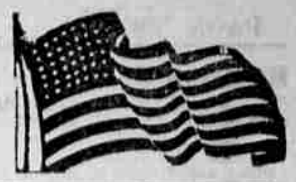


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## RUSSIANS FIGHT IN SOME SPOTS, YIELD IN OTHERS

Slavs Force Back Germans in North Galicia, Run Away in Bukovina—New Offensive in Rumania by Teutons—British Tighten Grip in Lens—French Make Raids.

Associated Press Summary. The Russian front situation continues complex, with Russian troops offering spirited resistance and driving back the Teuton forces in some sectors, and weakly yielding in others. Ten miles from Chotin, just beyond the extreme southeastern corner of Galicia, the Teutonic armies have been forced back on a ten-mile front, according to advices from Kishinev today. Petrograd also officially reports the driving back of enemy advance guards south of Grimalov. In Bukovina and on the river Bys-triza, on the other hand, the Russians have been forced to yield more ground, in one case because of the ments.

Offensive in Rumania. Farther south, in Rumania, a further menace to the entente lines became apparent today in the announcement of the opening of a Teutonic offensive in the Fokshani region. Petrograd admits a retirement here, and Berlin announces the storming of Russian positions north of Fokshani, with the taking of 1500 prisoners and 13 guns. In Flanders the infantry has continued inactive, but the total silence of the British official report on conditions there, similar to that preserved while the great bombardment which preceded the first attack was impending, coupled with the reports of increased air activity, seem indicative of a probable early renewal of the entente offensive effort.

On French Front. PARIS, Aug. 7.—French troops last night broke into the lines of the German crown prince on the Champagne front at three places, inflicting losses on the Germans and bringing back prisoners. It was officially announced today by the French war department. A German attack between Avocourt wood and Hill 504, in the Verdun district, was driven off with heavy losses to the enemy. There were fairly violent artillery duels in the Bixschotte sector of the Belgian front and between Hurtlebde and Craonne, north of the river Aisne.

Tighten Lines at Lens. BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 7.—The British lines continue to tighten about the French city of Lens, north of Arras. Canadian troops, who a Saturday night pushed their positions forward approximately 200 yards along a front of a thousand yards into the western environs of the city, late yesterday added a 600-yard front of a similar depth to their defenses south and west of the outskirts of that mining center.

ONE SUBMARINE SANK 19 VESSELS IN THREE WEEKS. AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 7.—One German submarine during a three weeks' period ending July 19, sank nineteen vessels, aggregating 66,000 tons, and was still in condition to remain longer away from its base, according to a report brought here today by Harold Hansen of Detroit, a member of the crew of one of the nineteen ships, who said he received his information from the U-boat commander. Hansen said he belonged to the Norwegian sailing ship Artensia, a vessel of 1719 tons gross register, sunk while on its way from Glasgow to Hampton Roads. His ship stopped when ordered to do so by the submarine commander, and a detail from the U-boat came aboard and removed all the food supplies. The crew was then ordered into the boat, given the course to the nearest land, and the Artensia was torpedoed. The captain of the submarine, Hansen said, told him and other members of his crew with pride that he had sunk eighteen other ships in three weeks and was after more.

## CANADIANS CLOSE IN ON LENS, SEIZE LENS-BETHUN ROAD

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 7.—The Canadian outposts around Lens have established a new line in a group of houses which is within a few yards of the enemy front line at that point. The Lens-Bethune road is now safely within our lines almost up to the city of Lens.

## ITALIAN RAID ON POLA DESTROYED NAVAL STATION

ROME, Aug. 7.—A detailed report on the air raid at Pola, the Austrian naval base, on Friday night, shows that it began at 11 p. m., and ended shortly after dawn. Each machine carried eight bombs and six grenades. The first arrived over Pola an hour after departure and the last at 4 a. m. The squadrons carried out the task, which comprised a flight of 320 kilometers, 160 of which were over enemy territory, without the loss of a single machine.

D'Annunzio, the poet, was aboard one of the larger planes piloted by Captain Gori. The damage effected was most important. In addition to bombing the arsenal, a naptha depot and a seaplane station were set afire and burned like paper. The Italian aviators who kept at an average height of 2500 to 1000 yards, were able to judge of the extent of the destruction by the enormous sheets of flame and columns of smoke which shot up to a height of 500 yards. The Austrians were unable during the bombardment to extinguish any fires started by the bombs, but they kept up a furious fire with their anti-aircraft guns and 30 of their most powerful searchlight threw a dazzling light over the space where the Italians were flying. Notwithstanding, the latter cruised over the city for nearly five hours and escaped unhurt and victorious.

## SPY SHADOWING RUSSIANS ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—M. Balzerkevitch is under arrest here today charged by federal officers with shadowing the movements of Colonel Ternavsky, chief of staff to the Russian General, Brusiloff. Colonel Ternavsky is on a secret mission to the United States. Federal investigators say Balzerkevitch is a German citizen. He is known to have arrived on the same vessel as the Russian emissary and his movements are declared to have been significantly related to Colonel Ternavsky's action. The man is a released prisoner of war, according to Russian Consul Romanoff skie. Arthur M. Allen of the department of justice, said yesterday that the federal government had made inquiries of the Japanese authorities which showed that Balzerkevitch had been under surveillance at Yokohama.

## STATE FUNDS PUT IN GOVERNOR'S BANK

AUSTIN, TEX., Aug. 7.—Deposits of state funds in the Temple State bank, of which Governor James E. Ferguson formerly was president, and in which he is a large stockholder, today occupied the attention of the house of representatives, sitting as a committee of the whole, to investigate charges looking into the impeachment of the executive, Henry Blum, assistant cashier, told how the secretary of state and the banking commissioner deposited large sums in the Temple institution, at one time several hundred thousand dollars of state funds being on deposit there.

## PEOPLE TIRED OF SENATE TALK SAYS WILLIAMS

Eternal Quibblefest Against Food Bill by Small Clique Opposing War Preparation Disgusting, Declares Mississippian—Chamberlain Grills Gore of Oklahoma.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The conference report on the food control bill was again the subject of debate in the senate today. Leaders believed it would be voted on tomorrow. Most republicans were said to favor immediate adoption of the report, and the principal opposition came from democratic members, notably Senators Reed, Hollis and Gore.

Debate yesterday became caustic when Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, accused Senator Gore of obstructing passage of the food bill and other administration measures repeatedly, and Senator Gore charged the senate conferees with letting President Wilson dictate to them. Grills Obstructionists. Senator Williams, declaring it was well for the senate to hear what the public thinks, denounced obstructionists.

It is a time to forget party alignments," he said, "and I am glad to say that a majority of both the democrats and republicans have done so, but there is a small group on both sides which has formed themselves into an anti-administration and anti-American party." Consistently or unconsciously, he said, they had put themselves into the attitude of opposing everything that goes to carry on the war.

"It is time for the majority of the democratic and republican parties to get together and say to these two little groups," he declared, "you have danced your ballet, you have sung your song. America is tired of you, we are tired of you and want to do something."

Tired of Gabbblefest. "Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson all are setting examples. All three have proven their Americanism. They are tired, the country is tired, the public is tired, and two-thirds of the senate is tired of this constant gabblefest—this constant gabbling about nothing. We are lagging thru the dogdays, making everybody nervous and tired with talk on this bill that isn't changing a vote. "Why take up the time of the American people with this?"

## DRAFT BOARDS IN CALIFORNIA BUSY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Four draft boards began active work in San Francisco Monday, and boards in other districts began to take up individual cases today. Twenty-five per cent of the men who appeared today were rejected for physical unfitness. Exemption claims were entered by 54 per cent of the remainder. Board members computed, using these figures as proportionate to future work, that about thirty-five men would be taken for the national army from each 100 examined.

It was stated that if this proves to be the correct ratio another call would be necessary to fill the ranks of the first national selective army. Board members stated that the number claiming exemptions because of dependents was larger than had been expected. They said all claims would be investigated thoroughly in order to eliminate any improper or insufficient claims.

## JAPANESE SOLONS COMING TO AMERICA

TOKIO, Aug. 7.—Members of the house of representatives met and decided to send five of their members to the United States to study conditions. They will start about September 1, and return in December. The delegation will represent all parties.

## NEGRO REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA DECLARES WAR UPON GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Liberia, the negro republic on the coast of Africa, has declared war on Germany. Some time ago Liberia broke off diplomatic relations. The declaration of war now gives opportunity to intern German merchants and others who have been accused of unneutral activities. The United States was advised today of the little republic's action.

## KERENSKY MAKES MINOR CHANGES IN NEW CABINET

PETROGRAD, Aug. 7.—Premier Kerensky has completed the formation of his new cabinet. The official announcement of its composition contains several changes in the list of portfolios made public yesterday as follows: Lieutenant LeBedeoff is made acting minister of marine, a post held up to the present by Premier and Minister of War Kerensky.

M. Bernatsky is appointed acting minister of finance, a portfolio that has been assumed by M. Nekrasoff, in addition to the vice-premiership. M. Yeffronoff, minister of justice, is transferred to the ministry of public aid, replacing M. Astroff, the mayor of Moscow.

Professor Kokoshkine, a leader of the constitutional democrats, is appointed state comptroller, a position which had been given to F. A. Golovine. M. Youreff is named minister of public works.

M. Yarouday takes the office of minister of justice, vacated by M. Yeffronoff. M. Takhtamishoff, the minister of communications, is not mentioned in the new official list.

## ASKS RELEASE OF MURDERESS

MINEOLA, N. Y., Aug. 7.—An application for the removal to a hospital of Mrs. Bianca De Saullles, held in the county jail here for the murder of her former husband, John Lonzer De Saullles, is expected to be made today or Wednesday. This announcement was made by her attorney after three physicians had examined his client, and decided that her life was being endangered by keeping her in prison.

The mother of Mrs. De Saullles, enabled from Valparaiso, Chile, that she will leave there Wednesday for New York, with another daughter, Miss Amalie Errazuriz-Vergara, and her son, William Errazuriz. The message also said the mother would give every aid possible to her daughter, indicating that the wealth and influence of the family would be used, not only to defend the daughter, but to obtain the permanent custody of the four and a half-year-old son for the mother.

## GERMAN AIRPLANE INTERNED IN HOLLAND

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A dispatch to the Times from Rotterdam, says a German seaplane alighted at Texel, Holland, yesterday, after being fired at by Dutch soldiers. It was short of gasoline. The occupants were interned.

## FREEDOM OF EDINBURGH OFFERED AMBASSADOR PAGE

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A movement is on foot, according to the London Times, to offer the freedom of the city of Edinburgh to Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador to the court of St. James.

## FIND DIFFICULTY IN FIXING PRICE PAID FOR STEEL

President Takes Hand in Government's Plan for Regulation of Prices—Inquiry Reveals Different Schedules for Cost of Production and Flat Price Likely Fixed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—President Wilson took a hand today in the government's plans for regulation of prices and conferred with officials who have the work in charge. First he went to the federal trade commission, and then went to the department of justice. Both departments are working on keeping prices on materials for the government's war needs down to a reasonable basis.

The president spent half an hour at the trade commission, inquiring particularly as to the investigation of the cost of producing coal, steel and lumber. After he left, the commission issued a brief statement, which said: Find Cost Basis.

"The president was here today to confer with the trade commission as to the progress being made in its cost diminishing investigation, now being conducted at his request. To find a basis for prices to be paid by the government for war materials, the commission is investigating production costs of coal, coke, steel, iron, petroleum, tin, aluminum, wire, zinc, copper, lead, cement and lumber. The copper investigation is about complete and a report will go to the president within two weeks. The next article to be investigated is coal, and the commission hopes to have definite data within a month."

To Pay Flat Price. The commission has found the steel costs slow work. Hardly a steel mill in the country, it is said, manufacturing steel at anything approximating the same cost.

The trade commission probably will make no recommendation as to a price-fixing policy, but its members foresee a difficult task if the government tries to pay each producer for his output on a cost-plus-percentage-profit basis as to the coal industry. A plan has been suggested whereby a flat price will be paid, the system amounting to a virtual pool in which producers would sell to each other to make up deficiencies in supplies and to arrange an average of cost.

## OKLAHOMA DRAFT OBJECTORS GIVE-UP

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Aug. 7.—The man-hunt for draft resisters in three counties of Oklahoma is nearing a close. Officers today believed they had placed more than half of the Working Class union membership—estimated at between 500 and 600—in the state penitentiary and county jails.

Preliminaries of prisoners taken to McAlester will begin tomorrow before Federal Commissioner Robert S. McMillen. The United States attorney has announced that draft resisters will be tried on conspiracy and treason charges, and the death penalty will be asked by the government. One hundred are under arrest at Holdenville, having been taken into custody yesterday and last night.

Reports from the infested districts at noon today told of the capture or surrender of a decreasing number of prisoners and an allaying of the intense excitement which has prevailed for almost a week.

## I. W. W. MEMBERS LEAVING COLUMBUS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 7.—Industrial Workers of the World refugees gradually are drifting away from Columbus, N. M., where they recently were deported from Bisbee, Ariz., according to reports to the southern department of the army received here today. Of the original 1150 sent there, approximately 1000 now are left. They are not under restraint and are free to go when they desire. Those remaining are being provided with food and shelter.

## GOVERNORS CALLED TO DISCUSS SEIZURE OF MINES BY STATE

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Initiative on calling a conference of the governors of sixteen states at Chicago on August 16 for the purpose of taking concerted action to reduce coal prices, even to the extent of seizing the mines, was taken today by the Illinois State Council of Defense. The report of Levy Mayer, chairman of the law and legislative committee, which held that the governors have powers to seize mines, was adopted.

## DUTCH SHOW UP KAISER'S IDEA OF WAR CHIVALRY

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 7.—Dutch newspapers print in a parallel column with an account of the murder of the crew of the British steamship Belgian Prince, a Berlin telegram giving the following extract from a pastoral letter read in all the Protestant churches of Berlin last Sunday: "We will comport ourselves as Christians towards our enemies and conduct the war in the future as in the past, with humanity and chivalry."

The pastoral letter was read at a service which Emperor William and the German empress attended at the cathedral. It exhorts the people to humanity, and recognizes the hand of God in the protection from invasion which the fatherland has enjoyed.

The British steamship Belgian Prince was sunk July 31 by a German submarine. According to survivors who reached a British port, the U-boat shelled the vessel and the German commander then ordered the crew to take to the boats and go alongside the submarine. The Germans, the survivors assert, removed the life belts and outer clothing of all the members of the crew except eight, smashed the lifeboats with axes and then re-entered the submarine and closed the hatches, leaving the men on deck. The submarine traveled on the surface for about two miles and then submerged. Thirty-eight of the crew were drowned. Three others were rescued by a patrol boat.

## ALLIE CONFERENCE ON WAR IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A conference of representatives of the entente allies, a continuation of the Paris conference, was commenced in London this morning. David Lloyd George presided.

Among those present at the conference were Premier Ribot and Minister of War Paulove of France; Baron Somino, the Italian foreign minister; A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, and Arthur Henderson, and the other members of the British war cabinet. All the entente allies, in fact, were represented by either ambassadors, ministers or special representatives.

## SIAM IMPOSES CABLE WAR CENSORSHIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Siam has imposed a cable censorship. The Commercial Cable company announced today that Siam now only admits cablegrams written in plain language, English, French or in certain specified codes.

## SEVEN-HOUR RAIN PUTS OUT IDAHO FOREST FIRES

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—A seven-hour rain extinguished today a fire in the Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, district that had threatened forest green timber valued at \$1,000,000. One hundred and fifty men had been unable to control the fire.

## BRITISH NAVY SHAKE-UP DUE TO INACTIVITY

Changes in Admiralty Caused by Desire for More Aggressive Policy—Burney Replaced by Wemyss—Anderson Succeeds Geddes as Controller of Naval Construction.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Official announcement was made at the admiralty today that Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, second sea lord, had been replaced by Vice-Admiral Sir Roselyn Wemyss. Allan Garrett Anderson, hitherto vice-chairman of the wheat commission, succeeds Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, as controller of naval construction.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The changes in the British admiralty are attracting much attention, and are interpreted as the first step in a reorganization which, it is supposed, Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, was appointed to carry out. Complete Change Desired.

In quarters where the existing admiralty methods are regarded as unsatisfactory, the present step is denounced as a "procrastinatory half measure," and it is declared the change ought to have been so complete as "to give the country a resolute and energetic admiralty permeated by an offensive spirit."

There is no implication of incapacity against Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, whose services as Admiral Jellicoe's second in command of the grand fleet, are recognized, and an official announcement states that he will be employed on special duty. It is assumed that as his record was made in active command, "he may welcome the change."

Changes in Admiralty. An official statement contains the announcement that an opportunity is to be taken of the appointment of Vice-Admiral Sir Roselyn Wemyss to rearrange the duties of the second sea lord of the admiralty, who will be relieved of detailed administrative work connected with the personnel of the fleet. This is interpreted as meaning that the second sea lord will not be trammelled by details which subordinates can handle, but will be associated with the preparation of war plans.

Another change in the admiralty is the removal of Sir William Graham Green from the permanent secretaryship at the admiralty, to a secretaryship in the ministry of munitions under Winston Spencer Churchill. Sir William's departure from the admiralty is regarded as of considerable importance, as the post of permanent secretary, which he has held since 1911, always has been largely responsible for the continuity of admiralty tradition and policy. It is this continuity which is regarded by many as a most dangerous factor in that it hinders initiative and adaptability to current needs.

## MISSING WOMAN BURIED IN CELLAR

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 7.—The discovery of the body of Mrs. Cora Miller, buried in quicklime, in an unused cellar at the home of Edward Haughe, farmer, today cleared up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the woman. She disappeared on February 24, last. Haughe has not been found, but a warrant for his arrest has been issued.

## U-BOAT SOJOURNS IN DUTCH PORT

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 7.—The German submarine U-30, accompanied by two Dutch torpedo boats, today entered the waterway of the Netherlands fishing town of Maassluis, 10 miles west of Rotterdam, according to a dispatch to the Handelsblad. It is understood that the U-boat merely is awaiting better weather.