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AMERICANS OCCUPY GERMAN TRENCHES

All-Russian Congress Ratifies German Peace Treaty

FIRST PERMANENT ADVANCE MADE BY PERSHING'S ARMY

Retake Them

NEW WORKS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED

American Raids and Artillery Fire Had Forced Germans Higher Ground

merican troops have made their int permanent advance into the Gerpan positions on the Western front. Northeast of Badonvillers in the Luserille sector, trenches which the enen was forced to abandon, have hen consolidated with the American in line. Repeated American raids m this sector and the effective work of the American gunners forced the fermans to give up the trenches. German efforts to regain the lost sitions were repulsed by General

The new position gives the Ameri can and French troops higher ground from which to operate against the common foe. Badonvillers is eight miles west of the German frontier and s almost directly west of Strassburg. capital of Alsace. The American position here is about 18 miles southeast of the Rhine-Marne canal, where the Americans first entered the tenches last November.

On both the Luneville and Toul sectors the American artillery has been ming many shells into the German ositions. Northwest of Toul, Gernan plans for a gas attack again were instrated when the American gunlers destroyed four groups of gas proctors which had been placed in potion German batteries, trenches, tre entanglements and other mility targets are being harrassed by

heavy fire of the Americans. Fighting activity on the British ont from Ypres south toward Arras ontinues at a sharp pitch. On the therto quiet sector between Armeneres and Vermelles, about 15 miles, le German artillery fire continues inense, as it has been for several days

A strong German detachment at mpted a raid on this front, but was brown back by the Portuguese. On southern end of the Ypres sector, ustralian troops have been successin raids into enemy lines and in epulsing German raiding parties. here has been heavy artillery firing the French front and the French ave repulsed three German raids. Trenches Consolidated.

With the American Army in France, larch 14.—American troops in the uneville sector have occupied and he holding enemy trenches northeast Badonvillers, which they forced the ermans to abandon through recent ids and concentrated artillery fire. trenches have been consolidated

This, though a small forward movece by the American army in ance. The consolidation of the inches enables the Americans and ach to operate from higher ground an heretofore. The Germans made ly feeble attempts to re-take the poon but each time were repulsed.

HINDENBURG SAYS

Amsterdam, March 15 .- According available sites. news received here, Field Mar-Interview in Berlin that the En- Charleston, S. C. the had shown an unresponsive atdde toward Germany's peace intensive therefore must go on.

an offensive operation.

Verdun offensive of the Ger- establishment of a yard.

Trenches Taken and Held Against Enemy Efforts to WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FORTY-THREE OF OMSK'S CREW

Violating the Espion-

age Act

CREW HAD PLANNED TO SEIZE THE SHIP

vik Committee and Run the Vessel to Rus sian Port

cotton is consigned to Liverpool.

neutrality, failure to comply with port in attendance upon the meeting. regulations by interfering with the Every member of these two organ- geneous unit has already begun. naval guard placed on the ship by izations is expected to be in attend- In an opinion rendered last Sep-Customs Collector Hamilton, and of ance and all others having the inter-tember, acting Judge Advocate Gen-

TRAVELING MEN ARE WILLING TO LEND EVERY AID

Held at Odd Fellows Building

IDEA IS TO SUPPORT

Were to Operate as a Bolshe- Every Member Both Organizations Expected to Attend. Public Invited-Meet Saturday Night

Norfolk, Va., March 15 .- Forty- Joint meeting of the membership three members of the crew of the of the Travelers' Protective Associa- counded on acceptance of the fact that about 20 tons, struck the end of one Hussian ship Ornsk, in port here to tion and the United Commercial Trav- localization cannot be maintained. car, lifted it up and the mass slid blackmail of Mayor Asa G. Candler, day, faced charges of violating the elers will be held Saturday hight at day, faced charges of violating the elers will be neid Saturday hight at Espionage Act as the result of their 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Building, Eventually it is believed that enlist-sleeping cars, containing over 50 per- in her own behalf. Before starting favorable trade agreements are to efforts Wednesday night to seize the Third and Princess streets, for organ- ed men of the Regulars, National sons, over the tracks. ization and complete welding of these army and National Guard will be in-Warrants for the men were sworn two forces together in an effort to termixed throughout all divisions at Palmer, was among the injured. He newspaper representatives being also ward Russia and of Japanese intenout last night after documents, found give the Chamber of Commerce and the front. aboard the vessel, indicated, govern- other organizations working for a big- Congress expressed a decided prement agents said, that certain mem ger and better Wilmington, every ference for localization of the Na- Most of the injured persons were bers of the crew were "not bona fide assistance in influencing the govern- tional Army in the selective service given attention here. A squad of motions of the defense, presented by of rule has surrendered completely seamen, but rather highly intellectual ment to locate one of its proposed law, but many officers have maintainparties to a political plot which final- shipyards for the South Atlantic coast ed insistently that it should be im- train gave first aid. ly planned to divert the Omsk's car- here and in gaining recognition of the possible to handle the army except as go to Russia." The ship's cargo of port's facilities. Mr. G. O. Rhodes, one great unit. of Richmond, district manager for the The facts promise to bear out that The warrants charge specific inter- Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company, of view, it is said, and with the replace-

est of the city at heart are invited to eral Ansell sustained absolutely the Federal agents, who have been in- be present. The knights of the grip legal right of the department to transvestigating the affair, said last right believe that they can do much for the fer officers and men among the Regthat some of the crew had confested city during their travels about the ulars. National Army and National through interpreters that in the event State and into other States, but real- Guard as found necessary. he captain refused their wage de- ize that perfect organization is first The six division corps organizamands, they had planned to seize the necessary. Tomorrow night's meet- tion adopted by General Pershing was were run to this city with uninjured ship at sea, operate it through a Bol- ing is for this purpose and is expected devised to give a corps commander a passengers, and those slightly hurt. by Cook to reveal to her husband press dispatches, Washington had no shevik committee and make some to be of an epochal nature for the two-division front to hold, backed up The inquest will be held at Lancas-

to Abandon Trenches—Is Held at Norfolk on Charges of Organization Meeting Will Be borhood character of National Army persons were killed and 8 injured, Defendant in Atlanta's Sensa-

ference with foreign relations and St. Louis, is in the city and will be ment of casualties, the welding of the

WILMINGTON MAY YET LAND A BIG SHIPYARD

Representative of the Shipping Board to Come Here Next Week

GOVERNMENT WANTS

marks the first permanent ad- Story Carried by Asociated Press Today Came as a mington People.

new government shippard may be es- said to have been strongly presented will be taken by new drafted men or tablished on the South Atlantic to the board and while nothing dean by volunteers gathered through the coast, and a representative of the ites can be stated it was intimated recruiting service. That would ex- volunteered for shipbuilding will not When Mrs. Hirsch took the stand terms considered entirely favorable DRIVE MUST GO Shipping Board will visit Wilming- that Wilmington is destined to become tend the replacement system back to be called in any large numbers for she was pale, nervous and red-eyed to Germany, it is held here, howton, N. C., next week to inspect at an early date a shipbuilding cen- the civilian population in orderly, some time, the Department of Labor from crying.

It already has been definitely deyon Hindenburg has stated, in cided to establish a shipyard at

Announcement to the effect that a and that the great German of member of the Shipping Board would visit in the city was received with Well informed neutral quarters undisguised pleasure by all and while ently the Associated Press corre- local interests have not been advised mondent was told that the Germans as yet as to what particular memprepared to lose 300,000 men ber of the board will come they feel that he can be convinced that Wilmington is the logical point for the

in which they failed to break One gentleman who is in very close French lines was estimated in touch with the situation stated that frative quarters as having cost it probably meant that a concrete something like 500,000 men. shipyard would be ordered estab-

of the naval budget plan and that battle. what Charleston receives will not in SITE FOR PLANT may or may not receive at the hands visions in the United States where The body of one of the victims was

ternoon that Congressman Hannibal tile factor governing mobilization. ter of importance.

LONG CASUALTY LIST.

Washington, March 15.-General Pershing's casualty list today, it is learned at the War Department. will be longer than any previously issued and may not be aavilable for publication before tomorrow

morning. There is no outward indication of what a longer casualty list indicates, although American troops in the last few days have been active in an offensive against the German trenches.

AMERICAN FORCES TO BE WELDED IN ONE GREAT ARMY

Neighborhood Character of National Army and National Guard to Vanish

SIX DIVISION CORPS WILL WORK CHANGE

Each Commander on Front One of the Rock's Weighed Will Have Two Division Lines Three Lines Deep, According to Plans

and National Guard units is certain to only a few seriously, early today vanish as the war progresses, in the when a landslide in the Elizabethopinion of army officials. British and town Cut, about 19 miles east of Har-CHAMBER COMMERCE felt by American front line divisions Pennsylvania Railroad. Miss Rena chieftains to keep the front line at full fighting strength.

Plans projected by the general staff probably fatally hurt. for erecting a replacement system to

expeditionary forces, into one homo-

by two divisions on the second line ter. and two divisions on the third line. E. E. Edwards, of Harrisburg, coneach other, each serving its allotted casualties occur in the front line divisions, men are drawn from second to tell any story of the accident ex-

line divisions and second line units cept that there was a terrific crash fill up immediately from third live and the two sleepers toppled over. lished here and another stated that inary training in the United States cars prevented a heavy loss of life. Wilmington should not allow what and shipped over on a regular sched- It is estimated that one of the rocks Charleston is receiving to dampen ule, are fed into the third line divi- weighs 20 tons and will have to be her ardor, as work authorized for sion and by the time they reach the dynamited to remove it from the road Charleston is merely the carrying out front line trenches, are ready for the bed. The two sleeping coaches were

any way conflict with what this city pian to form separate replacement di- have been broken to pieces. The Dispatch received absolutely preliminary training not the State gantown, W. Va., whose father, authentic information early this at- from which the soldier comes, will be Charles Palmer, is on the injured

Board an dthat this city was regarded one camp, artillerymen at another, er asked for his daughter and search Pleasing Surprise to Wil- as a very favorable point for the con- machine gunners at another and so revealed that she had been killed. struction of steel ships and that a rep- on Men who had been under trainresentative of the board would be or- ing six months would be available for NO BIG CALLS NOW dered here to make full investigation assignment to replacement detach-Washington, March 15.-Another and report. Wilmington's claims are ments bound abroad. Their places workable fashion, it is argued.

BERLIN REPORTS

detachments gained a footing yester- has 200,000 men enrolled. They are "Do you wish to have the court- supplies at Vladivostok: There is no day west of the Nauroy road on the being slassified by trades. German Crown Prince's front (Champagne district), says today's army headquarters announcement.

Former Senator Dead. morning.

BOULDERS WRECK AN EXPRESS TRAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA

Several Persons Were Killed and a Number Injured Today

TRAIN WAS PASSING THROUGH DEEP CUT

20 Tons-Two Sleepers Wrecked-Steel Cars Prevented Heavy Loss

Washington, March 15 .- The neigh- Harrisburg, Pa., March 15 .- Two French forces already have under- risburg, struck the Cincinnati, Ingone the process and it now is being dianapolis & Chicago express on the SPECTATORS BARRED as the direct result of the three-line Palmer ,of Morgantown, W. Va., was system of defense, held indespensible crushed to death in a sleeping car in by General Pershing and the Allied which Miss Vera Ravenscroft, of Not Even Were the News-Pittsburgh, was fatally injured, dying on the relief train. Conductor E. E. Edwards, of this city, was

Three hundred tons of earth and rock fell into the cut, striking ty, handle nearly a quarter of a million Pullman cars in the middle of the men this year, it is understood, are train. One huge boulder, weighing

> learned of his daughter's death while excluded. being cared for in a hospital here.

and its passengers were badly shak-

An unidentified woman died on the

None of the passengers was able his office and submit to his advances. eral at Moscow.

divisions. The casuals give nprelim. Railroad officials say the steel Out of this situation has grown the had been of the wooden type would

the arm of the service for which identified as Miss Palmer, of Morlist, and in the Harrisburg hospital. L. Godwin called on the Shipping Infantrymen would all be trained at When brought here today Mr. Palm-

FOR SHIP BUILDERS

Washington, March 15.-Men who aloud. announced today.

FRENCH ADVANCE holding jobs are advised to stick to Hirsch asked:

Berlin, March 18 .- Strong French The public service reserve now fore all these people?"

Trying to Reconcile Foland. Amsterdam, Thursday, March 14.-Active negotiations are in progress courtroom cleared of all spectators. Russia and then find their way into for a reconciliation between Ger- The crowd filed out with extreme German hands. mer United States Senator Isaac of the Polish situation will be an faces. Stephenso ndied at 1:30 o'clock this nounced shortly, according to the Kurjer Polsky of Warsaw,

ANNIVERSARY OF NICHOLAS' ABDICATION

MRS. HIRSCH ON WITNESS STAND TELLS HER STORY

tional Blackmail Case Gives Her Side

FROM COURT ROOM

paper Representatives Permitted to Hear Mrs. Hirsch's Testimony

A. Hirsch, charged with attempted Europe, and Batoum, Kars, and Eriunder the train, carrying the two this morning took the witness stand her statement, the courtroom was Charles Palmer, father of Miss cleared of spectators, at her request

soldiers on the uninjured part of the Judge Richard B. Russell, for the ex- to the demands of Germany and The wrecked cars were jammed the State yesterday in reference to Asiatic territories to German econagainst the side of the cut, making conversations with J. W. Cook, the omic and military penetration. the work o ftaking out the dead and woman's alleged accomplice, who re- The question of Japan intervening, injured very difficult. The first two cently was convicted an dgiven the in Siberia has brought from Foreign cars and the last three remained on maximum sentence, and that portion Secretary Balfour, in the British the rails, but the sleeping car next of Forest Adair's testimony concern- house of commons, the declaration to those wrecked jumped the track ing the defendant's statement to him that he had every confidence in with her in his office.

the smoking car, rendered first aid make a statement as to what they the friend of Russia, and as the to the injured and assisted in the expected to prove. Attorney J. R. emissary of the Entente governments rescue work. The wrecked cars car- Bedgood declared they expected to in helping Russia to combat Gerwas laid between Mis. Hirsch and lution. first two cars of the train, which Cook, but on the contrary, the woman was made the victim o fthreats Washington, March 15 .- Aside from fractures of both legs and internal used his wealth and prominence to either from Ambassador Francis at time in each of the three lines. As injuries, and is in a serious condition. induce and persuade her to come to Vologda or the American consul gen-

> that when Cook unexpectedly arrived whether the action was taken before at Mayor Candler's office and caught or after receipt of President-Wilson's Mrs. Hirsch and Mayor Candler in a message to the people of Russia, compromising relation, Mayor Cand-promising American aid in obtaining ler walked with Mrs. Hirsch to the for Russia full independence from elevator after Cook had left, and re- German aggression. The message quested her to call him on the tele- was sent March 11 and the congress phone in a few minutes and when decided to ratify the pcace with Gershe did call Forest Adair was put on many March 14. Its receipt has not

> hat Mr. Adair induced her to bring to have been delivered. The Prestup the subject of money, and induced dent's message when sent was her to name a stipulated sum, and garded by officials here as the only that she named this sum as a con- move that could be made by the sideration which she felt was due her United States in the interest of the in view of the fact that she was to Russian people, although a short be forced to leave the city. He said time ago Ambassador Francis, in they expected to prove that Mr. Adair statement to the Russian public, isfirst attempted to persuade her to sued at Vologda, said that he had

"Mrs. Hirsch, you will make your sing differences. The men called will be ciefly statement in your own words without It is believed that ratification of from the unemployed, unless they being questioned," said Judge Hill. the peace terms will bring an early are skilled mechanics, and those Looking up at the judge Mrs. move by Japan in Siberia. Any move

room cleared?" asked the judge. your Honor."

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One Year Ago Emperor Nicholas Was Forced to Give up Throne

GERMANY TO GET A RICH TERRITORY

Under Peace Ratified by Congress of Soviets, Russia Loses Thousands of Miles of Land

One year ago today Emperor Nicholas abdicated as autocrat of Russia and yesterday the All-Russian Congress of Soviets by an overwhelmng vote agreed to Cerman peace

German militarism takes from the present Russian government thousands of square miles of land and millions of inhabitants contained in the form imperial territories of Fine land, Poland, Courland, Lithuania, Atlanta, March 15,--Mrs. Margaret Esthonia, Livonia and the Ukraine in

van in the Caucasus. The Russian army must demobilize, the Russian flect is interned and be given Germany and her allies.

Anouncement of allied policy totions in eastern Siberia probably Before Mrs. Hirsch was placed on will follow quickly the news that the the stand, the court had overruled Lenine government after four months clusion of testimony presented by opened up the vast European and

concerning Mr .Candler's relations Japan's loyalty in any action it might be decided to take in the Far The defense also was permitted to East. Japan, he said, would act as prove that no conspiracy of any sort man penetration and save the revo-

Washington Hears the News. the details of what he saw in Mayor information today on the decision of Candler's office. He said they ex- the All-Russian congress of Soviets, pected to prove Mr. Candler was at Moscow, ratifying the German strongly attracted to Mrs. Hirsch and peace terms. Nothing had come

He said they expected to prove Officials had no means of knowing been acknowledged by the American He said they expected to prove consul at Moscow, by whom it was recommended to Washington recog-At this point Mrs. Hirsch began to nition by the United States of any cry, and as Attorney Bedgood elab- government the Russians might set orated his statement, she sobbed up. To recognize the government that has just concluded a peace on ever, might present many embarras-

by the Japanese, it is believed, would "Will I have to tel' my story be- be made chiefly as a measure of protection for Japanese and American real danger, officials say, of German "Yes. I would very much prefer it, armies moving that far East, but there is a probability that supplies Thereupon Judge Hil lordered the at Vladivostok might be sent into

Marinette, Wis., March 15.-For- many and Poland and a new solution disappointment written on their The geographical location of Viadivostok makes it easy for Japan at any time to cut off a German force if one were to move to the East.