

# CZECHS LACKING ARMS, MUNITIONS WIN BY STRATEGY

### Russian Reds and Hun Prisoners Ambushed and Slaughtered by Czechs Slovaks at Nikolsk—Railway Gully Turned Into Shambles—Allies Closing the Fan of Soviets.

(By Burton Knisely.)  
NIKOLSK, Siberia, Aug. 5.—This is the best place to stand to watch the allies try to close the fan of sovietism.

The little remaining Bolshevik control in Siberia spreads over the country in the shape of an open fan, with the east tip on the Ussuri, the center of the base at Manchuria station, the west tip at Lake Baikal—the base lying along the Trans-Siberian and the curved border pointing north.

#### Three Battlefronts

There are three battlefronts—at each tip and at the center of the base. Allied strategy is to close this fan, and shut the Bolsheviks up inside of it as it closes, driving them from Habarovsk in the east and Chita in the west—their greatest strongholds—into a center of nothingness.

And most of the troops and supplies in this maneuver go through Nikolsk. It is a busy place.

The last time I passed through Nikolsk before the Bolsheviks were overthrown at Vladivostok there were no warlike signs. The soviet governed the city, but there were no guards at the station and few soldiers in sight.

#### Czechs Start Westward

But in Nikolsk, as in Vladivostok, the soviet still had smooth sailing. Then came the blow-up. The minute the Czechs had taken Vladivostok they started westward toward their comrades in the interior.

The Bolshevik troops from Grodekovo, and some from up toward Habarovsk, hurried to reinforce the Nikolsk garrison. But the Czechs moved too fast for them. Within a week after taking Vladivostok they captured Nikolsk.

The real story of that battle probably has never reached the world. There was no corps of war correspondents. Cable communication with Vladivostok is about as good as none. The fight was bloody. Perhaps 200 Czechs and 1000 Bolshevik-prisoner troops were killed or wounded.

#### Czechs Win by Strategy

The Czechs lacked both guns and ammunition. They won by strategy. They advanced, secreted what machine guns they had on hillsides over a gully along the railroad track in their rear, and then pretended to retreat down the track. When the pursuing Bolsheviks jammed the gully the hidden Czechs cut loose, like a whirlwind of death.

Bolshevik bodies lay on these hills almost a week. Women from Nikolsk and nearby towns, arrived daily to hunt their dead—husbands, brothers, son.

The capture of Nikolsk seemed to spell the Bolsheviks' early end. The city is an important railway junction. The direct Trans-Siberian runs through Chinese land—Manchuria. Here branches north the Amur line, circling Manchuria, rejoining the Trans-Siberian west of Manchuria, so Russia in war would have a through line on her own soil.

#### On Manchurian Front

But Bolshevik resistance in this sector stiffened. Through Nikolsk troops, guns and equipment now go north to the Ussuri front. At Nikolsk supplies, Red Cross outfits and hospital facilities pile constantly up. To Nikolsk are constantly returning wounded Czech-allies from Ussuri.

At the other Manchurian front, the center of the fan, Japanese-Chinese reinforcements to Semenov's troops are causing the Bolsheviks to disperse. Only 3000 are said to be left.

At the west tip of the fan—Lake Baikal—the Czechs from the interior advance steadily toward Vladivostok, though they need help.

But at the east tip of the fan, Ussuri, the Czechs, though expecting to take Habarovsk in a couple of weeks, have already been eight weeks at it vainly, and several times have had to retreat.

#### Results of Intervention

Now that crisis is past. Within the last two weeks trainloads of Japanese have gone north from Nikolsk. General Otani no whas a force heavy enough to start the drive toward the inevitable end. At Chita or Habarovsk, or somewhere between, the Bolsheviks will make their last stand.

Four unfavorable results from intervention were thought possible.

1. Russian consolidation behind the attacked soviet.
2. More complete submission of the soviet to German influence.
3. Suspicion in Russia and China of Japan's motives.

# MUSTARD GAS IS NOT MADE FROM MUSTARD

### Expert Tells How Horrible Hun Intervention is Made—Radium Best Antidote for Poisonous Gases of all Kinds—Mustard Gas Contains No Mustard, Smells Like Garlic.

(By Clark Williams Wilson, American gas expert.)

The German "mustard gas," to which our boys are being subjected on the western front, is not made from mustard and has no connection with mustard. It was so named by the British soldiers because it soaks through their clothing and burns the skin worse than a mustard plaster.

It has an odor more suggestive of garlic than mustard. Thousands of tons of it are now being loosed at the allied armies by the Huns.

Mustard gas is developed by vaporizing diethylene sulphide, which volatilizes slowly and the fumes of which become tenaciously attached to objects of the landscape. Chloride of lime is most effective in neutralizing its violence.

Phosgene gas, another popular weapon of the Huns, which is deadly and rapid, is formed by the action of light on a mixture of carbonic acid and chlorine. Like carbonic acid it is suffocating, but has more odor.

Fluorine gas, a combination of iodine, sulphur and phosphorus, is a fatal gas which might be used by the allies in fighting German gas warfare. It has been liquefied under pressure and might be used in this form by shell makers for charging explosive shells. Its vapor is more pungent than chlorine or any of the irritating gases. Of all substances it is most destructive of animal matter. Applied to the skin, it causes excruciating pain.

My experiments in chemistry and medicine have proved that a perfect antidote for the caustic effects of acid gas burns is radium when used in the form of a bromide of radium, but considerably attenuated. A very few small doses, taken internally, have always been wonderfully effective in providing relief.

The awful gas gangrene infection, which often develops in neglected



wounds of our soldiers, might be conquered by the use of preparations of Lathesis, the lethal venom of the lance-headed serpent of South America. That poison has cyanide of soda for its active principle.

Hell could not conceive more fiendish punishment than that which the detestable Huns have dealt out by the

use of these aerial gases in modern warfare. Chronic pacifists and pro-Germans should be forced to scrutinize some of the heart-breaking and hideous exhibits of gassed and disabled entente allied soldiers returned from the battle fronts. Then they might realize what America is fighting for and fighting to prevent.

# FOREIGN BORN LIBERAL BUYERS LIBERTY BONDS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—America's foreign born population—immigrants within the last generation, and Germans particularly—poured out their savings for liberty bonds of the third loan more generously, in consideration of their limited financial ability, than native citizens.

This is indicated by a treasury report estimating subscriptions of citizens of 38 foreign nationalities at \$741,437,000 or nearly 18 per cent of the \$4,176,000,000 total of the third loan.

The total number of bond buyers was estimated at 7,661,000, or 41 per cent of the 17,900,000 on the roll of subscribers, and the average subscription among the foreign speaking population, was calculated at \$105. Germans made the biggest record of all nationalities.

Subscriptions actually reported and tabulated by nationalities amounted to \$407,790,000, but it was estimated this sum represented only about 55 per cent of the total, much of which was included in the big stream of general subscriptions without designation of the subscriber's nationality.

By nationalities, subscriptions included the following:

- German, \$87,295,000; Italian, \$52,247,000; Polish, \$37,583,000; Bohemian, \$31,750,000; Jewish, \$16,737,550; Hungarian, \$8,246,000; Greek, \$6,838,000; Swedish, \$6,011,000; Norwegian, \$5,987,000; Lithuanian, \$4,334,000; Jugo-Slav, \$4,200,000; Russians, \$2,599,000; Danish, \$2,353,000; French, \$2,107,000; Portuguese, \$1,741,000; Slovenian, \$1,750,000; Syrian, \$910,000; Belgian, \$875,000; Armenian, \$303,000; English, \$337,000; Chinese, \$285,000; Rumanian, \$272,000; Albanian, \$230,000; Swiss, \$220,000; Finnish, \$191,000; Croatian, \$153,000; Serbian, \$142,000; Ukrainian, \$129,000; Assyrian, \$90,000; Hollandish, \$80,000; Scandinavian, \$70,000; Lettish, \$40,000; Japanese, \$20,000; Rethenian, \$13,000; Scottish, \$5,000; Bulgarian, \$2,000.

# FISH FAMINE LIKELY AS RESULT OF AIR PROGRAM

(By Gilson Gardner.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The aircraft program has cut down the supply of fish in the United States by three million pounds. Sound strange? It's a fact! It happens this way:

Salt water fish have very little sense. Fresh water fish are smart. A salt water fish will walk into a net made of cotton string and get his gills tangled; not so a fresh water fish. It takes a linen net to catch him.

But the government has commandeered the supply of linen for aircraft purposes, so there is a lack of linen for fresh water nets. That's what the matter with the fresh fish situation.

Altogether the fish proposition is a mess. The food commission has dipped into it. A special commissioner from this city is now on his way to Canada to interview the premier in the hope that he will ask Canada to eat less fish. Sixty per cent of our fish food comes from Canada.

The Atlantic ocean is full of blue fish, but there is some kind of a juicy vegetable skum-like food all over the surface and the blue fish are fed up on this, so they have no appetite for bait. The only answer to this is a tremendous storm which will break up the skum food and make the fish hungry.

# NON-COM SCHOOLS BUILT AT CAMP

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—To prevent loss of time in the instruction of recruits for overseas duty, buildings are to be provided in the training camps for the instruction of non-commissioned officers during inclement weather when they cannot be in the field. They will later pass what they have learned on to the privates.

# GERMANS HAVE NEW ANTI-TANK RIFLE

PARIS, Sept. 10.—In the recent offensives, in which the tanks have played so splendid a part, the Germans have been using a new type of anti-tank rifle to no avail. It contains a cartridge about four inches long which has a pointed bullet. The weapon weighs about 36 pounds and is more than five feet long, sights up to 500 yards and fires single shots.

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# MONEY BAROMETER IN NEUTRAL LANDS FEELS ALLIED GAINS

(By Gilson Gardner.)

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The "money barometer" is perhaps the most conservative of all indexes as to how the war situation is shaping. It's one of the last signs to show; but when it does show, you can generally bank on it.

And the movement of the "money barometer" has begun.

Neutral countries now have begun to appreciate the possibilities of the military situation—their exchanges are responding to the successes of the allied armies, and the indisputable piling up of the odds against the Huns.

One of the highest banking authorities in Britain recently explained why Poch's brilliant blow on the Marne had no noticeable immediate effect on the foreign exchange market.

Exchange buyers and sellers, he said, did not feel that a single reverse would have any effect on exchange in the immediate future. Fluctuations in foreign exchange were comparatively slight, experience had shown, when the allied armies had suffered reverses.

But now that the allies have begun to strike blows, which the neutrals recognize, will bring the end of the war definitely in sight, the delicate wheels of the foreign exchange machinery have begun to turn, and a marked improvement, from the allied standpoint, has taken place.

More than that, bankers expect the improvement to continue.

# ENGLISH OBJECT TO HUNS GETTING JAM

LONDON, Sept. 10.—If England has any favorite food, it's jam. That's why people everywhere are objecting because German prisoners are allowed one ounce of jam daily, while one pound a week for each family is all English subjects can obtain.

# BOCHE SCARED OF COLORED TROOPS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, Sept. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The enemy heavily shelled towns in the Meuse sector behind our lines this morning. One of his patrols attacked the American outposts, but was easily driven off.

There was considerable patrol activity in the Vosges district last night. One encounter took place, the

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enemy retiring with one wounded man. Colored troops have occupied the Vosges village in which trench civilians were held prisoner. The Frenchmen on coming through to the American lines declared that the Germans were considerably excited at finding themselves opposed by negroes, of whom they are said to be afraid because of reports that the American colored troops cut off the ears of their prisoners.

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