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RUSSIANS CHECK TEUTON DRIVE INTO RUMANIA

Korniloff States Morale of Troops Strengthened—Predicts Operations on Vast Scale, Particularly in the North—Enemy Attacks Everywhere Repulsed.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 17.—There was little change this morning along the front of the new British offensive begun yesterday in Belgium. Several German counter-attacks were repulsed during the night, and fighting is continuing with the entente allies holding tenaciously the positions which they secured yesterday and carrying out consolidations.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 17.—General Korniloff, the commander-in-chief, arrived here today and had a long conference with Premier Kerensky.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 17.—Lieutenant-General Korniloff, the commander-in-chief, in an interview said today, the moral fighting capacity of the army had been considerably strengthened. He hoped for complete regeneration of the Russian forces. He predicted operations on a vast scale on the Rumanian front, and also elsewhere, especially in the north, where he indicated there was a period of combined land and sea actions in sight. He expressed the opinion that another winter campaign was inevitable.

Advance Halted.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—On the Bukovina front between the Rumanian and Moldavia, enemy attacks everywhere were repulsed, except at a single point south of the Varna, where a portion of the trenches in the mountains were lost, "says the official Rumanian statement, under date of Tuesday, just received here. "All enemy attacks in the Slanic and Ditrav valleys were repulsed. Our infantry and cavalry delivered counter-attacks on the enemy, which retired. We occupied several peaks and took more than six hundred prisoners. Some machine guns were captured. This action was facilitated by the Russians in the north, who after repulsing several attacks, took the offensive and drove at the conjunction with us. The battle continues violently.

Battle Continues.

"South of the Mareschet the enemy attacked all day with fresh troops. There were violent hand-to-hand encounters and counter-attacks. A Russian raid south of Broezany also resulted in the capture of prisoners and some machine guns. The battle continues with great stubbornness on both sides of the Sereth."

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—Attacks made yesterday by Russian and Rumanian forces north of Fokshani and on the lower Sereth river on the Rumanian front, broken down under the Teuton fire, according to the official statement issued today by the German war department.

MODIFY RULING FOR CLOSING BARS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The war department has modified the order prohibiting a saloon or bar within half a mile of a military camp so as not to be effective where purely temporary camps are concerned. The modification was caused by a situation in Kansas City, where many saloons and leading hotel bars in the city were closed because some troops were being mobilized in Convention hall.

Under the new ruling such temporary mobilization of troops will not be cause for closing bars and officers will be depended on to restrain their men.

GERMAN CONCESSIONS EXPECTED IN POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Euter Ltd. says it learns on good authority that German concessions in Poland are expected shortly, but that they will be conditional on Austria's approval.

OREGON MILLS DO NOT FEAR STRIKES CALLED BY I. W. W.

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Oregon timber and logging operators do not fear the Industrial Workers of the World strike, called for August 20, it was said here today by numerous lumber employers. F. G. Donaldson, secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, said he did not believe any I. W. W. members are employed in the valley mills.

FAMED CATHEDRAL OF ST. QUENTIN IS WANTONLY BURNED

FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Aug. 17.—The fire in the St. Quentin cathedral was first observed about 6 o'clock Wednesday night by sentinels in a French trench outside of St. Quentin. They were startled to see flames breaking from the famous cathedral and soon the entire structure was ablaze. The fire continued to light up the town and surrounding country until 2 o'clock in the morning. As it died down it was seen that the steep roof had fallen in. Everything but the walls must be destroyed. The cause is unknown. Certainly it was not due to the French fire. There was little bombardment last night and when the correspondent watched columns of smoke float away on a light wind, the landscape was singularly peaceful.

Prisoners say the town has lately been pillaged by officers and men who are sending many stolen valuables to Germany.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—"At nightfall Wednesday," telegraphs a Havas correspondent on the French front, "we saw from our lines which at places are less than half a mile from the suburbs of St. Quentin, that the cathedral was surrounded by smoke. Soon fire was visible, increasing each moment until at midnight the imposing monument was a mass of flames, visible for 20 miles around."

"It is impossible at this time to determine the origin of the fire. The Germans cannot lay it to our shells, for St. Quentin is so near our lines that not a single French projectile has fallen into the city. The high towers of the cathedral gave the Germans an observation point unique in the region. We cannot yet understand what powerful motives induced them to destroy it. Third field glasses it could be seen the next afternoon that the entire superstructure was gone."

WAR VOLUNTEERS STILL ENLISTING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—War volunteers for the regular army have reached a total of 190,347 men since April 1, bringing the roll to 7000 in excess of the authorized strength. Since the total quota for the expanded army was filled several days ago, recruits have continued to enlist at an average of more than 1000 men a day. They will be needed and the recruiting service will not relax its efforts.

There still are twenty-five states that have not supplied their quotas, but some of the other states have furnished their quotas several times over.

RENEWAL OF STRIKE REPORTED IN BERLIN

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 17.—A renewal of strike agitation in war industries, evidently on the part of the extreme socialists, is reported from Berlin. A semi-official notice says that circulars are being distributed in munition factories advocating a walk-out. The notice appeals to the workmen not to be misled and not to desert and betray their brothers fighting in the west and east.

GERMANS CLAIM RECAPTURE OF LOST POSITIONS

Berlin Reports Recovery of Langemarck, Which Is Not Conceded by British—Savage Attacks Made on Verdun Repulsed—German Counter-Attacks Fail.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—German advanced posts along the Yser canal, near Droigrachten, in Belgium, were overrun yesterday by troops of the entente, says the German official statement issued today. The enemy also captured ground north and east of Bixchoote.

At St. Julien and many points farther south to Warneton, the statement adds, allied forces penetrated the new German battle zone. "By evening Langemarck and our lost positions," the German general staff reports, "were again in our hands."

Gain Full Victory.

In all the other sectors the English assault collapsed before the German entanglements. The German statement says: "In spite of heavy sacrifices, the English have accomplished nothing. By this repulse we gained a full victory. Unshaken and with high spirits, our front stands ready for new battles."

Langemarck, a Belgian village about five miles northwest of Ypres, was captured by the British forces after desperate fighting yesterday. The British in their offensive pushed well beyond the town and, according to the latest reports from British sources, fighting was still in progress to the east of the position.

Associated Press Summary.

The Germans made violent and repeated efforts last night to regain important positions recently wrested from them by the French and British. They gained some small advantages on the Verdun front; otherwise the only result of their attacks was to add to the heavy losses which they have sustained in their fierce local offensive operations of late.

The British report three counter-attacks against their new lines near Loos. At the second effort the Germans gained slight successes at points, but were driven back again, and the third assault failed to shake the British defense.

Heavy artillery fighting is reported in the Ypres sector, where the British, after gaining high ground in yesterday's attack on a nine-mile front, were finally pressed back.

Suffer Heavy Losses.

The attacks on the French were made at widely separated points. In Belgium the Germans attempted to recapture the ground taken by the French along the Steenbeke river, but met with no success. On the Aisne front the Germans made vigorous assaults near the California plateau and east of Cerny. Shattered by the terrific artillery fire of the French, the German infantry formations were swept back with heavy losses.

On the Verdun front heavy fighting was resumed with a German stroke on a front of two kilometers between Caubieres wood and Besonvaux. At points the attackers succeeded in gaining a foothold in the foremost French trenches, but subsequently they were driven out of the greater part of these positions.

MEXICAN TRAINMEN THREATEN STRIKE

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17.—It is reported the railroad men are considering a walkout if the management continues to send locomotives to the United States for repairs, instead of making repairs in local shops. The shop men have addressed a petition to President Carranza asking that the work day be returned to eight hours. They are now working six hours. The management of the railroads explains that it is impossible under the present conditions to get materials sent to Mexico so all the repair work can be done in the local shops. The management announced the belief that the demands are the result of work of foreign agitators among the men.

OREGON'S FIRST DRAFT TO BE DRILLED AT AMERICAN LAKE, WN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Secretary Baker today approved the disposition of the 687,000 men of the first draft as recommended by the provost marshal-general. The average number of men allotted to each of the sixteen cantonments is approximately 43,000. Those going to American Lake, Wash., from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, totaling 46,159.

NEW GENERALS TO REPORT FOR DUTY BY AUGUST 25

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Thirty-two major-generals assigned to command divisions of the new army and national guard today received instructions to report for duty not later than August 25. All the regular departmental commanders are now called upon for duty in the field, probably in France.

Included in the orders is the statement that the order of designation of the divisions is by no means indicative of the order in which they will be sent to the front. A warning is added that shifts and changes in the officer personnel of the divisions are to be expected.

Under new army regulations each regiment will consist of three battalions of four companies of 250 men each, which, supplemented by supplies and machine gun organizations, will bring each infantry unit up to a strength of approximately 3600.

From the 27,000 officers recently graduated from training camps a considerable number will be detailed for a course of intensive training in trench warfare with the expeditionary forces already in France. In addition some officers probably will be sent to French and British officers' schools to study the methods of the allies.

POPE'S PEACE OFFER TRUE RESTORATION SAYS PAPAL PAPER

ROME, Aug. 17.—"The pope's peace proposals are true restoration in the sense of Lloyd-George's last speech and constitute a peace as outlined by President Wilson, while they also correspond to peace without annexation or indemnity supported in other quarters," says the Corriere d'Italia, the semi-official organ of the Vatican. The paper adds that the pope's note does not propose to return to the status quo and suggests the restoration of "the old kingdom of Poland," as it was before being dismembered by the three empires.

The note suggests autonomy for Armenia, a rearrangement of the colonies and the return of Alsace-Lorraine and Trent and Trieste to their respective nationalities.

"Is it possible that the central powers will consent to make peace, imposing upon them such sacrifices and obliging them to pronounce, as Lloyd George said, the word 'restoration'?" asks the newspaper.

The Giornale d'Italia expressed the hope that the voice of the pope urging peace will be accompanied by the sound of the cannon of the allies from Flanders to the Gulf of Trieste attacking the enemy with renewed armor.

NEW YORKERS JOIN VIGILANTES COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—More than 100 citizens of New York today had joined the newly formed vigilantes committee to wage a campaign against soap box orators whose utterances are considered improper.

FEDERAL ARMY FOR NORTHWEST TO CHECK I. W. W.

Troops Likely to Be Sent to Keep War Industries Moving and Prevent Disorders—Board of Mediation Prepared for Quick Action if Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Sending federal troops to Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho to keep war industries moving and to check disorders, is regarded by officials as a possibility in the near future, should the threatened I. W. W. strike attain serious proportions and the civil authorities, state and federal, in the affected area be unable to meet the situation adequately.

The departments of justice and labor, the board of mediation and conciliation, the food administration, and other government agencies were studying with some apprehension today the situation in the northwest and were prepared, it was said, to take immediate steps to meet any development.

For Quick Action.

Secretary of Labor Wilson, returning to Washington after an absence of several days, received reports on the situation, and began to determine if the services of his department could be utilized in averting the threatened strike. Conciliators of the department already are in districts affected. Food administrators say the strike might retard harvest and that damage had been done to fruit and vegetables in California, which were needed for canning.

The board of mediation and conciliation, while without direct representation in the territory affected, is prepared to act quickly in case the threatened strike should result in interruption to train service. G. W. Hanger of the board is at present in San Francisco.

Viewed With Apprehension.

Department of justice investigators and inclined to view the situation with some apprehension and federal attorneys in the four states mentioned in the proposed general strike call are authorized to act quickly in case of disorder.

So far as the department of justice is concerned, only an overt act can result in action.

Should the civil authorities deem it advisable to have federal troops sent to guard industries, they could be sent upon request of state authorities, or the department of justice itself.

Officials unite in saying there will be no half-measures by the government with persons attempting to hinder industries essential to prosecuting the war. Extreme measures, it was said, would be resorted to without hesitation.

In view of the nature of the demands made by the I. W. W., including the release of all members of its organization at present in prison in the four states, it was thought likely that the strike would be called. The demand is regarded by officials here as preposterous and one that could not possibly be acceded to.

JAP SOCIALISTS TO SEND PEACE DELEGATE

TOKIO, Aug. 17.—It is reported that a small body of Japanese socialists at Tokio has voted to send Sen Katayama, a Japanese pacifist leader, who is now in New York as a delegate to the Stockholm socialist conference. It is believed that the government is opposed to the participation of Japanese in the conference.

DRUMMERS AGREE TO MEATLESS MEALS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Traveling salesmen's organizations, comprising about 600,000 members, have pledged themselves to a wheatless and meatless meal every day, the food administration announced today.

VIRGINIA PLOTTERS AGAINST DRAFT LAW GET 5 YEAR TERMS

BIG STONE GAP, Va., Aug. 17.—J. W. Phipps and W. V. McCoy, Virginia mountaineers, were found guilty by a grand jury in federal court here today on an indictment for "recruiting men to destroy arms and ammunition of the United States government." The penalty was fixed at five years at the federal prison at Atlanta.

CHINA FOLLOWS WAR DECLARATION SEIZING PROPERTY

PEKING, Tuesday, Aug. 14. (Delayed.)—China's declaration of war on Germany and Austria-Hungary beginning at 10 a. m. today, and the other documents relating to the conflict do not mention the association of the Chinese republic with the entente powers. They indicate that China's action will be entirely independent. The declaration of war aroused little excitement in Peking, or in other north China cities.

The Netherlands' minister to China today took over the interests of the central allies.

Chinese troops at Tien Tsin took over the Austrian concession and the German bank and German barracks there without incident.

Regulation issued today by the Chinese government permit the departure of Germans and Austrians within five days. Registration within ten days is required to permit Teutons to continue doing business if it does not affect China's welfare. Enemy subjects are forbidden to travel without permits. The regulations also provide for the internment of troublesome enemies.

The proclamation of war which was signed by President Feng Kwo-Chang, reviews China's efforts made to induce Germany to modify her submarine policy. It says that respect for international law forced China to sever relations with Germany and now compelled China to declare war against Germany and Austria, too, as it was not Germany alone, but Austria-Hungary as well, which had pursued this policy without abatement. The proclamation declares that all treaties, agreements and protocols between China and the central powers have been abrogated. It says China will respect the Hague conventions and the international agreements respecting the humane conduct of the war, and in conclusion asserts that China's object in entering the war is to hasten peace.

U-BOATS FAIL TO SINK AMERICANS

MAYNARD, Mass., Aug. 17.—A steamer carrying American sawmill cut No. 3 to a British port recently was attacked in midocean by two German submarines, according to a letter received last night from a member of the unit. Two torpedoes were fired at the ship, but both missed their mark by a few feet, the steamer escaping by her great speed, the writer said.

GENERAL STRIKE OF I. W. W. MEMBERS TO BEGIN MONDAY

SPOKANE, Aug. 17.—The general strike of the construction and agricultural workers of the Industrial Workers of the World, which has been called for next Monday in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, will be conducted without disorder or violence, James Rowan, district secretary of the organization, said today. The men have been instructed, Rowan said, to quit the jobs they are working on and refrain from disorder.

The strike is being called as a protest for what is alleged to be the illegal arresting of members of the order. The strike order tells the construction workers to lay down their tools and the agricultural workers to let the fruit rot on the ground.

Bernstoff to Be Sent to Turkey

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—The appointment of Count von Bernstoff as German ambassador at Constantinople is forecast. He arrived in Berlin today and has been in conference with Chancellor Michaelis.

SENATE ADOPTS WINE SCHEDULE AND AUTO TAX

Minor Provisions of War Revenue Bill Hurriedly Disposed Of—Increased Wine Rates Opposed by Phelan—Tax on Autos to Be Paid by Owners Instead of Factories.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—In endeavoring to dispose of minor provisions of the war tax bill and reach the important disputes, the senate today approved the wine schedule as revised by the finance committee.

The increased wine rates, imposing a tax of \$1.10 a gallon on brandy and in fortifying wines, were opposed only by Senator Phelan of California, who contended they would destroy the American wine industry. Senator Simmons, in charge of the bill, declared that the rates attempted to equalize consumption between Pacific coast and Mississippi valley producers as well as to obtain revenue. He predicted that with the manufacture of whisky stopped, wine would be much used as a substitute.

Auto Section Adopted.

The automobile section of the war tax bill was adopted by the senate today virtually as written by the finance committee. It provides a graduated federal tax upon automobile and motorcycle owners, instead of the house levy of 5 per cent upon manufacturers' sales. Between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 in revenue would be secured by the senate bill against \$68,000,000 under the house measure.

A protest against the committee's provision for a stamp tax on parcel post packages was filed today by the postoffice department, which contended that the tax of 1 cent for each 25 cents paid would injure the parcel post and discriminate against the farmer.

Spend Eighteen Billions.

This year's war expenditures were estimated by Senator Curtis of Kansas at \$18,000,000,000. He advocated raising necessary revenues principally from incomes, war profits and luxuries, opposing the proposed taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa, and urging a substantial federal inheritance tax on large estates.

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SERIES OF RAIDS BY BRITISH AIRSHIPS

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The admiralty announces the successful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the Royal Naval Air service, who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and sidings and the Thourout railway junction were attacked. The airdrome at Ghiselles was bombarded and several fires were observed. Attack from the air were made on the airdromes at Engel and Uytkerke. All the airplanes returned safely.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT STRIKES MINE AND SINKS

PETROGRAD, Aug. 17.—The Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Lieutenant Bonrakov has been sunk by a German mine in the Baltic sea near the Aland archipelago.

The official Russian statement of yesterday announced the loss of a torpedo boat by striking a mine in the Baltic.