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THE SPANISH CRISIS.

THE threatening protest of Germany to Spain over Spain's announced intention of replacing Spanish ships sunk by German submarines with interned German vessels, is characteristic of the bullying character of Prussian diplomacy. Germany holds that she has not only the right to sink neutral ships at will and destroy neutral life and property in defiance of international law, but that the neutral nations have no right to recompense and must take their medicine without a murmur.

Sinking of a German ship by a neutral would result in immediate declaration of war by the kaiser, but even the right of replacement in time of dire need is denied by Germany to the neutral—German property being sacred while all the rest of the world is held as loot for Germany.

The fact that Spain is shy of foodstuffs and threatened with famine because of the destruction of friendly Spanish ships by the Hun does not alter the situation to the Prussian. All little nations have the alternative of giving Germany what she wants or being crushed and enslaved.

The aristocracy of Spain, like that of other neutral nations, has always been pro-German. The king is a Hapsburg and more or less German blood flows in the veins of the Spanish nobility. But there is a limit to the insults that the once proud Spaniard will stomach—and if there is enough spunk left in Spain, the Hun will be courageously defied—especially as events on the western battle-front are shattering his striking power. The kaiser's shining sword is pretty badly hacked and fast losing its edge.

Spain has been the center of German intrigue against the world. German propaganda has honey-combed the country. Paid German agents are everywhere and in all ranks of life. Nowhere has the Hun been more active in his diabolical work of creating discord and dissension for German profit. The coast of Spain is strung with U-boat bases—and for all this clandestine assistance, the reward is the destruction of Spanish shipping.

Unlike Holland and Denmark, whose borders make the menace of the Hun an actuality and whom the fear of destruction has kept reluctantly submissive, between Germany and Spain is the steel wall of the allied armies. Spain need not fear Prussian might.

The Spanish crisis is a hint of what all small friendly nations may expect in case of German victory. None of them are safe and none will long retain their independence for Hohenzollern greed is insatiable. Every neutral nation should pray for allied victory—for by it their future is secure, and it is not without it.

Spain can insure her own freedom by helping hasten the day of judgment for the ravager of nations and the oppressor of peoples.

OPPOSES PLACING GRAZING LAND IN FOREST RESERVE

To the Editor: I have read Mr. Hawley's letter in your valued paper and the bill for increase of forest area. The proposed area to be included, roughly speaking is the area between the old Ashland reserve and Jenny creek and south to the state line, and is 20 1/2 miles long east and west and its greatest depth north and south is 19 1/2 miles and averages about seven miles.

The proposed north line crosses the Pacific Highway just north of Steinman, putting about 1.2 miles of the highway in the reserve. There is about 137 square miles or 87,680 acres in this area, about one-third of which is privately owned. The largest individual owners being the Keith Oil and Land company with 5200 acres, the Hill lumber company with the same acreage, and the Ashland Land company with about 3000 acres.

With the exception of this area west of the S. P. railroad, this is a sparsely timbered section and is chiefly valuable for grazing and has been grazed since the very earliest times by cattle for about two-thirds and sheep about one-third of the area. The sheep heretofore have always been Oregon stock and the cattle nearly all California stock coming in from Horabrook along the Klamath river as far south as Montague, Mr. Cooley of that place ranging his stock on the Pilot Rock range.

The Songer sheep range established by Hon. Wm. J. Songer of Ashland, one of the two or three men now living who entered donation land claims in the Rogue River valley, was used by him for sheep grazing from those very early days until he retired from active service and was then taken and has been used for the past 10 or 12 years by the late Matthew Thompson and the Grissom Bros. until this spring when the sheep and range rights of the Grissom Bros. was purchased by the Marvin Peterson company of Maxwell, Calif., and has been used by them this season for sheep grazing, with the expectation and intention of future use.

This recital is made for the purpose of getting to the question of taxation referred to in Mr. Hawley's letter. The Grissoms have always paid taxes on about 750 sheep. The California stock that have always used this range, about 1000 head of cattle and this year 4000 head of sheep, have never paid any taxes in Oregon. The sheep that were grazed here this season were equal to 735 head for one year. The cattle grazed here for about four months or equal to about 335 for one year.

Jackson county and Oregon in justice should secure taxes from this source of wealth. If placing this area in the reserve would be the easiest way to tax this stock, making reserve of it then would be the proper thing to do. But making this area a reserve is absolutely a question put forward by and of interest to California stockmen and both sides favor it and also favor it being placed on the Klamath reserve, which would be in effect of stock grazing purposes moving the state line to a point just north of Steinman, Pilot rock being the dominant point in this area.

WELBORN BEESON, Talent, Aug. 22.

America's Roll of Honor

Today's Casualty List Sent By Pershing From Battle Front in France.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces: Killed in action, seven; wounded severely, 56; died from wounds, eight. Total, 71.

Killed in action—Mike Babehack, Auburn, N. Y.; Paul E. Bills, Somerset, Pa.; David E. Bennett, Milan, Mo.; John J. Collins, New York, N. Y.; George P. McKeon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Emmett J. Noweener, Pipe Creek, Tex.; Frederick J. Reuter, Monkton, Md.

Died from wounds—Corp. Andrew P. Wagner, Ascension, La.; Gray Hanrahan, Bridgeport, Conn.; Henry

C. Holmes, Syracuse, Kas.; Jesse Hudson, North Chattanooga, Tenn.; Frederick D. Jones, Elford, Mich.; McKinley Robinson, Swanson, Ohio; Luigi Salinetti, Rome, Italy.

Previously missing in action, now reported killed in action—Pvt. Chas. E. Kelley, Mayersville, Va.

Total number casualties to date, including those reported above:

Killed in action (including 291 at sea), 3212; died of wounds, 1260; died of disease, 1594; died of accident and other causes, 715; wounded in action, 10,476; missing in action (including prisoners) 2187. Total to date, 20,444.

AVIATION TRAINING PROCEEDS RAPIDLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Rapid advance in the training of aviators by the division of military aeronautics was discovered today by Major General W. L. Kenley director of an inspection trip to the Pacific coast.

The general declared America offers the best training grounds for fliers, not excepting France and England. Training schools are now being grouped so that the cadet flyers may pass from ground, primary and advance instruction without leaving the locality, and when the final test is passed they are ready to leave for France.

Squadrons and brigades of flyers will be formed here as the classes graduate, to be sent overseas to take the air at the front in the formation in which they have been trained.

MARINE BRIGADIERS CREATED GENERALS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Nominations of two marine corps brigadier generals, John A. Lejeune and Littleton W. T. Waller, to be major generals, and of six colonels to be brigadier generals, were sent to the senate today by President Wilson.

The colonels named brigadiers are: James E. Mahoney, Ben H. Fuller, John T. Myers, Charles G. Long, Wendell C. Neville and Albertus W. Cattlin.

Cyrus C. Radford, assistant quartermaster, with rank of colonel, also was nominated to be a brigadier general.

GERMANY DEPENDS ON MACHINE GUNS

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Germany's apparent reliance on machine guns to counteract her waning man power in France is reflected in an article in the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin by Captain Von Salzman, a military critic.

The captain explains that the western front has been made impregnable by machine guns. The critic declares that the effort of Marshal Foch to convert tactical gains into a strategic victory will be defeated by machine guns. Horse drawn machine guns, he adds, have been distributed to each company.

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RAILROADS LOST \$200,000,000 FOR UNCLE SAM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Owing largely to big back payments of wages increases, the railroads under federal control in June reached an aggregate deficit of \$58,959,000 in railway operating income as compared with positive earnings of \$88,909,000 in June, 1917.

This reduced the total operating income for the six months of government operation ending with June to \$75,194,000 as compared with \$458,207,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

These figures, compiled by the Interstate commerce commission and announced today show that the government has lost about \$290,000,000 in operation of railroads, during the first six months this year.

The wage payments in June under Director General McAdoo's order, as reported by 161 or about three-fourths of the first-class roads, amounted to \$133,000,000. Without this added expense the railroads in June would have earned \$74,684,000.

Revenues in June amounted to \$307,309,000, or nearly \$50,000,000 more than in June last year but expenses were swollen to \$435,999,000 not even without the unusual burden of back wage payments the total would have been \$67,171,000 and the southern lines \$9,848,000.

For the six months of federal control operating revenues were reported as \$2,081,418,000, or nearly \$200,000,000 more than the first six months of the previous year. Operating expenses, however, were nearly \$300,000,000 greater, amounting to \$1,813,706,000.

Operating Revenues. The net amount which the government will get from the railroads for the entire six months is approximately \$131,000,000. In return the government will be liable to pay the railroads about \$475,000,000 as half of the annual estimated guarantee to railroads.

Operating income of the eastern railroads for the six months amounted to \$23,132,000, as compared with \$17,238,000 last year; western roads reported \$98,388,000 operating income, as compared with \$200,561,000 last year. Southern lines fared better with income of \$51,953,000 as compared with \$79,912,000 in 1917.

The reports for June include very little revenues resulting from increased passenger and freight rates. These, however, are not expected to make receipts equal the government's outlay in railway rentals.

GERMANS ALONG RHINE IN DESPAIR EXPECT INVASION

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The German population along the Rhine expect an allied invasion, in the opinion of a Dutch woman who has just returned to Amsterdam from a small village near Bonn on the Rhine. In a statement to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express, she said:

"The impression gathered from what I saw and heard in Germany was one of rear despair. The German retirement in the west is making the worst possible impression."

"The idea that German soil is to remain inviolate has disappeared completely. Many families are preparing to leave for central Germany."

"The ravages of allied aircraft are simply terrific. When you read 'There was some material damage,' it means that whole streets were torn up, with a heavy casualty list to complete the picture."

\$30 MILEAGE BOOK NOW UPON SALE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The new \$30 mileage book good for 1,000 miles on any railroad in the United States for any number of persons now is on sale at all ticket offices, the railroad administration announced today. Mileage books good for 700 miles and costing \$15 will be ready for sale on September 10.

PESTILENCE REIGNS RUSSIAN PROVINCES

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 24.—Hunger, typhus and cholera are raging in the northern Russian provinces, says a Petrograd dispatch to the West Zeitung of Bremen. The population of entire villages are dying in great numbers. In some places each person receives only two pounds of oats weekly and no bread.

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AUSTRIANS RENEW ATTACK IN ALBANIA

ROME, Aug. 24.—In Albania the forces of the central powers yesterday renewed their attacks from the lower Senoid river to the heights of Mali Tomorice, it was announced today by the Italian war office. In the center the enemy made progress to the head of the Bovalica.

ITALIAN DRAFT TREATY SIGNED BY BOTH NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Secretary Lansing and the Italian ambassador today signed the treaty governing the drafting of Americans in Italy and Italians in the United States.

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RETREAT ON VESLE RIVER EXPECTED BY YANKEE FORCES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE FRONT, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press.) A number of fires were reported Thursday and Thursday night within the German lines between the Vesle and the Aisne.

French and American observers several days ago reported heavy movements of enemy infantry and trucks northward. Prisoners captured by the Americans in the last few days declared they knew nothing about troop movements between the rivers.

The continued pressure of the French and British on the fifty mile front north of Soissons, and other developments, lead American officers to believe that the Germans will be forced to withdraw from the line of the Vesle.

Thursday and Friday the Americans on the Vesle experienced the hottest weather of the summer.

American troops today carried out another local advance in the same region where they increased their holdings along the Vesle on Thursday. Hand grenades and flame throwers were used by the Germans in an attempt to check the attackers.

The American troops kept out of the way of the flame throwers, until American riflemen and the American artillery had forced the men with the flame throwers to retire with losses. The Americans overcame a detachment of German infantry and took 12 prisoners.

East of Pisyas an American patrol and a German patrol clashed during the night, the Americans taking four prisoners.

HOUSE STANDS BY EXCESS PROFIT TAX

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The excess profits schedule of the new war revenue bill was completed today by the house ways and means committee. After 8 per cent deduction and \$3,000 specific exemption there is a 35 per cent tax on excess profits over the exemption and up to 15 per cent, 50 per cent on all between 15 and 20 per cent, and 70 per cent on all above 20 per cent of profits. Provisions were made to avoid undue hardship to small concerns.

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