

SWITZERLAND IN DANGER OF BEING DRAWN INTO WAR

BERNE, Aug. 10.—Switzerland today is nearer being drawn into the vortex of war than at any time since 1914.

With both the German army and the American army threatening to take the offensive in Alsace, the little republic surrounded by belligerent nations is in peril of invasion by the Huns, no matter which of the belligerents starts a drive.

Invasion by a single regiment of German soldiers will mean war.

Aside from the diplomatic discussions with Berlin over the coal supply and other problems which have been threatening a break, the military situation holds menace for the Swiss because of the country's peculiar situation between the warring nations.

This menace has existed since the French first began their drive into Alsace in 1914, but it has never been so perilous as now. Here is the reason:

Switzerland lies south of the Rhine for the greater portion of the boundary. There is one point, however, between Basel and Lorraine, where Swiss soil juts across the river into Germany. On this small strip of neutral territory may depend the fate of Switzerland in the war.

If the American army begins an offensive in Alsace, as recent developments seem to promise, Von Hindenburg will be forced to use every means at his command to prevent the southernmost flank of his line in Alsace from being rolled back along the Rhine.

To do so he would be forced to make a stand along the Rhine as far south as the Swiss border. An attack by the allies at this point, if delivered in sufficient force, would break the German line and threaten it with envelopment—unless it were extended along the Rhine through Swiss territory.

Once Swiss territory was violated, Germany, no doubt, would occupy the whole of the northern part of the country and extend the battle line across Switzerland to the Italian border, linking it up with the Austro-Italian front.

DIFFICULT TASK IMPOSED ON HUNS BY FOCH'S BLOW

PARIS, Aug. 10.—Military observers here say the problem facing the rival commanders is easily defined. Marshal Foch struck at the point where the army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria and the German crown prince joins, obliging the enemy hurriedly to reorganize the higher command and to place the armies of Generals Von der Marwitz and Von Hutier under one chief. This operation has temporarily thrown the Germans off their balance and it is their object now to regain it.

That there must be a change in the German positions generally between the Somme and the Oise is evident. The German eighteenth army, which is commanded by Von Hutier, is deployed from Montdidier to the Oise. The country behind it is hilly and wooded, altogether unfavorable for the withdrawal of masses of men and material.

In a retreat Von Hutier would be obliged to use three high roads and two railroads which converge on Roye like the spokes of a wheel. Beyond that town a retreat would be dependent upon the two roads toward Ham, one direct by the way of Nesle.

Von Hutier in a retreat would be forced to squeeze his heavy artillery and convoys thru Roye. It would be like putting thru a rolling mill, for the French advance troops are now six miles northwest of Roye, while the center of the German front is 11 miles south of that town.

CONVICT HIDES IN FLAX TO GET AWAY

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10.—Robert Burns, a convict, concealed himself in a load of flax and was hauled to temporary freedom outside the penitentiary today. Within a few hours he was recaptured in a vacant building where he had hidden. J. R. Rogers, a colored convict employed outside the walls tried to flee today, but was stopped by rifle fire.

ALLIED ARMIES DRIVING GERMANS OUT OF PICARDY

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Aug. 10.—Montdidier, the apex of the German salient in Picardy, has fallen. The French early this morning smashed through the enemy's lines and encircled the village, cutting off the enemy's retreat.

Between Montdidier and the Oise, the French have taken the offensive over a 16-mile front and have swept the Germans out of the western side of the salient.

To the northward the British advance is still unchecked. Chaubuis, the German base south of the Somme, is in hourly peril of being captured. The British have reached the village of Lihons, less than two miles away and have the railway junction south of Chaubuis, under their artillery fire.

Farther north the Germans resisted desperately, but the village of Morlancourt has been taken. American troops are operating in this sector and had a hand in taking this savagely defended position.

Fighting at Arras

London reports that the fighting has spread northward and that a battle is being fought south of Arras. This, if true, is a new menace to the whole German position north of the Somme.

The most important development in the news today is the French attack along the line from Montdidier to the Oise and the fall of Montdidier.

The Germans placed a high value on Montdidier during their offensive in March and the fighting south of the Montdidier-Noyon line early in June was of a character that evidenced the intention of the enemy to tear through the allies toward Compiègne.

North of Montdidier the situation appears to be very dangerous to the Germans. The rapid advance of the French and British has virtually cut off the troops further south who must retire eastward toward Novon over open roads which are under fire for long distances. If Chaubuis is captured the German position further south is precarious in the extreme.

In Full Retreat

Aerial observers say the Germans are in full retreat eastward across the Picardy plains toward the old Hindenburg line. Prisoners taken by the allies now total 25,000. Four hundred guns also have been captured. Three columns and their entire regimental staffs were captured by the French. The allied losses have not been heavy. Allied capitals look for further withdrawals on other parts of the line, as a result of the thrust in Picardy and a continuation of the retirement in Flanders which possibly may wipe out the salient there.

Nothing is said in dispatches this morning of the situation in Flanders where it was reported yesterday that the Germans were retiring from the extreme side of the Lys salient. There are no new reports of events along the Vesle and Aisne. Yesterday's reports said Americans had occupied Fismett, across the Vesle from Fismes, adding another bridgehead to the position north of the river.

Premier Lenine of Russia is reported unofficially to have sent an ultimatum to Japan regarding Siberia.

ENGLISH PAPER IN BERLIN ON ROCKS

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Continental Times of Berlin, edited by the renegade Englishman, Houston S. Chamberlain, is struggling to raise funds to keep up its existence. Even the German bankers will not trust Chamberlain any more.

MONTDIDIER CAPTURED.

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tanks and armored cars well ahead of the infantry and pressing the retreating enemy.

Present Battle Line

According to the latest advices, the front now runs thru Dernancourt, on the Aisne south of Albert, thru Tailles wood, two miles east of Morlancourt; Chitilly on the Somme about 2 1/2 miles southeast of Morlancourt; Proyart, some three miles southeast of Chitilly; Lihons, about two miles west of Chaubuis, Meharicourt, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Lihons; Rouvroz, two miles southwest of Meharicourt; Bourchoir, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Rouvroz; Boussicourt, about four miles north of Montdidier, and Gratiibus, about 2 1/2 miles to the northwest of Montdidier, on the Aisne.

Gratiibus was still in German hands at the last advices.

Wiedfeld, head of the German economic department, became president of Krupp's board on July 1.

A SHROUD FOR THE KAISER



T. S. Maguire, an undertaker of St. Paul, has been drafted and has taken with him to camp at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., a burial shroud he made for Kaiser Wilhelm. He confidently expects to take it along to the front and have it in his kit when he marches into Berlin. The photo shows Maguire and the shroud.

GERMANS PLAN TO SINK U. S. HOSPITAL SHIP COMFORT

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 10.—The Germans are believed here to be preparing to sink the American hospital ship "Comfort," which is America's great test of the inhumanity of the Huns, on the pretext that she carries airplanes and aviators.

The "Comfort," without convoy, without guns, with her Red Cross insignia plainly marked and with Berlin informed of the date of her sailing, was to sail from America for the war zone in defiance of submarines.

This announcement has inspired incitements to torpedo the vessel in the Berlin press, and news of her sinking would occasion no surprise here. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says significantly:

"We may be permitted to ask what the vessel will carry to Europe, as she will have no wounded on board. We are afraid it will be American airmen and perhaps also some airplanes."

HAYWOOD SAYS DEFENSE FUND OF I. W. W. TIED UP

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—William D. Haywood, general secretary treasurer of the Industrial Workers of the World, charged on the witness stand at the I. W. W. conspiracy trial today that federal operatives through unfair and illegal tactics have so tied up the organization defense fund that there is scarcely money enough available to continue the trial.

The defense money is obtained through assessments and donations, he said, and added that 300 sacks of mail was being held up in Chicago and that the express packages had not been delivered.

"Five hundred members of our defense committees have been arrested. In Seattle alone \$6,000 of our defense money is being held from us. In the northwest where are contributions are largest, our committee members have been thrown into prisons."

Mr. Haywood vigorously denied

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS TO BE SEGREGATED

CAMP LEWIS, TACOMA, Aug. 10.—Conscientious objectors sent here by the draft boards are to be segregated for the first time from other soldiers, according to an order of Colonel E. N. Jones, camp commander, issued today. The objectors will be placed in a separate organization to be known as special detachment number one.

All incoming men claiming to be conscientious objectors will be sent to this detachment. Upon reporting each will be personally examined and a stenographic report of his examination taken to classify conscientious objectors into three categories.

The first classification will be of those sincere in objecting to combatant service but willing to accept non-combatant service. These men will be assigned by special order to the branch of non-combat service which they elect.

Another classification will be of men whose attitude in camp is defiant, who, for any reason, in the judgment of the company commander should not be held for examination by the board of inquiry and those active in propaganda may be dealt with by court martial at the discretion of the commander. The third category includes all others who will be held for examination by the board of inquiry. Conscientious objectors will have their own mess and supply officers and be entirely separated from soldiers willing to do active combat service.

Every officer in camp must report immediately the claims of any objectors under him.

Hot water is supplied in Paris hotels only on Saturdays and Sundays.

that any member of the I. W. W. had been expelled for joining the army, and declared that the organization had gone through its many strikes without committing violence in one of them.

EXTENT OF GAINS BEING CONCEALED BY WAR OFFICE

PARIS, Aug. 10.—(Havas Agency) Several newspapers hint this morning that the official war statements are purposely reticent and that very interesting news might be made public if the war office chooses. They say that the number of prisoners is far above the figures authoritatively announced.

French and British light troops, patrols and armored cars are operating far beyond the point mentioned in the official statements. The infantry is following untriflingly and is making heavy smashes to crush all attempts made by the enemy to counter attack.

The majority of the prisoners so far taken are rather old, which the newspapers say shows that the secondary divisions were holding the line. The number of officers is very large, while fully one-half of the guns beyond the German lines have been captured.

The frankness with which the Germans admit defeat is attributed to the fact that the retreating army in Picardy is commanded by Crown Prince Rupprecht and not by the German crown prince.

MAIL TRIBUNE TO BULLETIN SUNDAY WAR DEVELOPMENTS

The Mail Tribune has arranged with the Associated Press for a special war news service over its leased wire Sunday. The dispatches will be posted upon the Mail Tribune bulletin board as they are received, in order that the people of Medford may keep posted upon the success of the big allied drive now in progress in Picardy.

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