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## ALLIES WIN ATTACKS ON TWO FRONTS

Italians Launch Offensive, Crossing Isonzo, Taking 7500 Prisoners—French Strike Along Both Sides of Meuse at Verdun, Taking All Objectives and Many Prisoners on Eleven-Mile Front—Berlin Admits French Success.

ROME, Aug. 20.—The Italians in their offensive on the Isonzo front, begun yesterday, have crossed the Isonzo river and already have taken 7500 prisoners, it was officially announced by the war department today.

Guns and many machine guns have been captured by the Italians, and the Austrians have suffered serious losses. The infantry battle continues vigorously.

The Austrian war office announced yesterday that an Italian offensive had been inaugurated on a thirty-seven-mile front in the region of Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic.

French Offensive.  
PARIS, Aug. 20.—French troops attacked this morning on both banks of the Meuse, on the Verdun front. Early information shows that the battle has developed to the advantage of the French on a sector of eighteen kilometers (eleven miles). Prisoners already are coming in.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—The Temps says that in one hour and twenty minutes after the French infantry advanced to the attack at Verdun this morning the objective had been attained and German prisoners were going to the rear.

The first reports do not show whether the French have inaugurated a major offensive, although the indications are that the operation is unusually important. There has been sharp fighting recently near Verdun. It was in this sector that the German crown prince early last year attempted to break the French line, losing several hundred thousand men without gaining any material advantages. Last week the Germans made a sharp local attack there, possibly hoping to break up the French preparations.

German Admit Retreat.  
BERLIN, via London, Aug. 20.—The war office announces that the French, without fighting, have occupied the Talon ridge on the Verdun front, each side of the Meuse.

At all other places over a front of more than fourteen and three-eighths miles, the German general staff reports, fighting is in full swing. The German high command says that Talon ridge was given up because this line of defense since last March had been occupied only by outposts.

Forces of the central powers have driven back the Rumanians on both sides of the Oltuz valley, and in the direction of the Tetus valley, it was officially announced today by the German war office.

The Oltuz valley the Austro-Germans took 1500 prisoners and captured thirty machine guns. Stubborn battles developed at the Marasochi station, on the Serech river, the Teutons capturing more than 2500 prisoners.

British Hold Ground.  
LONDON, Aug. 20.—A German (Continued on page four.)

## HOGS SELL AT \$18.25 PORTLAND STOCKYARDS

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—The highest price ever paid for hogs in the northwest was reported here today when \$18.25 a hundredweight was received by sellers at the stock yards. Lard today sold for 35 cents a pound, also a record.

## LETTERS SHOW CONSTANTINE FOR GERMANY

Message Written at Outbreak of War Found Among Documents Left by Deposed Monarch, Pledge Support to Kaiser—Necessity Forced Neutrality.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that among the diplomatic documents found in Athens since the change in government is a reply from former King Constantine, written a few days after the war began, to a message from Emperor William, who proposed Greece should join the central powers. Constantine said:

"The emperor well knows my personal sympathies, as well as my political opinions, attract me to his side. Nevertheless, it is impossible for me to understand in what manner I could be useful to him in mobilizing my army. The Mediterranean is at the mercy of the united fleets of England and France, which could destroy our navy and merchant marine, occupy our islands and, above all, prevent concentration of my army, which could be effected only by sea, without it being in our power to be useful in any particular we would be wiped off the map. I am necessarily of the opinion that neutrality is imposed upon us."

Gottlieb von Jagow, the German foreign secretary, replied to Constantine that Emperor William would understand the necessity of maintaining neutrality for the present. He advised Constantine to reach an understanding with Sofia and Constantinople.

## GREATEST POTATO CROP MAKES UP WHEAT SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The largest potato crop ever produced in this country is the promise of the monthly crop report just issued. Leon M. Estabrook, chief of the bureau of crop estimates of the United States department of agriculture, stated this morning that the average production for the previous five years (1911-1915) was 363,000,000 bushels, which represents a fair crop. This year the indications are that there will be a crop of 467,000,000 bushels, which is 100,000,000 above the average.

This is equal to one bushel extra for every man, woman and child in the country.

In order to avoid waste, officials of the department of agriculture suggest two ways of taking care of this large increase:

First, all housewives are urged to use potatoes as far as possible as a substitute for bread-stuffs.

Second, to preserve the potatoes for winter use by home storage.

These measures, it is stated, will not only use the potatoes to advantage, but will save wheat.

## ALL RECORDS BROKEN FOR IRON ORE OUTPUT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—All records for iron ore production in the United States were broken when the output reached 75,177.72 gross tons, valued at approximately \$480,000,000, according to figures issued by the geological survey this week. This was an increase of 16,900,000 gross tons and 40 per cent in value of 1915.

## PEACE REIGNS OVER SPAIN: STRIKE BROKEN

MADRID, Aug. 20.—Official news has been received from throughout Spain that tranquility reigns everywhere and the general strike is expected to end today. A meeting of the cabinet has been called and it is thought martial law will be annulled.

## DANIELS PLANS DOUBLED OUTPUT OF DESTROYERS

More Destroyers for United States Than Any Other Power—One Thing Feared by Submarines—No Additional Submarine Chasers—Advice of Sims Followed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Immediate expansion of building facilities of the United States to double or treble the output of destroyers in the next eighteen months was the object of a conference today between Secretary Daniels and representatives of twenty-five or more ship and engine builders.

"If we get what we want," the secretary said, "the United States will have more destroyers than any other power. They are the one thing that a submarine fears."

The secretary indicated that all destroyers the builders could produce would be ordered. Every effort of the department will be laid upon speeding up the many contracts now pending.

### No Submarine Chasers.

Every aspect of shipbuilding that bears upon destroyer production was taken up at the conference. There is no shortage of material or plant facilities, but a difficulty in obtaining high power engines, boilers and reduction gear.

Secretary Daniels said no additional submarine chasers would be ordered at present. The chasers are valuable as harbor and shore patrols, but destroyers are superior even for these duties and have in addition seagoing qualities which make them of far greater value in all other ways.

Secretary Daniels' decision shows that no officers who have been contending that the best answer to the U-boat was to turn out an enormous number of destroyers have carried their point. They were backed by reports from Vice-Admiral Sims, founded on his experience in European waters.

### Furnishing Convoys.

Another aspect is the problem of furnishing convoys to troops and to supply ships which will grow as more Americans go to France. Many officers believe that destroyer convoys guarantee a large degree of security from submarine attack. The department apparently has approved this view.

No figures have ever been made public as to the number of destroyers under construction. Secretary Daniels said today, however, that they represent the maximum present capacity of the country.

## WOULD BOYCOTT GERMAN INSURANCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Richard M. Hurd, chairman of the board of trustees of the American Defense society, has written President Wilson asking him to extend the terms of his proclamation barring Germans from the marine and war risk insurance field to cover all lines of insurance. German insurance men, Hurd says, are placed in possession of information vital to the interests of the United States in being permitted to write insurance and the payment of large sums to German companies strengthens the financial position of Germany.

## PETAINE PLEASSED BY VISIT TO AMERICANS

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—General Petaine, commander-in-chief of the French army, yesterday visited Major General John J. Pershing, spending the entire day in the American training area. After the visit General Petaine said he was much impressed and was convinced that the American troops soon would become an excellent fighting force. General Pershing will proceed to the front in several days.

## FIRST PICTURES OF RUSSIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF DEATH



This is the first photo received in America of the Russian women who have joined the army. It is copyrighted by Underwood & Underwood. Two girl troopers are shown with their mascots, a parrot and a cat. All regiments have their bird or animal pets.

## CANADIANS WIN ALL HIGH GROUND SURROUNDING LENS

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 20.—(By Canadian Press Limited.)—Northwest of Lens, amidst the trenches and railway cuttings which form the last line of German defense in that quarter, the Canadians have established strong posts in a special trench which was the scene of desperate indecisive fighting two days ago.

These new posts give command of the last bit of ground from which defenders of the city could overlook the advance from the west. They are now in a hollow all around the front which swings about Lens in semi-circular form.

The eastern exits from the city are subjected to much bombardment. This makes the difficulty in bringing up of provisions and ammunition.

At 2 o'clock this morning a trench raid on the enemy's front northwest of Avion resulted in heavy fighting in which a considerable number of the enemy were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

## MORE ARRESTS FOR I. W. W. HINTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Department of justice officials declined today to comment on the labor situation in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, where a general strike of the Industrial Workers of the World had been set for today. Details of the charges against Jas. Rowan and his assistants, officials said, were subjects about which it was deemed expedient to say little. It was intimated, however, that the arrests formed only one part of the program to prevent a general tie-up.

## HOUSEWIVES TO REGISTER SEPT. 15

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—September will be proclaimed by Governor James Withycombe as housewives' registration day in Oregon, when every female over 15 years of age will be asked to register.

The women's war census is to be undertaken in connection with a national movement initiated in New York. The object is to register all women who are willing to contribute their services in whatever manner for the national emergency. A mass meeting of Portland women to stimulate interest in the proposal has been called for next Wednesday.

D. G. and C. D. Hutchinson of Klamath Falls were Sunday visitors in the city.

## KAISER CONVINCED BY VISIT OF FLEET'S GREAT STRENGTH

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 20.—After his visit to the German high sea fleet at Wilhelmshaven, Emperor William issued the following to the fleet:

"After having recently received an announcement that a renewed heavy attack of the enemy in an attempt to break up our sea front in Flanders had been successfully repelled, I have today, by a visit to my fleet and the island fortress of Helgoland, been enabled to convince myself of the strength and security of this front, too. I express my warm appreciation to all the high sea forces on the water, under water and in the air and to the fortress of Helgoland for their untiring, self-sacrificing and successful labor, by means of which they have kept firmly in view and attained this aim. May the fleet remain conscious that the confidence of myself and the fatherland reposes firmly on it."

The emperor's visit is reported to have been caused by the threat of strikes at the Wilhelmshaven arsenal.

## FIRST DEATH AT OHIO AVIATION SCHOOL

DAYTON, O., Aug. 20.—The first death at the Wilbur Wright aviation school is that of a student aviator, R. L. Hayes of Tacoma, Wash., who lost his balance while watching a rapidly revolving propeller of an airplane and toppled over on the propeller. He died instantly.

## 6,627 BRITISH SAILORS LOST ON MERCHANTMEN

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Since the outbreak of the war 6627 officers and men of the British mercantile marine, exclusive of those in the pay of the admiralty, have lost their lives, according to a statement in the commons today after a statement by Senator Albert Stanley, president of the house of trade.

## KENTUCKY OFFICIALS ARRESTED AS SLACKERS

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 20.—Sheriff James N. Taylor, a member of the Logan county exemption board, and J. W. Edward, county judge, were arrested today by a deputy United States marshal on the charge of conspiring to violate provisions of the selective draft law.

## JOHNSON ASKS CONSCRIPTION OF WAR PROFITS

California Senator Says We Have Conscripted Blood of Nation, Let Us Conscript Wealth Coined by That Blood to Stand Behind Youth in the Trenches.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The third week of senate debate on the war tax bill opened today with the prospect that passage would be delayed until next week. Several more days' discussion was promised the disputed questions—income, war profits, consumption and publishers' taxes.

Before the senate discussion began today the finance committee met and decided not to resort to cloture to expedite the bill. Senator La Follette's speech in favor of increasing income and war profit levies, planned for today, was postponed until tomorrow. Instead, Senator Jones of New Mexico spoke in support of his plan to tax corporations' undistributed surplus.

### Conscript the Wealth.

Higher taxation of "swollen" war profits was urged by Senator Johnson of California.

"We have conscripted the blood of the nation," he said, "let us conscript the wealth coined out of that blood. With abundant enthusiasm we conscripted the youth of the land to die, if need be, on a foreign soil. I ask that the same enthusiasm be shown to conscript wealth to stand behind the youths who have gone to the trenches.

"Our lads have gone, to use a hackneyed phrase, to preserve 'world democracy.' Those who coin profits from the blood of war and make swollen profits ought to pay the cost. The amount proposed by this bill is but a moiety on such profits."

### Staggered at Costs.

Senator Johnson said that he was "staggered" by the probable war costs, estimated at twenty billions the first year, "and without a single shot fired."

"The future liability halts imagination," he continued. "I believe the liability of this nation at the close of the war will be greater than that of any other belligerent."

"All this people are willing to do, but they ask that the burden be placed not alone upon them, but that some of it come from those profiting by the war."

Senator Johnson referred to "enormous profits" of the United States Steel corporation, and exclaimed:

### Treating Wealth Tenderly.

"How they must laugh to scorn a people's congress that deals so tenderly with war profits at a very time when money is so badly needed."

"The chairman of the senate finance committee tells us this is a war profits tax," said the California senator. "This is no war profits tax. This is a tax where war profits are just touched."

England, he said, levies a war profits tax of 80 per cent while congress had only seen fit to take 20 per cent. The estimated war profits he added, amount to \$3,000,000,000, but the bill levies only \$52,000,000.

## ITALY'S ANSWER TO POPE IS DRIVE

ROME, Aug. 19.—Commenting on the new Italian advance, the newspapers say that it, like the British attack in Flanders, will be of service if it demonstrates how the allied countries feel toward the "premature peace proposals" of Pope Benedict. It is said Austria apparently realizes the gravity of the situation, as an announcement is made that Emperor Charles is soon to visit the Austro-Italian front, presumably to encourage his troops.

The official Austrian statement of yesterday said the Italians had begun an offensive on a thirty-seven-mile front from Tolmino to a point near the Adriatic. The struggle was said to be bitter, but yesterday's Italian official statement did not mention it.

## THREATENED I. W. W. STRIKE IS FAILURE

Order to Cease Work Not Obedied by Members of Organization—Leaders Arrested and Jailed at Spokane as Military Prisoners—Troops Stationed in Mining Districts to Preserve Order.

SPOKANE, Aug. 20.—Reports received from northern Idaho and eastern Washington indicated that the general strike call of the Industrial Workers of the World was not generally obeyed today by the members of the organization. Many towns have driven the Industrial Workers out, and no general cessation of work was reported.

At St. Maries, Idaho, eleven members of the order are in jail, and none of the 250 men employed in the lumber mills there quit work. At Sand Point, Idaho, more than 500 men continued work in the lumber mills there.

The Industrial Workers of the World headquarters is under guard of national guardsmen following the arrest here yesterday of James Rowan, district secretary, who signed the strike call, and twenty-six other men. They are in the county jail as military prisoners and guarded by national guardsmen.

### Troops in Coeur d'Alene.

Advices from Wallace, Idaho, stated that troops have been placed in the Coeur d'Alene mining districts to preserve order.

Troops have also been placed at Lewiston, Idaho, to handle the I. W. W. situation or any other disturbance that may be detrimental to the interests of the country.

The commanding officer of the troops at Lewiston stated that acts and speeches in any way disloyal to the government will not be allowed, and that any interference with men employed in work of any character that may be regarded as necessary to the government in its prosecution of the war will be regarded as disloyal acts and guilty persons will be arrested. The commanding officer said his instructions give him authority to use any force necessary to enforce peace.

The city commission of Spokane today ruled that no street speaking will be permitted in the future. This applies to Industrial Workers of the World and religious organizations. Last night the guardsmen who arrested the Industrial Workers prohibited street meetings.

### No Strike in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—So far as early reports from over the state indicated, there was no interruption to industry in Oregon as a result of the I. W. W. strike scheduled to go into effect this morning. Federal, state and local officials declared themselves prepared for eventualities. Special deputies attached to the sheriff's offices in the threatened districts were on duty, and it was planned to make prompt arrests of leaders in any disturbances. At I. W. W. headquarters here there was no untoward activity, and leaders in the organization said they anticipated no general movement by their men at this time.

### No Strike at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Aug. 20.—No Industrial Workers of the World construction workers in the vicinity of Seattle are on strike this morning, so far as can be learned. The recent release of a large number of members of the organization held in El-

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## SECOND CALL FOR DRAFT SEPTEMBER 19

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Mobilization of the second increment of draft troops was today changed from September 15 to 19, and the third increment from September 30 to October 3. Mobilization of the first increment will be as previously announced, September 5.