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AMERICAN TALK

READY TO TACKLE ANYTHING.

An American correspondent in France with the American army writes to America that the American soldiers "are ready to attack anything." The news that comes from the front indicates that the Americans are attacking anything that opposes them, and with good success.

Americans of the crack Rainbow division walloped the Huns when they tried out strong sorties on the night of March 4th. They also penetrated and took German trenches, held them and consolidated them with their own.

We rejoice over good tidings from the American army in France. Naturally, we will be downcast when we hear bad news. Naturally the men at the front will be full of enthusiasm and rejoicing upon hearing cheering news from home. They will also feel downcast, perhaps, upon getting news that is not of such nature as to cheer them.

We ought to see that they get encouraging news from home. We mean by this, news of our doing our duty. When the soldier goes into the trenches in France, will he wonder if the folks at home are also going to the trenches? Of course, the folks at home will not actually be entering underground trenches, but they will be either going into their fighting duties or they will be holding back. The boys will be asking—are the folks at home standing by, supporting, serving, sacrificing, as we are? They will have a right to ask these questions.

They are reported "ready to attack anything" are we ready to attack anything? Are we ready to attack our country? Are we attacking the alien enemy who plots and destroys in this country? Are we attacking the disloyals who are hurting the cause of America, endangering the army, and by their contemptible acts? Are we fighting against selfishness, indifference and open opposition? Are we fighting for the nation at home as the men "over there" are?

The man at home who does not do the part of a soldier at home has no right to criticize a soldier abroad for anything he does or neglects to do. There is no such thing as a double standard; one for the soldier in the field and one for the civilian at home. Both are to be measured by the same American yardstick.

Some American soldiers were court-martialed for going to sleep on sentry duty and sentenced to death. Their execution was delayed and the President was asked to pass on their case. It is announced that these men will not be shot. Two of them went to sleep and were court-martialed. Thousands of Americans at home are sleeping at the post of duty and nothing is done about it. If an American soldier is shot for sleeping while the enemy may break through in the front, what about the citizen at home who deliberately sleeps away the time and does nothing to intercept the enemy?

Secretary Daniels is anxious to have the American news come to grips with the Germans. He made it clear in an interview today that he had nothing to fear in the event of a clash with the Treaty's grand fleet, but expressed the opinion that the enemy would never "come out."

"Some people have asked, 'Why don't the Americans go in after them?'" said the secretary.

"That is impossible," he continued. "The Germans are protected by concealed land batteries of powerful range, the location of which cannot be determined. There is many a pretty little spot in Heligoland, apparently the place for a Sunday school picnic, that masks the most powerful pieces."

Until we go in and get the enemy at home we ought not criticize the navy for not going in and getting the Germans over there. Every American at home is a soldier at this time. He is under obligation to fight for his country. He is refusing to serve his country if he turns his back on the home duties.

There are some folks at home who have not done a thing to help win this war and every one of them ought to be held up in shame by their fellow citizens, just as a slacker who would refuse to fight at the front.

WHEAT HOLDING FALL OFF.

Number of Bushels Now Held by Mills and Elevators Shows a Great Falling Off Over Last Year.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 16.—Wheat held by the country's mills and elevators March 15, was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 68,972,000 bushels. This is about 20,000,000 bushels less than was held March 1st, last year and 86,000,000 bushels less than in 1916.

RUSSIANS CHEER WILSON MESSAGE FOOD IS THE ONE BIG FACTOR IN THE WORLD WAR

Measles and Whooping Cough.

Read the report in this paper from the County Health Officer on the prevalence of measles and whooping cough, two preventable diseases that ought to be wiped out, will be in the course of time, if the people will co-operate with the health authorities, inform themselves and act on the information they receive.

A healthy man or woman, from childhood to old age, will make and assure a strong nation, a vigorous people, and the Home is the place for this strength to be looked after.

CHEER FOR THE WILSON MESSAGE

All-Russian Council Lends Warm Applause to the Message Which the President Sent.

NOT YET ADOPTED THE GERMAN PEACE TREATY

Latest Reports Indicate That the Peace Treaty Has Not Been Formally Ratified.

(By Associated Press.)

Moscow, March 16.—President Wilson's message of sympathy to the Russian people was received with marked applause when it was read to the opening session of the All-Russian Council of the Soviets today. Immediately a resolution of appreciation was adopted.

(By Associated Press.)

Final action on the German peace treaty has apparently not been taken yet by the All-Russian council of Soviets at Moscow. While a dispatch dated Thursday reported that the treaty had been adopted by an overwhelming majority, advisers of Friday say that there has been a division in council of the people's commissary and that Russia has not yet been committed to the German treaty.

Bolshevik approval was given to the treaty and this has aroused the members of the council belonging to the socialist revolutionary party and several members of this sect have refused to ratify the terms of the Germans. This means that a decision has not been taken by the whole.

An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow dated Thursday says that the Bolshevik members voted unanimously to support the Lenin government in agreeing to the German treaty, nevertheless they condemn them. The Bolsheviks say that it is necessary to recognize for the defense of the nation against the invaders.

Several ministers of the Lenin cabinet members of the Left party. These were admitted last December when the Bolshevik government was threatened with the loss of power unless it recognized the revolutionary socialist. These who had been opposed to the Bolsheviks and threatened to break a constitutional assembly unless there was recognition of other parties.

There is no change on the American sector near Trul and near Larnville. The American and British ministers at Stockholm have sent a demand to General Mannerheim, the commander of the Finnish army, for the release of one American and sixteen British citizens taken from Aland island, used as the German base in assisting the Finnish government to bring down the revolution in Finland.

Japanese Killed According to Report

Tokio, March 16.—A Tokyo newspaper says that 150 Japanese have been murdered by Bolsheviks in the capital of Omur province five hundred miles north of Hruben. Another report says that only 3 have been killed and some others wounded.

The Italian official statement contradicts the claim of the Austrians that they obtained substantial advantages through the recent setting off of a large mine in the important Monte Pasubio area. On the Italian mountain front the Italian positions were not damaged by the explosion.

GERMANY MAY HAVE A NEW PEACE OFFER

Indications That Terms May Be Proposed the Expense of Russia Further Strengthened.

NO SUCH PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONSIDERED, HOWEVER

Washington Officials and Diplomats Believe Underground Feelers Have Been Going Out.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 16.—Inferences that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the allies, proposing terms at the expense of Russia, coincide with underground discussion ruminating in diplomatic circles here for some time, but which have never shown any evidence of tangible developments.

Announcement by Lord Robert Cecil in London that no such proposal would be considered, coupled with the Lindbergh announcement that the German offensive would go on in view of the ententes unresponsive attitude toward German peace intentions, have strengthened the view of neutral diplomats who for some time have believed underground feelers have been going out.

American officials and allied diplomats here (able agreeing entirely with Sir Cecil's statement that no such terms can be considered, give no evidence of how much may be known here of what Field Marshal Hindenburg refers to as German peace intentions.

THE MOTORMEN AND THE CONDUCTORS ARE GRANTED INCREASE

Manager J. H. Robinson of the Public Service Company Announces Increase of Pay of Three Cents an Hour From March 1st.

Manager J. H. Robinson of the Salisbury-Spencer branch of the North Carolina Public Service Company, announced today an increase of three cents an hour in the pay of the conductors and motormen on the Salisbury-Spencer lines, this being effective from March 1st, last, and being entirely voluntary on the part of the company.

In making the announcement Manager Robinson states that while supplies and expenses have increased in greater proportion than revenue some saving has been effected in the operation of the cars by means of light weight cars and other economies recently inaugurated and the company feels itself able to grant the increase to the operators of the cars and thus share a part of the savings.

Quite a number of men will be affected and the increase will materially help these men in the course of a month.

The Rome war office declares Berlin reports a somewhat notable activity by the British last night on a front near Arras and St. Quentin.

The establishment of a new German group on the western front, commanded by General Gallwitz, is indicated in the army headquarters statement today.



"FINISH THE BRIDGE" By MACAULEY.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS DEMANDS

Associated Press Has Information That Dutch Ships Will Be Turned Over to the Allies.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT WANTS SHIPS OUT OF DANGER

Great Britain and America Had Planned to Take Over These Vessels March 18, as Said.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 16.—A reply from the Dutch government to the allied announcement regarding the utilization of Dutch ships is expected before Monday.

According to information received here it proposes an agreement for the use of the Dutch ships on the understanding that they be not taken into the danger zone. The allies would not assent to this and it is expected the taking over of the ships March 18th will proceed according to program.

Dutch Government Agrees to Plan.

Amsterdam, March 16.—The Associated Press hears on excellent authority that the Dutch government has accepted the demand of the allied governments relating to the use of Dutch ships in the danger zone.

20 PEOPLE DIE IN FIRE.

Disastrous Blaze at Lumber Camp in Nova Scotia—Mother and Six Children Perish.

(By Associated Press.)

Truro, Nova Scotia, March 16.—Word reached here today that 20 persons were burned to death when a lumber camp of A. A. Sutherland at Albin Siding, Nova Scotia, was destroyed by fire last night. The dead include the wife and six children of one of the lumbermen. The fire started in a dormitory while the occupants were asleep.

Fifteen women are now included in the membership of the St. Louis police department.

If the first robin is discreet it will avoid coming around on meatless days.—Chicago News.

TO LIMIT THE WHEAT CONSUMPTION IN STATE OF TEXAS

Rule Calling for Substitutes in Wheat Flour Sales Has Resulted in Actual Increase in Wheat Consumption in Some States.

Washington, March 16.—The present food administrator's rule that an equal amount of substitutes be sold with each sale of wheat flour has resulted in an actual increase of wheat consumption in some southern states.

The use there of large quantities of hominy, corn, meal, rice and other native grain ordinarily has been more than 50 per cent of the cereal consumption.

The request of the Texas food administrator to limit the consumption of wheat there was granted readily by the food administration which admittedly is facing a serious situation in supplying the allies and this country with sufficient grain.

To Further Limit Wheat Consumption

Washington, March 16.—The further limitation of consumption of wheat products in the South will be asked by the food administration if the experiment of limiting wheat ration to six pounds a month begun in Texas today proves a success.

The South is such a large user of other cereals than wheat that a further curtailment of the sale of wheat will not work hardships, it is declared.

LOUISIANA NEGRO IS LYNCHED FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Body of George McNeil Found Early Today Hanging to Tree in the Court House Yard at Monroe.

Monroe, La., March 16.—The body of George McNeil, one of the two negroes arrested yesterday and suspected of being implicated in an assault on a white woman here Thursday, was found hanging to a tree in the court house yard early today.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE IS NOT CHANGED

Officials Remain Reticent, However, Regarding Japan's Desires as to Siberia.

WASHINGTON FEARS MOVE WOULD SOLIDIFY RUSSIANS

Entrance of Japan Into Siberia Might Result in United Action by the Russian People.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 16.—There were intimations of official circles today that President Wilson might make an early decision on the Russian situation. It was not indicated what the form might be or the manner of delivery.

No Change in Attitude.

Washington, March 16.—America's attitude toward intervention in Siberia by Japan has not undergone a change, it is stated at the State department today.

Officials remained reticent regarding Japan's expression of her intentions, but indicated that an exchange of views would continue and it is decided that Japan has not determined definitely on her course. It was suggested that final decision might be delayed until the new Japanese ambassador, Count Ishii, reaches America, but the probability of that was discounted at the State department.

It is known that the United States has opposed intervention by Japan, many officials of this government fearing such action might bring together the various factions in Russia to combat Japan, even if they are supported by the armies of the ententes and America.

groes arrested yesterday and suspected of being implicated in an assault on a white woman here Thursday, was found hanging to a tree in the court house yard early today.

It is said at the sheriff's office last night the sheriff and deputies started in automobiles for Shreveport with McNeil and John Richards, the other suspect.

FOOD THE GREAT WAR MATERIAL

Food Will Win the War Thinks the Observing Citizen for the Soldiers Must be Fed to Fight

MORE ACRES PLANTED IS THE NEED OF THIS YEAR

Farm Machinery is Very Important and City Gardens a Factor in the Fight.

The United States must have fighters to win the war and these fighters must be fed. Our allies have millions of men on the fields of battle and they must have the necessary food or they can not fight. Our allies are looking to us to make up a great shortage in their food supply and unless we furnish the food Germany will triumph and Liberty will disappear from the face of the earth. Our first problem is to feed our own people and to keep the wheels of manufacture turning out vast quantities of war supplies and materials.

Food is an extremely important element in the morale of any nation. The allied governments all recognize this.

In Germany food conditions are serious. Disorganized Russia may supply some food, but not enough. Reports indicate that the Germans have perhaps enough to eat, but they are not getting the kind of food they like. This diet is getting on the nerves of the Germans. They have been fed, not on good wheat bread, not on luscious pork and beef—no, they have been fed on the Kaiser's promises.

One of the great signs of hope in the breaking down of German morale lies in the food conditions of that country. For when the Germans find that the resources of the allies are very much greater than the resources of Germany, they will demand that the military party give up its ideas of conquest; they will recognize the folly of militarism. And when the people of Germany come into their own, you and I know there will be peace—but not before.

While the struggle is still on, it is of the utmost importance that the morale of the people, in England, France, and elsewhere, be not weakened. Those countries now look to the United States as their storehouse of food. So, besides urging lesser consumption by Americans of certain foods, the government is now urging increased production in the United States in two ways:

1. Increase of certain kinds of acreage by farmers.

2. More garden produce and poultry raised by families all over the United States.

The labor problem, of course, comes in most seriously at this time. There has been a heavy demand made on the farms. Men have gone to the army and men have gone to the industrial plants that are paying large wages and needed workers for war materials. This increases the burdens of the man on the farm and makes two things most necessary at this time: The man on the farm must get more for his man power, hence improved labor saving machinery is the thought with the farmers.

Again, the garden must produce more, the city garden must be a big factor. It must be made to carry an increased burden, for the food that comes out of the garden is a big relief to the world food basket.

This issue of the Post will be helpful to the man who is seeking a way out of his labor problem on the farm. We trust that it will prove truly helpful.

The garden of last year did great things for America, it must do greater things this year for America, in order that America may do much for the world.

WARM WEATHER IS DUE NEXT WEEK

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 16.—Pressure distribution indicates that fair weather will prevail during the coming week with temperature much above the normal was the prediction for the week issued today by the weather bureau.