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GREAT BRITAIN DECIDES UPON OFFENSIVE AIR WARFARE ON GERMANS

Demand of Press and People For Reprisals Can No Longer Be Withstood by Military Authorities—French Capital Is Secure Because Every Air Raid Is Followed by Prompt Retaliation Against German Cities—Baden Was Latest Objective of French Aviators

Germany's Accessibility to British Airmen
Distance between London and the principal German cities by air routes are approximately as follows:
To Cologne 310 miles.
To Berlin 600 miles.
To Frankfurt 400 miles.
To Bremen 300 miles.
To Hamburg 375 miles.
From the British front to German cities is much shorter. It is only approximately 450 miles from Soissons to Berlin.

(By Lowell Mellett)
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Oct. 3.—England had about decided today that once again it must fight the German with the bomber's own weapons of frightfulness. The public demand for reprisals over German cities for the work of German airmen over London and coast *egunties had approached the point of a nation-wide cry. Authoritative reports today had it that the government was practically ready, awaiting only decision of the military authorities to put a formidable reprisal program into force.

The proponents of a strict eye for eye and tooth for tooth reprisal plan pointed out forcefully that for weeks England and the other allies early in the war endured the German frightfulness and poison gas before it was reluctantly determined that for the safety of its manhood the inventors of this ghastly form of warfare must be fought with their own weapon. The same was true of the German revival of Greek liquid fire.

The Northcliffe newspapers, in particular, are thunderingly demanding action. The press as a whole points out that the Germans seldom raid Paris or other French cities because they know if they do the retaliation will be prompt and the damage repaid fourfold to German cities.

In the meantime, London awaits each night with the belief that the raiders will again come on their baby killing expeditions.

To city confidently expected a raid last night. The streets were almost deserted and the cellars had been made ready for occupancy. But the Germans did not appear.

Complex Puzzle Case Is Reversed by the Supreme Court Today
Local Newspaper Contest Badly Mixed—Other Decisions Today

Seven opinions were handed down this morning by the supreme court. Among them was that of the Statesman publishing company plaintiff and respondent against Frank Foltn, John Kierad, H. V. McClean, H. C. Tillman and Mrs. B. Jones defendants. This suit grew out of a puzzle contest offered by the Statesman Publishing company in its several publications. Foltn and McClean claimed first prize of \$300, the latter claiming Foltn had been guilty of fraud and collusion with other parties. Stanislaus, Janowski and Tillman claimed second prize, but Foltn claimed that on Janowski's part. There were disputes between other parties to the guessing contest and this suit, most of them alleging some kind of fraud or collusion. The Statesman company claiming it had no knowledge as to frauds, and that it was unable to decide as between claimants, deposited the prize money in court and asked the parties to the dispute to make to interplead. In the settlement

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TO THE PEOPLE WHOM YOU HAVE BETRAYED!

JAPAN DEVASTATED BY TYPHOON, WORST IN TWENTY YEARS

Forty Thousand People Homeless and Millions in Property Destroyed
By Ralph Turner
(United Press staff correspondent)
Tokio, Oct. 3.—The death toll of the typhoon which swept Tokyo Monday was today placed at 138.
More than 100,000 are homeless. Enormous damage was done by the typhoon.
The death list may be greatly increased. Latest reports were that 217 persons are missing. Scores were caught in houses which were destroyed and the known list of injured this afternoon totaled 183.

Earlier Reports
Tokio, Oct. 3.—The most destructive typhoon and flood in twenty years today had destroyed thousands of buildings, rendered forty thousand homeless, paralyzed railroads and shipping and done \$3,000,000 damage to the city of Tokio alone. At least eighty are dead.

The storm broke Monday. It struck first in the vicinity of Tokio and over the eastern portion. The whole shore line was inundated. A small tidal wave accompanied the wind and rain. In Yokohama harbor four cargo boats were swept under by this wave of water.
A complete estimate of the damage or of the loss of life will be impossible for several days. The official estimate is at least 80 dead in Tokio alone. Newspapers predict this figure will be doubled.

The telegraph system is utterly demolished and reports of loss of life or damage in other parts of the empire are lacking. The Sumida river is still rising and it was predicted today that twenty thousand additional homes will be flooded in the Tokio district.
The hurricane stripped roofs off buildings, whipped skys from their moorings and beat the downpour of rain into a veritable flood of water in the streets. The imperial palace buildings and other government structures suffered considerably. So did many other beautiful buildings in the city. Train service is completely at a standstill.
The stock exchange was closed all day today.

NEW AVIATION FIELD.
Washington, Oct. 3.—The Wright field at North Dayton has been leased by the United States government for an aviation experimental field.
The field will hereafter be known as the McCook field. Hangars and barracks will be erected immediately. The field will be under command of Lieutenant Colonel Clark of the equipment division of the signal corps.

YOUNG GERMAN CHEMIST MAY BE "MASTER SPY" SAYS DIST. ATTORNEY

Konrad Schirman Believed to Have Blown Up Ships and Cargoes
San Francisco, Oct. 3.—Arrest of a new "master spy", in the person of Konrad Schirman, a young German chemist, and revelations that he had organized a plot to plant bombs on cargo ships plying between San Francisco and Honolulu were announced today by United States District Attorney Preston. Schirman has been under arrest nearly a week and has been held incommunicado. He will be interviewed as a dangerous alien.

An alleged attempt by Schirman to bribe an officer on the Dutch warship Zeeland, which recently visited here, to take messages with him to Holland and there send them to Germany revealed the plot. Federal agents succeeded in seizing these messages. They were three in number. The first is said to have referred to American war plans and troop movements, the second to have asked the German government for a fund to destroy Pacific shipping and the third to have revealed the failure of a plot for Franz Bopp, former German consul general here, to escape from Angel Island. In one of the messages, Schirman is reported to have told the German government that he is anxious to do anything in his power to aid the German cause and to have asked for instructions.

Whether there is any connection between the arrest of Schirman and the discovery yesterday by radio naval officers of a wireless plant concealed in a house here was not revealed by Preston. The radio antennae were hidden in the shingles of the roof. Evidence was also found in the house that Hinda had lived there and that some of them were men involved in the recently discovered plot to start a revolution in India.

President Wilson Writes Note of Sympathy to Senator Chamberlain

Washington, Oct. 3.—Senator Chamberlain today received a letter from President Wilson reading: "I have been distressed sincerely to hear of your illness. I hope that you are going to come out of it without the necessity of an operation."
Senator Chamberlain continues to improve and expects to leave his apartment in a day or two, though he does not contemplate resuming work until after he has had a rest and vacation.
No objection to a second helping of Liberty bonds. Mr. Hoover lent in on this.

FOUR PERSONS DEAD AND MANY MISSING IN CALIFORNIA FIRE

Little Sespe Oil and Mining Region Being Swept by Destructive Forest Fire
Fillmore, Cal., Oct. 3.—Four known dead, with possibly a fifth the victim of the flames, is the toll established today of the forest fire sweeping the Little Sespe oil and mining district a few miles north of here and which has spread into the Devil's Gate and Pine Creek regions, threatening the big Henley properties and new oil fields.
A hundred and fifty new recruits rushed to fight the fire are powerless. The fire, forest rangers declare today, is more menacing now than last night when it took its toll of life.

Search for bodies today over the charred area disclosed an exaggerated report of ten known dead. The dead, according to the bodies found, are: Mrs. C. T. Webb and one small child Miss Ruth Papsler, 16, of Santa Paula.
C. T. Webb's sister, name unknown, visiting the Webbs from Oregon.
The supposed victim is an employee of an oil company. His horse, buckboard and dog were found burned to a crisp. A search is on for his body.
C. T. Webb, husband and father of two of the dead persons, escaped with two other children and George Bailey, by taking refuge in a sheet iron barn. Walter Myers and E. A. Prindle, reported dead, saved themselves by seeking refuge in a cave.

Congress May Adjourn Before October 10; Little Work Remaining

Washington, Oct. 3.—Adjournment of congress' war session before October 10 appeared certain today. Only extended opposition to any of the few measures remaining for action or a legislative surprise sprung by President Wilson will delay the session more than seven days, it is believed.
Unexpected activity of the senate on the \$2,535,000,000 war revenue bill conference report has hastened the date of the session's end. The bill now awaits the president's signature.

The president today again urged passage at this session of the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill, one of the few measures still pending.
The finance committee accepted the bill practically as reported by a subcommittee. It fixes the maximum insurance at \$7500, and provides monthly allowances for disability and death of soldiers and sailors. President Wilson still hopes the maximum insurance may be restored to \$10,000.
The civil rights bill, confirmation of Colonel Carl Reichmann as a brigadier general and adoption of the conference report on the \$8,000,000,000 urgent deficiency bill, will occupy the senate until adjournment.

W. W. WILL FIGHT TO LAST DITCH IN COMING TRIAL

Attorney Christensen Makes Sweeping Denial of Federal Charges

CLAIMS ORGANIZATION NEUTRAL ON WAR ISSUE

Government Proceeds With Arrest of Leaders—Perry Is Latest

Chicago, Oct. 3.—The I. W. W. will fight to the last ditch against the charges of 10,000 anti-war crimes against the government, on which 166 members were indicted.
This was indicated today in the sweeping denial of all the charges by Otto Christensen, chief counsel for the organization.
"The charges made by the government cannot possibly stand up," said Christensen.
"In the first place the I. W. W. at no time has taken any position one way or the other, as to the war. Some of the strikes it is charged with calling to embarrass the government were initiated before the war started."
"Most of the 10,000 offenses in the indictment refer to the conscription act. Thousands of members of the I. W. W. have registered and been conscripted, and at no time were any of them exhorted to fight this law."
"The charge that German money has been backing the organization is ridiculous."
Federal officials indicated today that nearly 100 of the indicted men are now in custody.
The latest important arrest is that of Grover H. Perry, a member of the executive board, in Salt Lake City. Perry is alleged to have been one of the leaders in the recent Arizona strike. He is said to be a direct descendant of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry.

The government has asked bonds totaling \$1,625,000 for those under arrest. Christensen is expected to go before the federal court shortly and ask for a reduction in these bonds.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Lieutenant G. P. Howe, medical officers' reserve corps, was killed in action on September 28, while on duty with the British forces in France, the adjutant general announced today.
His emergency address is care Marion Endicott Howe, Boston, Mass.

MILLION SOLDIERS MAY BE LIMIT SENT ACROSS DURING COMING YEAR

(By Carl D. Groat)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Oct. 3.—Shipping experts here are more than ever convinced that America will face a "death of tonnage" the coming year, so serious as to prevent the movement of more than 800,000 to 1,000,000 men by the end of 1918.
Joint warnings of Sir Joseph Maclay British shipping controller, and Lord Northcliffe, publicist, that there must be 6,000,000 tons of new shipping annually, are not unheeded here. Among government heads, it is realized that the submarine situation was and is serious.

But such men as Secretary of the Navy Daniel and Admiral Benson declare that there is no occasion for becoming hysterical and that the submarine situation is more satisfactory.
One-half of one percent of convoyed ships are being lost. Practically all ships are under the new convoy system.
However, as the United Press stated on September 29, "American troop transportation to Europe the next six months may be greatly curtailed."
The war department has submitted to the shipping board an estimate that 10 to 15 tons of shipping space must be available at all time for every soldier sent to Europe. The government's official estimate is that by the end of 1918 America will have 9,200,000 tons of shipping available.

From the above figures it can be seen that the total number of men sent to Europe before the end of another year is likely to be under 1,000,000, unless added ships can be obtained from outside. This is doubtful, in view of the allies' own ship needs, and Lord Northcliffe's warning virtually that America must go it alone in the matter of ships.

ABE MARTIN

Our idea of a really-fer-sure pacifist is a fellow who says, "When my wife fixes carrots, why carrots is my choice." It's purty hard to put anything over on dogs and children.