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MASSING GREAT FORCES TO CHECK RUSSIAN DRIVE

Germans Profoundly Impressed by Apparently Resistless Russian Advance Assemble Great Army for Defense of Kovel, Bringing Up Every Available Reserve—Fall of This Fortress Would Be Staggering Blow to Teuton Allies—On Western Front Terrific Slaughter Still Goes On

By William Philip Simms
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, July 17.—Profoundly impressed by the steady Russian advance, which see-saws first at this point and then at that, the Germans are massing enormous forces before Kovel. They are bringing up every available reserve in the hope of stalling the new Russian mowing machine.

The present comprehensive calm is deemed here to be a mere prelude to a resumption of heavy and important fighting.

The fall of Kovel now would be a staggering blow to the Central powers, completely disrupting their plans. Lemberg would be evacuated more than ever, the road to the great fortress of Brestlitovsk opened, and the rear of the entire Binsk region threatened, necessitating a German withdrawal.

The Russians apparently do not lack ammunition. Printed on the cartridge cases are the phrases: "Don't spare bullets—don't spare courage. There's enough a-plenty for all."

Cossacks from the Don, Urals, fresh young giants from Siberia and elsewhere are fighting like game cocks, striving to outdo each other in daredevil charges. The quarrel with the Germans is now personal, owing to the Germans use of liquid fire and gas. Consequently fewer German prisoners are taken in proportion to the number of dead on the field.

Russian officers appear satisfied with the spirit of the troops which they declare was never higher.

British Still Advance

By Ed L. Keen
(United Press staff correspondent)

London, July 17.—British troops stormed and captured German second line positions on a front of 1500 yards in a continuation of the steady drive north of the Somme. Gen. Haig reported this afternoon.

The advance was made northwest of Bazentin-Le Petit woods, which is now in the hands of the British and pressed the British line forward to the very edges of the Martiniac village, one of the German strongholds, defending Bapaume.

Kaiser Wilhelm was at the Somme front when his army retreated under battering British blows in Saturday's fighting, it became known today.

An official statement issued at Berlin confirmed previous reports of the Kaiser's presence on the front of the great Anglo-French offensive where he has been visiting his troops and inspiring them to a more stubborn defense. The Berlin statement said that the Kaiser conferred with his chief of staff and commanding generals, visited the hospitals and conferred several iron crosses.

Press dispatches from the British front today brought new details of the successful attack on Saturday in the woods of Belleville and Bazentin-Le Petit were captured and the British at one point penetrated enemy third line trenches.

These dispatches showed that the British advance carried forward the lines to the outskirts of both the villages of Pozières and Martinpuich, two of the most strongly defended German positions before Bapaume. The assault was begun just before daylight on a moonlight night. It followed an artillery attack which, for intensity, if not duration, exceeded the bombardment that marked the Anglo-French offensive two weeks before. British guns blotted out enemy works, leaving only ruined redoubts from behind which German machine gunners raked the attackers until blown to pieces by bombs.

The fighting for Longueval on Friday was a bitter battle from underground works and cellars.

"In some of the cellars, the Germans fought like wolves at bay," wired one correspondent, "down in the darkness of these places men fought savagely seeing only the glint of each other's eyes and feeling for each other's throats unless there were still bombs handy to make a quicker ending. It was primitive warfare, cave men fought like that in such darkness, though not with bombs which belong to our own age."

The German war office admitted that the British have made further progress toward the important highway town of Pozières, penetrating Ovillers wood, southwest of Pozières, where heavy fighting continues. The Berlin official statement reported lively fighting west of Peronne, the objective of the French armies, though the French war office was silent on the French operations south of the Somme.

The British left flank near Ovillers and Le Boisselle, made further progress, capturing the remaining strongholds and the "Brave Remnants" of a German garrison. General Haig reported.

At the same time, the right flank, advancing east of Longueval village capturing the Waterloo farm, further widening the breach to the German second line.

Reports of the new British successes only slightly overshadowed the news of allied victories on the eastern front. The German war office stated today. There has been no important fighting in the region of the Somme.

The French made progress west of Fleury on the Verdun front, capturing three machine guns.

In Lorraine, two German attacks against a French position southeast of Nomeny were repulsed.

British Claim Gains

Berlin, July 17.—British troops have penetrated Ovillers wood in the resumption of the great allied offensive.

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Fourteen Pages Used to Explain Measures

At fifty-five dollars a page the indications are that backers of proposed legislation on which the voters will pass judgment in November will use up at least fourteen pages. How much opponents of the legislation will require remains to be seen.

To date the proponents of the amendment providing that beer may be manufactured in the state hold the record. They have absorbed five pages on which to set forth their arguments in the election pamphlet, soon to be issued by the state secretary. The Pendleton normal school, or proposed school, will be extolled in four pages and the repeal of the Sunday closing law is already advised in a two page brief.

Rural credits, the tax limit amendment and the provision to make the prohibition law more stringent will use a page each for arguments in their favor.

SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE RAILROADS

Department of Labor Official Says This Will Happen If Great Strike Comes

St. Louis, Mo., July 17.—Declaring that the United States government was better prepared now than ever to operate the railroads of the country, J. J. Keegan, of the department of labor, predicted today that the government would take over the roads should the four great railroad brotherhoods call a strike of their men.

Keegan said that once the government took charge of the roads the men would go to work immediately. He based this assertion on the fact that the government had long since recognized the eight hour day, one of the bones of contention in the present controversy between men and employers.

Keegan, who is in St. Louis as mediator between the Missouri Pacific and its trackmen, who threaten to strike, would not say plans had been formulated to take over the roads. However he said that, according to his information, this step cannot be avoided if the men leave their posts.

He said he was practically certain that the four brotherhoods would vote to strike.

"But I cannot conceive that either the railroads or the brotherhoods will let a break occur," he said. "A compromise seems more probable. However should the break occur and nearly a half million men leave their work, paralyzing transportation and threatening starvation of the nation, the government would act in executive hours. It could do nothing else. Every railroad in the country would be seized and once these roads pass into the control of the United States they would never again be returned to private ownership."

TODAY'S BALL SCORES

| American | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| First game— | | | |
| Detroit | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| New York | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| Covaleski, Cunningham and McKee; Shawky and Nunamaker. | | | |
| Second game— | | | |
| Detroit | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| New York | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| James and Baker; Love and Walters. | | | |

NATIONAL

| R. | H. | E. | |
|---|----|----|---|
| St. Louis | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Boston | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Plank, Groom and Hartley; Leonard and Carrigan. | | | |
| Chicago-Philadelphia, postponed; wet grounds. | | | |
| Cleveland | 7 | 12 | 2 |
| Washington | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| Klepper and O'Neill; Harper and Henry. | | | |

ENGLAND SPENDING

30,000,000 DAILY

London, July 17.—England's expenditures have now reached \$300,000,000 daily, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna informed the headquarters this afternoon.

War expenditures for the United Kingdom have been steadily increasing. At the beginning of the year, it was stated that England was spending more than \$25,000,000 a day.

DEATH AND WRECK MARK PATHWAY OF TERRIFIC STORM

Rivers Higher Than For a Hundred Years Sweep Bridges Away

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Ten million dollars worth of property destroyed, five persons known dead, hundreds injured and missing, railroad traffic and telegraph and telephone demoralized, is the toll of the flood sweeping the Carolinas and Virginia known to date. Details are drifting in to Washington over the crippled lines of communication.

The floods are the result of the hurricane of wind and rain which struck the south Atlantic coast Thursday, lifting rivers and streams far over their banks.

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Sir Roger Casement's Appeal Is Argued

London, July 17.—Sir Roger Casement's appeal from his conviction of treason, carrying with it the death sentence, was argued before Justice Darling and four associate justices of the court of criminal appeals today.

Casement's counsel argued that the actions described in the indictment did not constitute a statutory offense. He argued further that the definition of treason given to the jury by Lord Chief Justice Reading was inaccurate.

CAPLAN'S TRIAL SET FOR OCTOBER 16

Los Angeles, Cal., July 17.—The second trial of David Caplan, charged with complicity in the dynamiting of the Times building here, October, 1910, was scheduled today for October 16 by Superior Judge Frank Willis.

In his previous trial the jury which heard the Caplan case disagreed.

The local U. S. recruiting office today rejected, on account of defective vision, Thomas Patton, age 20 of Cottage Grove, and Ira Mitchell, age 20 of Salem. John Derungs, age 24 of Silverton, who enlisted Saturday, will go to Portland this evening, accompanied by Colonel Charles A. Varum.

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The Southern railway depot and buildings in the vicinity are flooded to a depth of six feet.

Western North Carolina is reported facing a serious situation.

Lake Toxaway's big dam and two dams at Hendersonville are reported to have collapsed, setting free millions of tons of water.

40 Foot Wall of Water. The Southern railway bridge over the Catawba river at Belmont, N. C., was washed away, carrying 18 men into the river. It has not yet been learned whether they were saved.

The missing reported to Washington in scattering dispatches are: H. P. Griffin, road supervisor, Charlotte.

Joseph Killian, resident engineer, Charlotte.

C. S. Barbee, section foreman, Charlotte.

R. O. Thompson, section foreman, Belmont.

W. L. Fortune, section foreman, Kings Mountain, N. C.

C. C. Kale, B. C. Gully, C. W. Klutts, derrick men, Charlotte.

Andrew Scott, Tom Davis, Daniel Heath, Sloan Adams and Will Cathey, all colored laborers.

A. B. Blackwell, Western Union line crew boss.

William Cooke and R. Ball, Asheville, and three hikers.

The Seaboard Air Line bridge over the Catawba river at Mount Hollyoke, N. C., has collapsed as has that over the Catawba river on the Salisbury-Asheville line.

An earth fill at Lookout Power dam, near Shelby, broke and the East Mondo, West Mondo and Alspaugh cotton mills are under water. A wall of water 40 feet high was reported rushing down from Lookout shoals last night.

Great crop damage to the surrounding country is reported from Spartanburg, S. C., due to heavy rains of the last 48 hours.

Practically all railway traffic in southwest Virginia and eastern West Virginia was tied up yesterday by slides and washouts.

No Warning of Flood. Asheville, N. C., July 17.—Two Cincinnati-bound trains, the Carolina Special, which left here Saturday night, and another which left last night, are "lost" as a result of the flood which swept eastern North Carolina with the loss of 15 lives.

All railway and commercial telegraph lines are down. The dead in the flood caused by overflow of the French broad river are:

Louise Cressler, Asheville.

Lucas Frazier, Asheville.

P. W. Lipses, Biltmore.

Carlotte Walker, Biltmore.

Mabel Foster, Biltmore.

Three are dead at Hendersonville and six at Charlotte.

Many bridges are carried away in the flood and railway traffic is paralyzed. Danger of a food famine in Asheville

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Militiamen to Have Two Weeks' Practice

Fort Stevens, Or., July 17.—Nearly 700 militiamen today began two weeks' grind of living like regular soldiers. Under command of Col. C. C. Hammond, eight companies of coast artillery, Oregon National Guard, are encamped here to spend the next fortnight in practice with the coast defense equipment at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Although the coast artillery companies are not recruited up to war strength, as the war department recently ordered, there are more men in the two battalions here today than on any previous summer encampment.

Two of the companies are from Eugene. The others are from Ashland, Roseburg, Albany, Cottage Grove, Medford and Portland, with a sanitary detachment from Roseburg.

San Francisco, July 17.—Announcement of a wireless submarine telephone was made today by Dr. H. Baringer Cox, one of the most prominent electrical inventors of the country. Simultaneously Dr. Cox declared that he had discovered that electrical energy can be transmitted over a single conductor, a new law of physics.

The inventor made his discovery, he said, while he was experimenting for the federal forest service in an effort to perfect a wireless system of signals in forest reserves. He discovered that the human voice could be transmitted through the ground. He tried out his discovery over distances up to 50 miles and then applied for patents on it.

Dr. Cox said the system of submarine wireless telephony is so simple that it is astonishing. Scientists have not discovered it long ago.

The equipment consists of an ordinary telephone transmitter connected with an antenna and a special instrument which Dr. Cox alone understands—with a ground wire. At the receiving station is a similar device.

The only connection between the two is the ground through which the current carrying the human voice is sent. There is no "circuit."

Telephone Service With Earth as Wire

Inventor Claims to Have Perfected System of Underground Telephones

By Carl D. Groat.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Baltimore, Md., July 17.—The German submarine freighter Deutschland now plans to slip down the Patuxent river and into Chesapeake bay tomorrow night, on route back to Germany, a member of the crew told the United Press today. Loading should be finished tomorrow at the present rate. Captain Hinseh gave corroborative information that the return trip is at hand when he announced no visitors will be permitted to board the vessel after tomorrow.

Captain Hinseh told the United Press he expected the Bremen in a few days and that she will come here or to New York, though he indicated Baltimore will be the port.

Fear of spies and bombs seemed to bear strongly upon the crew and managers of the Deutschland today.

The vigilance of the past week had increased. Even police officials who had been permitted free entrance to her pier were barred, a special watchman headed off messengers and mail carriers; all night the powerful searchlight on the tug Timmins played nervously over the waters to pick up launches and to search the shores for newcomers watching her.

"Drive them away quick," was the shout from the Timmins to the police on shore where the searchlight revealed newspaper "spies." "For heaven's sake don't let them stay there."

No Americans on Board.

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"You can't come in here," said the German guard abruptly. "I won't take that package."

The messenger was surprised.

"Will you write that down, or I'll get in trouble," he replied.

And the guard wrote it, unmistakably with the added information that there is no use trying to deliver any packages at the dock.

The offense from this generally is that the Deutschland folk fear an attempt to wreck the ship.

The Deutschland, dressed up in fresh grey paint, and decorated with traces of white at the bow and stern, to resemble the ocean waves, still lay at the pier today. It had been announced that Captain Koenig would go to New York to see Ambassador Bernstorff and bring back a package of diplomatic mail, but Manager Hilken said this afternoon: "The captain will stay right here."

Captain Hinseh, manager of transportation for the Eastern Forwarding company, Deutschland agents, said emphatically today that there will be no Americans on the submarine when she returns.

"Why would not protect her," he added.

President Wilson Signs Rural Credit Bill Today-- Pays Tribute to Farmers

Washington, July 17.—Accompanying the act with a speech paying tribute to the farmers of the country, President Wilson today signed the rural credits bill. It provides a system of land mortgages in banks to handle long-time mortgage loans to farmers.

On invitation of the president, many interested in the initiation of the rural credits system were present at its signing. These included house and senate members who had handled the bill. Speaking before he signed the bill, the president said:

"On occasions of this sort there are so many things to say that one would despair of saying them briefly and adequately, but I cannot go through the simple ceremony of signing this bill without expressing the feeling that I have in signing it. It is a feeling of a profound satisfaction, not only of real gratitude that we have completed this piece of legislation which I hope will be immensely beneficial to the farmers of the country."

"The farmers, it seems to me, have occupied hitherto a singular position of

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DEUTSCHLAND IS ABOUT READY FOR DASH FROM PORT

Fear of Spies and Bombs Causes Utmost Vigilance On Part of Crew

EVEN POLICE OFFICIALS BARRED FROM HER PIER

Will Drop Down the River Tomorrow, After That Only Captain Knows

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On Way to Meet Bandits.

Eagle Pass, Texas, July 17.—Carranza troops at Piedras Negras and Monclova have moved south to oppose large Villista forces marching toward the border. It was learned from Mexican sources today.

A party of Mexicans arriving from the interior reported today that their train was held up by Villista bandits Friday near Torreon and that all passengers were robbed and everything of value taken.

Luis Martinez, of El Paso, said the Carranza authorities had assured the party a safe journey to the border. He said most of the citizens of Torreon and vicinity were Villa sympathizers and that Carranza soldiers there are deserting to Villa.

Fifteen hundred national guardsmen attended the services in the local Catholic church yesterday. The soldiers served as altar boys, ushers and choir.

Miss Charlotte Blesse, Texas, representative, has organized a local branch of the Girls' National Honor Guard. A reading and writing room has been opened by them in the district court house for accommodation of the Vermont, Kansas and Maryland militia.

Mexico Makes Offer.

Mexico City, July 17.—If American troops are completely withdrawn from Mexico, the Carranza government will see to it that the border is fully protected against bandit raids, War Minister Obregon said today. "Our proposition made at the Jmirez-El Paso conference, have not been withdrawn," said Obregon.

No News of Villistas.

El Paso, Texas, July 17.—The whereabouts of the Villista column Carranza warned as headed for the Big Bend country was a mystery today. General Funston's preparations to prevent raids, may have caused the bandits to change their plans.

THE WEATHER

YOU ARE THE ONLY GUY IN THE WORLD

Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday generally fair, warmer Tuesday, except near the coast; westerly winds.



Abe Marlin