the year. The expectation had been that the premier's speech would be a most important one.

The Marquis of Crewe, leader of the liberal party in the house of lords, was chosen to preside. He was supported by the archbishop of Canterbury, twenty members of the government and 100 members of parliament. Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, and Nikola Paichitch, the Serbian premier, were invited guests.

In the course of his speech, Premier Lloyd George said: "Must Be Complete Victory."

"Victory must be so complete that our national liberty never again shall be challenged. "Russia learned that an army without discipline is a rabble. "There are some here who want to set up committees for the British army and direct the conduct of the war. We cannot allow a sectional organization to direct the war or dictate the terms of peace. The nation as a whole made war and the nation as a whole must make peace."

"Neither the Kaiser nor the chancellor," he declared, "has yet said he would be satisfied with German soil. They talk glibly about peace, but stammer over the word restoration. Before we have a peace conference they must learn to use the word restoration. So far, they have not learned even the first letter of the alphabet."

Peace Worse Than War.

"War is a ghastly business, but it is not so bad as their peace. While they know their plot has miscarried this time, the Prussian war lords have determined to succeed the next time. There must be no next time. This generation must eliminate war from the tragedies of human life."

Continuing, Mr. Lloyd George said: "If we sow seeds of discontent and disunion in the nation we shall reap defeat. A nation which falters before it reaches its purpose will never become a great people. "No one in Great Britain, France and Russia, or even in Germany and Austria, has any idea how near we are today to the summit of our hope."

The premier on opening his address asked what would have happened if Great Britain had not entered the war. He answered this question by saying: "Italians Are Cheered. "Europe would have been at the mercy of a cruel military power. Russia would have disintegrated sooner. France would have fought bravely, but might have been overwhelmed. America's Monroe doctrine would have been treated as a scrap of paper. The fact today is that we have checked the ambitions of Germany."

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RUSSIAN DESERTERS FIRE UPON TROOPS

TIFLIS, Russia, Aug. 4.—Deserters from the army who are being rounded up by the military authorities opened fire on them, wounding several soldiers. Reinforcements of Cossacks armed with machine guns arrived and fired on the deserters, wounding many more. Four hundred of the deserters surrendered.

GERMANS DRIVE RUSSIANS OUT FROM GALICIA

With Exception of Narrow Stretch, Gains All Wrested by Teutons—No Renewal of Allied Smash in West, Tho Pressure Secures Ground—Russians Strengthened.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—Austro-German troops under command of General von Boehm-Ermolli yesterday crossed the Russian frontier to the northeast of Czernowitz, the Bukowina capital, says the official statement issued today by the German war office. All of Galicia with the exception of a narrow stretch of ground from Brody to Zbaraz, northeast of Tarnopol, the statement adds, has been wrested from the Russians.

Associated Press Summary. While there has been no renewal of the smashing offensive on a large scale inaugurated by the Anglo-French forces in Flanders on Tuesday, the incessant pressure on the German lines is beginning to tell in the further yielding of ground.

The British yesterday again established themselves in the village of St. Julien which they lost during a German counter-attack closely following the initial dash. Last night the French in turn moved ahead in their sector, making further progress west of the Cabaret of Korteekeer.

To the south, on the Arras battle front the British have renewed their grip on their old line, completing last night the recapture of the positions the Germans took from them Thursday night at Infantry Hill east of Monchy le Preux.

On Eastern Front. The Russians now are fighting hard against the advancing Austro-German forces on the front near the Gallician border and in Bukowina, the Petrograd reports indicate. The driving back of Teutonic forces which had crossed the Zbrocz north of Husiatyn is announced and a battle is reported raging north of Kimpolung, in southern Bukowina, which the Russians recently evacuated.

The Russians are still retreating in the region between the Dniester and the Pruth, however, and in the Carpathians the evacuations of Dornawatra by the Russian forces is announced. It was in the vicinity of Dornawatra that the Russian line linked itself with the Rumanian front, which apparently is now being menaced by the Russian retrograde movement.

Russian Statement.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 4.—North of Husiatyn, on the Russo-Gallician frontier, the Austro-German rear guards yesterday were driven from their positions on the eastern bank of the Rivo Zbrocz, says the official statement issued today by the Russian war department. Forty-three prisoners were taken and seven machine guns were captured.

Between the Rivers Dniester and Pruth and in the Carpathians the Russian troops still are retreating to the eastward.

The Russian war office statement says that a battle between Russians and Teutons is raging to the northeast of Kimpolung, in southern Bukowina. The Austro-Germans have occupied the town of Dornawatra.

British Statement.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—All the positions east of Monchy le Preux on the Arras battle front in France which were captured by the Germans Thursday night have been re-taken by the British, according to an official statement issued today by the British war office.

On the Belgian front where the French and British launched an offensive (Continued on page six.)

RUSSIAN ROBBERS STEAL SILVER STATUE

PETROGRAD, Aug. 4.—Six armed men, three of whom were disguised as soldiers, motored to the senate building, garrotted the guards and stole a silver statue of Catherine II and other antiques valued at 1,500,000 rubles.