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ITALIANS DRIVE 15 MILES AHEAD 50 MILE FRONT

Advance in Albania Unchecked—Austrians Evacuate Berat and Occupy New Defense Line on Skumbi River—Austrian Prisoners Say Losses in Offensive 250,000.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—An official dispatch from Rome today reports unchecked advance of Italian troops in Albania, with Berat as an objective. From the Voyusa, the Italians have carried all positions to the Semeni in an advance of approximately fifteen miles over a fifty mile front.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, July 11.—Under pressure the Austrians in Albania have receded beyond the Berat-Fieri line near the Skumbi river. Evacuation of Berat probably was due to the Italian progress around Fieri and the French advance between Lake Ochrida and the Tormoria valley, up which the allies are pursuing the retreating Austrians.

Fighting in the Macedonian theater has spread eastward and the Bulgarians are making strong attacks north of Monastir. Those attacks were repulsed with heavy losses by the French.

Austrian Loss 250,000
LONDON, July 11.—Italian troops in their offensive in Albania continue to advance, says a dispatch from Rome to the Central News Agency. The Austro-Hungarians are falling back on the Skumbi river, 25 miles north of Berat.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.) Evidence secured from Austrian prisoners indicates that the Austro-Hungarian losses during the recent offensive were in the neighborhood of 250,000.

Other reports made by the captives tend to confirm accounts of poor wheat and potato crops in Austria.

On Italian Front
ROME, July 11.—Italian advanced posts at Coroneo, on the Asiago plateau yesterday drove back Austro-Hungarian detachments, says the Italian official statement today reporting military operations on the Italian mountain front. Artillery fire was lively in the Brenta valley. On the remainder of the front there were the usual reconnoitering and harassing actions.

VIENNA, July 11.—Austrian forces in Albania are occupying a new defensive line which has been organized, according to today's war office report. The statement announces the repulse of a French detachment which was advancing in the Devoll valley.

NEW YORK PAYS FINAL TRIBUTE TO FORMER MAYOR

NEW YORK, July 11.—The body of John Purroy Mitchel, in a flag-draped casket on which rested the cap which he wore as a major of aviation, was borne thru the streets of New York today while thousands watched in mute tribute. All along the route stood people with bared and bowed heads, many in tears. The bell in the city hall tolled as the casket was borne from the rotunda where it lay in state through the night and placed on an artillery caisson drawn by four horses, which conveyed it to St. Patrick's cathedral and then to Woodlawn cemetery. Behind the caisson followed Major Mitchel's horse and boots reversed in the stirrups and bearing also his reversed sword.

An airplane circled overhead as the march began. It was joined by six others which flew back and forth over the route dropping flowers. Much of the city's business was suspended.

FRENCH CAPTURE TOWN OF CORCY ON MARNE LINE

Allied Prodding Tactics Resumed and Line Straightening Out in Preparation of Hun Onslaught—British Win Additional Ground on Amiens Salient—Germans Bombard.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, July 11.—The French continued their jamming tactics last night on the western side of the Marne salient, southwest of Soissons, capturing the town and railway station of Corcy and the farm and chateau of St. Paul, south of the town.

The gain of ground serves still further to protect the forest of Villers-Cotterets, defending Comoiette, the important French base.

On the British front south of the Soame Field Marshal Haig's infantry has won additional holding ground east of Villers-Bretonneux on the ridge which stands as an important eastward defense of the allied base at Amiens.

Wipes Out Salient
The operations on the French front are a continuation of a series of important local attacks between the Aisne and the Marne, begun on Sunday. It is along this line that the allies apparently count it quite probable that the Germans will resume the offensive.

The net result of these French operations together with an earlier activity farther north, late in June, when a dangerous salient east of the Laversine ravine was wiped out, is that the French front now runs on an almost straight line along a series of strong positions for a distance of approximately 12 miles from the Aisne southward to below Corcy.

Straightening Line
Between this and the American sector to the south, northwest of Chateau Thierry, there is still a westward bulge in the line. The French pressure on the north and the American on the south, however, seems likely to result in the wiping out of this salient by the continuation of the present entente tactics of local plunger in this sector, if the Germans hold off much longer in their expected renewed offensive.

The German guns are sending the sectors of Hinges, on the south, and Leere, on the north of the Lys and Leers, on the north of the Lys and Leers, in Picardy the aeroblast about Morlancourt is being shelled.

In Flanders, British airmen has crashed 10 German planes, while another fell before the anti-aircraft fire. British superiority in the air is now firmly established.

American aviators have been active around Chateau Thierry.

REIGN OF TERROR GRIPS MOSCOW

AMSTERDAM, July 11.—Telegraphing from Moscow the correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung says: "The bourgeoisie are experiencing a veritable reign of terror. They are being turned out of their houses, which are being used for the billeting of troops. Furniture is being removed. The cost of living is extremely high. The cost of food is the highest. No bread is obtainable. Grain supplies to northern and central Russia have completely ceased. No one could assert the relations between the German authorities and the soviet government are friendly."

AIRPLANE MAIL MAKES NEW RECORD

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Airplane mail from Washington reached New York in 2½ hours yesterday including an eight minute stop at Philadelphia, establishing a record. The average speed during the entire trip was more than 90 miles an hour. Lieutenant Dodge was the pilot.

PAN-GERMANS IN FULL CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT

Fall of Kuehlmann Regarded as Showing Complete Mastery of Militarists and Policy of War to the End—Hintze Appointment Challenge to Reichstag Majority.

LONDON, July 11.—Fall of Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann, is regarded in Germany as the introduction of an open pan-German regime. The control of the military leaders is complete special dispatches from Holland say. The pan-German newspapers do not disguise their delight over it.

Reports of the appointment of Admiral von Hintze, as foreign secretary are accepted as final by the pan-German papers which contend that this involves no change of policy.

In the reichstag Tuesday the socialists informed the president they were not prepared to vote the war credit until they knew what foreign policy von Hintze was going to pursue. It was agreed, as a way out of a threatening situation, that the house would go into committee for a confidential discussion. The result was that the semi-official announcement of von Hintze's appointment took a tentative form, saying merely that he had been "named" as von Kuehlmann's successor.

War to an End
PARIS, July 11.—Deedsion to accept the resignation of Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann, was taken Monday at a conference at General headquarters which was attended by the emperor, Chancellor von Hertling and Admiral von Hintze says a Zurich dispatch to the Matin. Appointment of von Hintze is considered by French papers to be a challenge to the majority in the reichstag, and a deliberate insult to southern Germany. L'Homme Libre says that in ousting von Kuehlmann the militarists show plainly that they want a war to the end, "and we must not forget that."

LILLIE, BRUGES BOMBED BY BRITISH

LONDON, July 11.—The official report on aerial operations says: "Work in the air was interrupted on July 9 by showers of rain and low clouds, but photography and reconnaissances were carried out by us as usual and many hostile batteries were engaged with airplane observation."

"Enemy aircraft were active on the northern part of our front and a number of combats took place, in which nine German planes were destroyed and one driven down out of control. In addition an enemy scout was brought down by anti-aircraft fire."

"In the course of the day we dropped 14 tons of bombs on selected targets over the line, two tons falling with good effect on the Lille junction and one and a half tons on the Bruges docks. Three of our machines are missing."

"During the following night three tons of bombs were dropped on enemy railways and camps without loss to us."

BROKERS SUSPENDED FOR FAKE PARTNERSEIP

NEW YORK, July 11.—Announcement of the suspension for one year of John Muir, Edwin H. Muir and Charles A. Burbank of John Muir & Co., the largest dealers in the country in what is known as "odd lots" of stock under 100 shares, was made today by the New York stock exchange.

They are charge with entering into a partnership which in the opinion of the board of governors was not a genuine partnership.

CURSE ON U-BOATS FOR BRINGING YANKS SAYS GERMAN PAPER

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Dissatisfaction in Germany over the work of the submarines has not been lessened by the recent optimistic statements of Admiral von Capelle, says an official dispatch today from Switzerland. In this connection the Cologne Volks Zeitung is quoted as follows: "The submarine warfare is cursed, doubtless because it has contributed to bringing into action the redoubtable American intervention."

BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN IN KANSAS TO ROB EXPRESS CAR

PAOLA, Kans., July 11.—A posse today patrolled the banks of the De Cygne river near here in search of a dozen men who late last night held up a southbound Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train south of Paola, shot three persons and looted the express and mail cars.

Railway employes said the robbers "shot up" the train. No attempt was made to rob the passengers. The train was flagged and the bandits forced the engineer and fireman into the smoking car.

Detaching the mail and express cars the bandits ran them ahead and rifled them. Those wounded are Fireman R. E. Carter, and Auditor T. Witche, both of Parsons, Kans., and Mrs. L. D. Williams, of Alchville, Okla. None of the wounds is considered serious.

TO INCREASE CREDITS FOR CANNING INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Effort is being made thru the federal reserve system to increase credits available to the canning industry, according to a bulletin issued today by the reserve board. Governor Harding has suggested that the cooperation of large banking institutions be secured to furnish support for the establishment in centers where local banks cannot advance the funds.

Food Administrator Hoover has estimated that \$50,000,000 in excess of their usual capital requirements would be needed by canners during the season. The increased cost, he reported was due to higher charges for labor and materials.

UNCLE SAM FORMS HOUSING CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The department of labor today announced the creation of the United States housing corporation, incorporated under the laws of New York, which will take over virtually all of the functions now being performed by the department's bureau of industrial housing and transportation. All the stock is held by Secretary Wilson on behalf of the United States, except one share each allotted M. D. Meidel and Geo. B. Box, president and treasurer, respectively, of the corporation.

BRAZIL SUFFERS FROM HEAVY FROST

menacious damage from frost in Brazil was reported today in official dispatches. Unusual freezing temperatures in Sao Paulo have ruined the young coffee plantations and reduced the production of old plantations to an estimated 50 per cent of normal until 1921. A majority of the plantations of sugar cane, castor beans or fruits are destroyed.

WILSON VETOES BILL TO RETAIN RAIL FEEDERS

Resolution Extending Time for Government Holding Branch Roads Rejected—Senate Debates Bill Authorizing President to Take Over Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Wilson today vetoed the resolution adopted by congress last week extending the time in which the railroad administration might relinquish control of lines not wanted in the federal system.

The veto has been expected because of a provision added to the bill which was construed as meaning that the government would have to resume possession of a large number of short lines relinquished a few hours before congress passed the bill.

Many, if not all feeders to main lines, the president said in his veto message, are very essential, but there are about 1700 short lines which are merely private industrial conveniences which have not been taken into the federal system. He pledged the railroad administration to a policy which will be fair to essential short lines. Individual arrangements should be made with each of these companies, however, the president said.

Debate Wire Bill
Consideration began in the senate today of the house resolution empowering the president to direct the telegraph, telephone, cable and radio lines during the war. Prompt adoption was predicted by administration leaders.

When the prohibition bill came up automatically at 2 o'clock the senate agreed to lay it aside and proceed with the wire control measure. No objection to the procedure was made. "It seems to me we are drifting into an unknown field," said Senator Smith of Michigan, speaking against the resolution. "As far as I am concerned I have taken the last step into socialism."

To Exempt Phones
Senator Smith of South Carolina, thought that authority to take over wire communication is essential on the some grounds which produced the necessity of taking over the railroads.

Senator Watson of Indiana introduced amendments to exclude telephone lines and all wires of government or associations from government control.

Senator Smith of Michigan, declared that by giving Postmaster General Burleson control over wire communication he could create a censorship over all communication and asked if the senate was willing to place the postmaster general in such a position that he could inhibit The Associated Press, The United Press and the newspapers of the country from the use of telegraph wires.

CANADA'S RESTRICTIONS UPON VACATIONISTS

OTTAWA, Ont., July 11.—Canadian immigration authorities in a statement today seek to correct an impression that citizens of the United States coming to Canada for the vacation season are subjected to an unnecessarily rigid examination at the border. The examination, the statement says, is practically the same as it has been for some time past.

Passports are not required, but persons born in enemy countries who claim naturalization in the United States or in some other allied or neutral country, must carry naturalization papers or a statutory declaration regarding citizenship, which declaration must be indorsed by a British consul in the United States.

PALERMO, ITALY, NAMES AVENUE AFTER WILSON

ROME, July 11.—In recognition of the services he has rendered to humanity, President Wilson will be honored by the city of Palermo by having one of the leading avenues there named after him.

ASQUITH PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

World Owes Its Greatest Debt to Wilson for Helping When Its Vision Has Been Blurred and Blinded With the Smoke of Battlefields to Lift Up Their Eyes and Look.

LONDON, July 11.—Praise of President Wilson's leadership in the war and his advocacy of a league of nations after the war was given by Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, in an address last night at the National Liberal club. The occasion was a "hospitality dinner to American officers."

Vice Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces in the war zone, paid tribute to the co-operation of the British and American navies and declared:

"The submarine menace is now at an end, for we are destroying them faster than the Germans can build them."

Major General Biddle, commander of the American forces in England, announced that American troops were stationed at from seventy to eighty different points in England and Scotland.

Former Premier Asquith, in the course of his speech said:

Wilson Man of Hour
The United States has had the very good fortune that in the supreme crisis of her national history the man whom she most needed for inspiration and guidance has always appeared. Thus came Washington and Lincoln. Washington and Lincoln are illustrious names which have passed in history. We must not attempt to anticipate history's judgment upon men still living but I will venture to say that President Wilson has been the leader of American government in times no less trying than any in its annals.

President Wilson has taken the greatest decision of our age and has carried his people with him in it. "America has had her difficulties. They have not stifled, but have stimulated her energy and we grasp the opportunity tonight of acknowledging our unbounded admiration of the magnificent contribution America will continue to make in ever-increasing measure."

World Debt to Wilson
Probably the world owes its greatest debt to President Wilson for helping when its vision has been blurred and blinded with the smoke of battlefields to lift up their eyes and to look thru it and beyond it. It is very difficult in time of war to keep a steady head and a clear tongue. President Wilson does both.

"There can be no clean peace which does not clear away the causes of war. It seems to me all important that we should realize that a league of nations is a definite ideal. This is a large step in advance on the road of human progress. And when the goal is reached, due honor will be paid to President Wilson as the greatest of its pioneers."

M'ADOO COMING TO COAST ON BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, July 11.—All invitations to appear at public functions on the Pacific coast are being declined by Director General McAdoo, who has telegraphed William S. Wolner, president of the Pacific railway club, that during his stay in the west every moment of his time is demanded by important railway work.

MINES HEMMING IN GERMAN U-BOATS

LONDON, July 11.—Speaking in London today Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the British admiralty, said that mines gradually were hemming in the submarines, which now had less freedom and he was glad to say there were fewer of them.

SIBERIANS PLAN REPUDIATION OF BREST TREATY

New Government Seeks Establishment of Russian Republic—Proposes to Send Troops Against Germans—Estonians Protest Against Germany's Occupation Policy.

LONDON, July 11.—The objects of the new Siberian government include repudiation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty and the establishment of a Russian republic with an autonomous Siberia, according to a member of the new government in a statement to the Vladivostok correspondent of the Nihri Shimbun says a Tokio dispatch to the Daily Express. It is also proposed to send troops against Germany. Russian national debt would be acknowledged.

Estonians Protest
STOCKHOLM, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Representatives now in Copenhagen of the Estonian diet and government has protested to Germany against Germany's occupation policy and oppression in that Baltic province. Mr. Morris, the American ambassador to Sweden has sent to President Wilson a copy of the protest, which declares:

"Despite the assurances of Count Von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, and the terms of the Brest-Litovsk treaty Germany has established a military dictatorship in Estonia. "German has been introduced as the official language although it is not understood by 90 per cent of the people."

Suppress Free Speech
"By means of unscrupulous penalties, the Germans have suppressed free speech and political activity. Those newspapers which have been allowed to continue publication have been compelled to publish pro-German propaganda. Prominent Estonians who modestly protested against the oppression have been arrested. In conclusion the declaration protests against Germany "plundering the country, seizing foodstuffs to such an extent that the native population is left to starve while German soldiers send double rations to Germany."

VOLOGDA ISOLATED

VOLOGDA, Russia, Sunday, July 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—White guards have occupied Yaroslavl, a town 173 miles northeast of Moscow, and have cut communications between Moscow and Vologda. Russian bolshevik forces have been sent in the direction of Yaroslavl.

AMERICAN LINER SINKS U-BOAT IN MID-ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, July 11.—A German submarine which attacked the American steamship Lake Forest, 1,500 miles off Cape Henry, while she was returning from a recent voyage to Europe, is believed to have been sunk by the steamer's guns after a two hour fight, according to information received here in marine circles.

Captain Herbert R. O. Johnson, United States naval reserve officer, in command of the ship, has been commended to the navy department for having sunk the U-boat, by officers associated with him in the naval reserve. Details of the fight, however, are yet unavailable. The Lake Forest was formerly the War Fox and was taken over by the United States shipping board on the Great Lakes soon after she was launched.

SEGER PRESIDENT OF UNION PACIFIC

NEW YORK, July 11.—C. D. Seger, former chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific railroad system, has been elected president, succeeding E. E. Calvin, recently appointed federal manager of the Union Pacific, and other western roads, it was announced here today.