

RUMANIA LOST CHANCE TO BAG VON MACKENSEN

Invasion of Enemy's Country Halted By Order of Timid Politicians In War Cabinet Who Forced General Averescu to Retreat When He Might Have Shattered Germans.

LONDON, June 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) How the Rumanian army lost an opportunity of annihilating the German and Bulgarian armies in the Dobruja in 1916, is revealed in a confidential document, which has just reached The Associated Press from an authoritative source in Rumania.

The document contains an account of a conversation between Field Marshal von Mackensen, and the Rumanian military leaders, which occurred shortly after the Rumanian peace treaties were signed. Von Mackensen declared that the failure of the Rumanians to press their advantage in 1916 changed the whole course of the war. He said that his entire army could easily have been pocketed and compelled to surrender, and this might have been followed by a separate peace with Bulgaria, which would have separated Turkey from her allies, and changed the whole balance of power in the east.

Blame Politicians

The Rumanian failure, the memorandum states, was due, not to the military leaders, but to the shortsightedness of the politicians at Bucharest. In September 1916 General Averescu, commander-in-chief of the Rumanian army, and by far the ablest of all the Rumanian generals, had taken an army of four divisions and had crossed the Danube into the heart of the enemy's country. He had found a clear path into the heart of the German-Bulgarian Dobruja army and had penetrated 15 miles with a view to cutting off all their communications and striking them from the rear. General Averescu's own position was safe, for behind him he had eight divisions of support and reinforcements, including Serbian and Rumanian troops of the first quality. But he had neglected to cut the wires which had connected him with the politicians in Bucharest and he had got only 15 miles beyond the Danube, when there came a peremptory order to withdraw his forces. It was an absolute command from the war cabinet. Averescu tried to reason with his chiefs over a telephone wire, and even threatened to resign, but the politicians had decided and refused to change the decision. The cabinet, it appeared, felt that there was danger of the German armies on the other side of Rumania—the Carpathian front—breaking thru and doing a great deal of harm at a time when Averescu's army was far afield.

Preferred Timid Policy

The politicians timidly preferred a defensive policy to a daring offensive and after a day or two of delay, Averescu and his army withdrew from their commanding position in von Mackensen's rear and retired back across the Danube.

The Germans were much puzzled by this maneuver and never were able to secure a satisfactory explanation of this withdrawal of their enemy at the very moment when his cause seemed won. Von Mackensen was an old pre-war friend of Averescu and knew the latter's abilities too well to underestimate them.

That was why von Mackensen sought out Averescu during the peace parleys a few weeks ago in Bucharest.

"Why did you withdraw?" asked von Mackensen.

"If you had gone forward you most certainly would have bagged the whole of the Bulgarian and German armies in the Dobruja."

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AUSTRIANS LOSE LARGE QUANTITY WAR MATERIALS

(Continued from page one.)

July 12.—General Petain is giving the Germans on the western side of the Marne salient little rest in their positions east of the forest of Villers-Cotterets. Last night his troops on this front made substantial progress.

The most tangible result from this fighting is the capture of Longpont to the outskirts of which the French had pushed their advance on Wednesday night. A farm in this neighborhood was also taken.

The French lines were likewise driven ahead in the Chivigny farm district north of Longpont. A forward push also was given the line south of Longpont and east of Faverolles.

The extension of the front to the Faverolles region is threatening the local salient held by the Germans between Longpont district and the American sector northwest of Chateau Thierry.

Scouting Operations

It is not impossible that the feeling-out operations which are in progress on both the French and British fronts have other than a purely defensive purpose. Last night's actions on the British front were all in the nature of scouting operations.

The enemy artillery is displaying rather marked activity on the front of Verdun.

Berlin claims that five airplanes out of an American squadron of six which attempted to raid Coblenz fell into German hands, the crews having been made prisoners. This report was confirmed today in General Pershing's communique. British airmen have dropped bombs on Offenburg, a manufacturing town southwest of Karlsruhe, Germany. American aviators on the Toul sector have accounted for two enemy machines.

LIEUTENANT WILSON VISITS IN CHICAGO

Concerning Lieutenant Robert M. Wilson of Central Point and Medford the Chicago Daily Tribune of recent date says:

"More than 50 years ago Charles Lash Wilson resigned from his post as ambassador at the court of St. James to return to his native land, help in the re-election of his friend, Abraham Lincoln, and aid in the fight for universal freedom under the Stars and Stripes.

"Late this month Charles Wilson's grand nephew, Second Lieutenant Robert Mattern Wilson of Oregon, a member of the coast artillery, will sail for England and thence to France, to put in a few more years for liberty. Lieut. Wilson's grandfather, the late Richard Lash Wilson, was the last member of the Wilson family to be connected with the Chicago Journal, for which one of the earliest editors was their father, John R. Wilson.

"The lieutenant's father, Richard Lyle Wilson, has a pear orchard near Medford, Ore., and until his enlistment the lieutenant had been alternating with one year in the orchard and another at the University of California, where he was studying to be a civil engineer.

"Until Thursday Lieutenant Wilson is visiting in town with his brother, Richard Wilson, 1105 East 6th street. He is 25 years of age and is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Grant, Mrs. J. B. Barnett and Mrs. John Gould.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!



TODAY and SATURDAY

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

DOUG FAIRBANKS

"Mr. Fix It"

You have two days to Fix It
So you will see Mr. Fix It
And you will be Fixed

His Latest Laugh Tonic

Forget your worries, forget your woe; come and see this funny show.

Also for good measure—a two-reel comedy—and a scenic.

Admission Lower Floor 25c, Balcony 20c Children 10c

HINDENBURG RUMORED ILL

LONDON, July 12.—A Dutch traveler from Germany, says a dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company, declared the rumor has spread over Germany that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is ill and is unable to participate in the work at the army headquarters. The military duties there have been taken over entirely by First Quartermaster General Ludendorff. German newspapers, the traveler says, are not permitted to print anything on the matter.

REESE CREEK RIPLETS

Mrs. Frank Johnson is in the Medford hospital and was operated on last Friday; she was getting along nicely the last report.

Bennie Bellows who underwent an operation some time ago, for a growth on his ear is better and able to be brought home.

Mrs. W. E. Hammett is suffering from a boil on her wrist.

Miss Maud Merritt is just recovering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Sam Courtney is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Costor of Batte Falls.

A car load of Reese creek young people took a trip to Crater lake and spent the Fourth there.

Hazel Morris of Batte Falls is visiting at Mr. Winters.

Tuesday afternoon there was a

WHOLE FAMILY SICK

"All of my six brothers and sisters, as well as myself, have suffered since childhood from stomach and liver trouble and bloating. I thought it ran in the family and that I could never be cured, but, thanks to Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, since taking it nearly a year ago I have been enjoying the best of health and feel like a new person. I have no trouble from anything I eat." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One does not convalesce or money refunded. For sale by druggists everywhere. Adv.

LEMON JUICE TAKES OFF TAN

Girls! Make bleaching lotion if skin is sunburned, tanned or freckled

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of Orchard White, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle, sunburn and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of Orchard White for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles, sunburn, windburn and tan disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.



GO! GO!

DIVORCE STARTS TODAY ENDS TOMORROW

RIALTO

thunder storm in this part of the valley and for a short time a regular Kansas deluge. There was quite a bit of hay down over the country.

The Sunday school group gathering of this part of the country will meet at Reese creek school house Sunday, July 28, for an all day service. Come and bring your dinner. There will be plenty of good water on the grounds. If it is pleasant weather the meeting will be out under the man trees, but should it come up a thunder storm the school is convenient to go into.

DISPLAY FRENCH FLAG UPON BASTILLE DAY

WASHINGTON, July 12.—A resolution by Senator Walsh of Montana urging American citizens to observe Bastille day on July 14, as "a mark of special regard for our ally," France, and extending to that country the fraternal greetings of the United States, was adopted unanimously today by the senate. A copy will be transmitted to the French government by the secretary of state.

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TACOMA, Wash., July 12.—All organizations are requested to display the flag of France below that of the standard of the United States next Sunday, July 14, Bastille Day, according to an order put out by Col. E. N. Jones, camp commander.

Organization commanders are also authorized to grant passes to all Czechoslovak forces and those of French nativity who are now in quarantine that they may attend the celebration in Seattle.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED — MAIL OR EXPRESS PRE-PAID



Ready For Another Big Crowd Saturday

New Sales offerings not advertised or put in the sale before make their appearance today. More opportunities for you to save in the purchase of needfuls.

What 98c will Buy

- Wash Petticoats, values up to \$1.50. On Sale Saturday..... 98c
- Boys' Wash Suits. Cheap at \$1.50. On Sale Saturday..... 98c
- Women's black near silk Petticoats. Cheap at \$1.50. On Sale Saturday..... 98c
- Women's white Wash Skirts, up to \$4.00 Values. Saturday..... 98c
- Middy Blouses, worth today \$1.50. On Sale Saturday at..... 98c

Sensational Silk Sale

- 1,000 yards fine imported Pongee Silk, 34 inches wide. Cheap at \$1.00. For this sale, yard..... 69c
- 1,000 yards Fancy Silks in stripes and plaids, up to \$2.25 Values. This sale, yard..... \$1.59
- 1,000 yards Fancy Tub Silks, suitable for men's shirts and women's waists. Fast colors, \$1.25 grade, yard..... 98c

25% OFF ON SUITS AND SILK COATS

- \$30.00 Spring Suits, now..... \$24.00
- \$40.00 Spring Suits, now..... \$30.00
- \$50.00 Spring Suits, now..... \$37.50
- \$20.00 Silk Coats, now..... \$15.00
- \$35.00 Silk Coats, now..... \$28.00
- \$40.00 Silk Coats, now..... \$30.00

Soap Sale

500 Bars Colgates Toilet Soap regular price 15c a cake for this sale 10c a cake
3 for 25



Yarn Sale

An odd lot of German-town Zephyr and Shetland Floss, up to 35c values. To be closed out Saturday, a skein..... 19c

Big Bargains at 10c

- Talcum Powder, good quality. Cheap at 15c. This sale..... 10c
- Stamped Pillow tops, real 25c values. This sale..... 10c

Clean-up Sale of Gloves

- Odd sizes chamoisette and lisle Gloves, 35c values, per pair..... 19c
- Women's long chamoisette Gloves, in black and colors; 75c values, now, pair..... 48c

Big Bargains In Hosiery and Underwear

- Women's Vests, sleeveless, worth today 20c. This sale..... 15c
- Women's Night Gowns, cheap today at \$1.00. For this big sale only..... 69c
- Women's Union Suits, all styles and sizes, 50c values, now..... 39c
- Women's Gowns and Combination Suits, cheap at \$1.50. For this sale..... 98c
- Children's fast black Hose; also a few white; cheap at 25c. This sale, pair..... 15c
- Children's Half Hose, fancy tops. Special for this sale..... 25c
- Women's Silk Hose, in black, white and colors; good quality. On sale Sat. \$1.00 pair..... \$1.00
- Women's fine lisle Hose, black white and colors. Special pair..... 69c

Special Sale Art Goods

- Corset Covers, Towels, Pillows and Centerpieces, in the package outfits for embroidering, 35c values, now..... 19c
- Corset Covers, Combinations, Rompers and Scarfs, in package outfits for embroidering, 50c values, now..... 35c

Special Sale Jewelry

- Odd lot of Jewelry, consisting of Bar Pins, Rings, Stick Pins, etc. Regular values to 75c, this big sale..... 39c
- Odd lot of Barretts and Jewelry, good styles and quality, values up to 35c. For this sale, each..... 10c

10 PER CENT OFF ON ALL SKIRTS



ALL PARASOLS AT ONE-HALF PRICE

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