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HUNS MAKING SCANT GAINS IN INVASION

Resistance Offered by Russians Grows Stronger as German Advance Into Demoralized Russia Continues.

Twenty-Seven German Airplanes Crossed American Lines Wednesday—Americans Subjected to Another Gas Attack.

London, Feb. 28.—The German army has received orders to stop its advance into Russia, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company, who has received information to this effect, which he regards as reliable.

In their advance into Russia the Germans are meeting with more resistance and apparently they have been unable to make much headway towards Petrograd from Pskov.

Petrograd is declared to be the Teuton objective in the north.

Tuesday the Germans made no progress there, or at least Berlin reports none, while in the south the greatest gains were made in the Ukraine.

A German attempt to take Vitbesk near the center of the front failed before Russian resistance, which forced the enemy to retire, Petrograd says.

The American sector in France on Wednesday was again subjected to an attack by gas shells which had little effect. Tuesday's two gas attacks caused five deaths and the poisoning of about 60 American soldiers. The majority of those affected by the gas are not in a serious condition.

German airplanes are still active over the American front, 27 having crossed the lines Wednesday.

Aerial and artillery fighting on the British and French fronts is most severe. Eighteen German airplanes were brought down by the French and British airmen and guns, while Berlin claims to have accounted for 15 enemy machines. German airdromes, railway junctions and other military targets continue to be bombed by allied airmen.

British shipping losses for the week show an increase over the previous period. Eighteen merchantmen, 14 of more than 1,600 tons, were sunk by submarines or mines as compared with 15, including 12 of the larger tonnage the week before. France and Italy lost no ships of the large tonnage and France only one vessel of less than 1,600 tons.

TODAY THE FINAL FOR \$4.13 STAMPS

On Tomorrow and Throughout War Savings Stamps Will Be One Cent Higher in Price.

Today is the last day on which war savings stamps may be bought at the February price, \$4.13. After midnight Thursday and during the month of March war savings stamps increase in price one cent. The price for the month of March is \$4.14.

An Explosion At Honolulu Instantly Kills Young South Carolinian

Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 28.—Corporal John Simmons, of Piedmont, S. C., was instantly killed, Captain Peter Sorenson and Lieut. W. Hanna were injured seriously and three other officers received slight injuries from the explosion of a grenade at the school of fire, Schofield barracks, today.

The explosion was said to be due to the presence of a live bomb in a box supposed to contain dummies.

AMERICAN SENTRYS ARE CAUGHT ASLEEP ON DUTY

Washington, Feb. 28.—Four American soldiers caught asleep while doing sentry duty in the first line trenches have been sentenced to death. General Pershing, although he has authority to refer their cases to the war department for review.

ASKS AMERICAN AID IN PROTECTING FOOD

Japan Proposes Joint Military Operations Against Invading German Forces.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Japan's move to develop the feelings of the allies to ward off a proposal for joint military operations in Siberia to keep the vast stores at Vladivostok and also the Trans-Siberian railway from falling into the hands of the German invaders of Russia was widely discussed today among diplomats and officials, but all were reluctant to give opinions for publication.

Opinion in London that the declaration by the Japanese foreign minister in the Japanese diet could only be interpreted as a declaration that Japan was about to intervene was regarded as further evidence of the negotiations now proceeding among the co-belligerents to make the action an international character, probably including the participation of the American forces.

Russian representatives here oppose action by the Japanese in Siberia, while the co-belligerents are thoroughly alarmed less the vast quantities of supplies piled up at Vladivostok, bought and paid for with American cash, should fall into the hands of the Germans.

JOHNSON IS LIKED IN MASSACHUSETTS

Another Attempt to Have Violator of Mann Act Returned to West Virginia Fails.

Boston, Feb. 28.—The request of federal authorities of West Virginia for the return to that state of John Johnson, a negro, indicted for violating the Mann act, was denied by Commissioner Hayes today. The government announced that the case would be appealed to the district court.

Johnson was arrested some months ago as a fugitive charged with assault on a white girl at Charleston. Governor McCall declined to honor a requisition asked by Governor Cornwell, of West Virginia, and he was released.

Federal indictments on which the negro was arrested later set forth that he had transported Edith Godbey, a white woman, from Charleston to Catlettsburg, Ky., for immoral purposes.

HAMMER RENOMINATED BY PRESIDENT TODAY

President Wilson Today Sent to Senate Nomination of W. C. Hammer, of Ashboro, to Succeed Himself.

(By PARKER R. ANDERSON.)
Washington, Feb. 28.—The President today sent to the senate the nomination of W. C. Hammer, of Ashboro, to be district attorney for the western district of North Carolina.

Mr. Hammer is the present incumbent and the nomination is for a second term.

CADET AVIATOR KILLED IN FALL FROM PLANE

Lake Charles, La., Feb. 28.—Lieut. William L. McGill, of the army aviation corps, was fatally injured and Lieut. T. L. Coleman, of the marine corps, was slightly hurt when an airplane fell near here late yesterday, according to information obtained today from Gettysburg field. Lieut. McGill died in the field hospital. His home was in Jersey City.

HARDWICK TO MAKE FLIGHT IN AEROPLANE

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Hardwick, of Georgia, today arranged for a flight next Wednesday in the British airplane being demonstrated here. As a member of the senate's postoffice committee, he desires to study the utility of airplanes for mail service.

SOCIALISTS BLAMED FOR SECOND WAR

"May the Blood Spilled in This Unequal Struggle Fall on the Heads of German Socialists," Says Russian Proclamation.

Germans Are Shooting Captured Red Guards and Arming Austrian and German Prisoners in Ukraine—Call to Arms Issued.

London, Feb. 28.—The council of people's commissaires, according to a Russian dispatch from Petrograd, has issued another call to arms, in the course of which it is declared that the German invaders are arresting members of the workers' and soldiers' council, shooting captured Red Guards and arming German and Austrian prisoners in the Ukraine. The proclamation asserts that the troops at the front have pulled themselves together and are resisting.

It concludes: "May the blood spilled in this unequal struggle fall on the heads of the German socialists who are allowing the German workmen to be ranked among the Cain and Judases."

Enrollment of the new army is progressing successfully, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch says. Cossack regiments in Petrograd are being sent in the direction of Pskov and other regiments formed of mixed detachments are marching to the front.

SENATOR, ARRESTED, ASKS FOR HEARING

Senator Humbert Writes Police He Has Been Placed in False Light by French Government.

Paris, Feb. 28.—Senator Charles Humbert, owner of Le Journal, who was arrested last week in connection with the investigation of German propaganda in France, had written to Captain Bouchardon, of the Paris military court, a letter saying he has been placed in a false light by cable dispatches from New York regarding funds on deposit to his credit with J. P. Morgan and Company. (An investigation made at the request of the French government by Attorney General Lewis, of New York state, showed that Senator Humbert had cash and bonds valued at \$324,000 to his credit.)

The senator asked for a hearing on this subject promising to produce documentary proof of his assertions.

Part of the money in question, he writes, came from his personal fortune, being deposited in August, 1915, for the purpose of purchasing print paper for Le Journal.

Absence of Rains in Southwest Helps to Steady Cotton Market

New York, Feb. 28.—The cotton market was somewhat irregular during today's early trading, but after opening six points higher to one point lower, firmed up on the failure of the weather map to show expected rains in the southwest, the continued firmness of Liverpool and renewed trade buying.

March sold up to 30.62, making new high ground for the movement on talk of further reductions in the local stock, while May advanced to 30.24 and July to 30.80, or about 11 to 25 points net higher on the general list.

Cotton futures opened steady: March, 31.45; May, 31.20; July, 30.70; October, 29.61; December, 29.40.

DEPARTMENT STILL HAS NO WORD FROM FRANCIS

Washington, Feb. 28.—No further word from Ambassador Francis as to his plans for leaving Petrograd had been received here early today, and Secretary Lansing, when asked about unofficial reports that the ambassador and some of the other ambassadors had departed, declared the state department had no information whatever.

MAY PAVE BLOCK OF HIGH STREET SOON

Section of High Street From Hamilton to North Main, May Be Paved.

Following the conference between railroad and city officials yesterday afternoon when it was decided that West Broad street, from North Main street to the city limits, would be paved with asphalt, the Southern Railroad company and the property owners along the north side of the thoroughfare each paying one-fourth the costs and the city the other half, the subject of High street, from a point just to the rear of the Elwood hotel, to Hamilton street, was discussed. A portion of this street is at present paved, from South Main to a point even with the hotel, leaving just a little more than one block that needs the work.

The city officials took the stand that if High street is paved it will give the manufacturing district an outlet that is badly needed, in addition to greatly beautifying the section of the city adjacent to the lines of the Southern. While the representatives of the railroad company did not either agree or refuse to share in paying for this proposed work, the city officials were encouraged to such an extent that they are practically sure of seeing the paving put down.

The other section of High street, west of the main thoroughfare, cannot be paved as it was not included in the list of streets ordained prior to the authorization of the last batch of bonds.

DEPUTY WAGNER IS MAN WHO DID WORK

Local Representative of Sheriff Stafford is Man Who Arrested the Army Deserter.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Wagner stated this morning that he arrested Otis Woods, the white man carried to Anniston, Ala., yesterday morning, under a charge of having deserted from the United States army instead of members of the police force as had previously been reported. Mr. Wagner asserts that he lodged the deserter in jail and that Chief McGhee telephoned the military authorities that the man had been apprehended. The deputy further says that he did not know anything about the government sending for the man until informed yesterday by the chief.

Woman in Blackmail Case Will Not Be Tried This Week

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Margaret Hirsch, indicted jointly with J. W. Cook, convicted yesterday of attempted blackmail of Asa G. Candler, millionaire mayor of Atlanta, will not be tried this week.

This announcement was made today by Solicitor General Boykin, who also stated that attorneys for the prosecution and defense will meet next week to decide when the case shall be set for trial. Counsel for Mrs. Hirsch are urging that the case be heard in April, but the prosecution will not agree.

Shoe Sale Continues For a Few More Days At Blair-Hoskins Co.

The annual sale of shoes at the popular store of the Blair-Hoskins company has a few more days to run and the people of the city and section who have not availed themselves of the rare opportunity offered to secure dependable footwear at the lowest price in months and months are advised to see about their buying at this store tomorrow and Saturday. During the sale price are lower than they will be for year to come and the chances are that the shoes sold are of a higher quality than any that will be offered on the market until the war is ended.

Photographing the World's Greatest Drama



"MOVIES" IN THE WAR
Sergeant Leon H. Caverty, United States marine corps, one of the "movie" camera men of Uncle Sam's fighting forces in France, photographing our participation in the great war for the nation's archives. These men daily risk their lives recording the world's greatest drama for future generations. Enemy soldiers spot him with powerful glasses and because they fear his records, train their guns on him.

THREAT OF SCARLET FEVER IS NOW OVER

Several Units of Aviation Depot at Camp Sevier, Which Have Been Quarantined, Released.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Feb. 28.—Threat of an epidemic of scarlet fever came apparently to an end yesterday when several units of the aviation depot which had been placed under strict quarantine because cases had developed in their ranks, were released. The last case developed February 10. The total disease rate for the division is still high, but more than half of the cases of disease are mumps, and including all other diseases except this comparatively harmless malady the division is extremely healthy. Pneumonia and measles have almost disappeared.

The aviation depot, in which all the cases of scarlet fever occurred, is the newest organization of the camp, and already one of the largest, containing about 3,400 men. It is composed of 23 units in all, 14 constructing companies, six detachments, and three provisional service squadrons.

REPUBLICAN CHIEF MEETS WITH LEADERS

Chairman of G. O. P. National Committee Begins Series of Conferences at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Chairman Hays of the Republican national committee began a series of conferences here today with party leaders at national headquarters after a formal call at the capitol on Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Republican leader in the senate, and on Representatives Woods, of Iowa, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee.

Mr. Hays was a guest of Indiana Republican representatives at a luncheon later he went to the office of the national committee. His statement last night that he desired to meet all Republicans who would call on him, regardless of their 1912 or subsequent alliances in the party, resulted in his having a busy day.

The national election of 1920, it was said, will be for the time lost sight of, and the efforts of Chairman Hays and the Republican organization will be devoted to the coming house and senate contests.

NEW CAMP LIBRARY HAS 10,000 BOOKS

Dough Boys at Camp Sevier Are Certain to "Take to" Newly Completed Library.

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Feb. 28.—Once the soldiers have found it out, the newly completed building of the American Library association will be one of the most frequented buildings in camp. The association already has 10,000 volumes in camp, any of which may be taken out by any soldier without charge. About half this number are distributed throughout the camp in small collections located in Y. M. C. A. buildings, the hostess house, Knights of Columbus hall, chaplains' tents, etc., but there will finally be at least that number in the main building alone.

The stock of books covers every conceivable field, from fiction to sciences and from philosophy to the comic sheet. The large numbers of technical publications and text books supplied are in great demand, and are proving immensely useful by giving the soldier a chance to train himself in his particular line or to continue the work in which he was engaged in civil life.

The library building itself has intentionally been made more comfortable than the average camp building, and in fact affords practically the only place where a soldier may find a quiet evening with a good book for company. The building is roomy, well lighted and heated, and plentifully equipped with comfortable chairs and with tables.

Unconfirmed Reports Say Another Spanish Ship Has Been Sunk

Madrid, Feb. 28.—The Spanish press announces today without official confirmation the torpedoing of the Spanish ship Sarniero. Efforts to obtain official confirmation, elicited this comment: "U-boats were obtaining better results against Spanish shipping than against Italian and French tonnage last week."

Available shipping records contain no information regarding a Spanish ship named Sarniero.

LENROOT TO RUN ON PLATFORM OF LOYALTY

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Irvin L. Lenroot, Republican, of Wisconsin, today authorized his friends to file his nomination papers for the United States senatorship to succeed Paul Hastings, who died last October. He announced the sole issue would be loyalty to the government.

ASK SPECIAL LAW TO DEAL WITH PACKERS

Trade Commission Believes Files of Packers Will Lay Bare Plans to Take Complete Control of the Meat Industry.

Charges Packers' Counsel With Being Custodian of Papers Used as Instrumentalities for Commission of Felonies.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Special and speedy legislation to lay bare the confidential files of the great meat packers and disclose what government investigators believe will show plans to take complete control of the meat industry, was asked of Congress today by the Federal Trade commission.

On recommendation of Francis J. Heney, special counsel conducting the commission's investigation, who has been restrained by court orders from using those already seized by his agents, the commission laid the facts before Congress.

Charging that Henry Veeder, counsel for the packers, is still the custodian of many papers which have been used as instrumentalities in the commission of felonies, Mr. Heney asked for supplements to the espionage law to facilitate the government's inquiry into the industry.

After Federal Judge Landis, of Chicago, had issued a search warrant authorizing the seizure of certain documents in possession of Mr. Veeder, the federal court of appeals restrained a marshal from removing or examining any papers in Veeder's vault and further from using in any way papers already seized by the government.

The action of the appellate court in issuing the stay, said Heney, prevented the government from even examining papers already in its possession, and which the federal district court found had been used "as the means of committing felonies" by Swift and Company and other corporations.

POLICEMEN SHOULD DO SOME GUARDING

Certain Resident is of Opinion That Cars Left Standing Should Be Watched.

During the speaking at the auditorium by Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson last week one citizen suffered the loss of a valued laprobe, stolen from his machine while hearing the lecture. It is asserted that no effort was made to protect the property owners of the machines left in them when they entered the auditorium and it was suggested this morning that in the future when gatherings are held and automobiles left standing outside the place of meeting that one or more members of the police force be detailed to watch the machines and prevent the theft of articles and equipment from them as well as the machines themselves.

A lady, in speaking of the occurrence of last week, stated that three policemen were but a short distance from the machine when she left the auditorium but that the thief made away with the robe, prized because it was a gift. She suggested, casually, that when persons go to attend the Red Cross entertainment tomorrow evening that policemen be stationed so thieves cannot prevent car owners from enjoying themselves.

Postoffice Official at Portsmouth Is Short Large Sum of Money

Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 28.—Charged with being between \$10,000 and \$15,000 short in his accounts at the local postoffice, Assistant Postmaster Stephen Pace was arrested by postoffice inspectors late yesterday afternoon.

He was taken before United States Commissioner Stephenson at Norfolk and admitted to bail.

Inspectors are continuing the work of checking up at postoffices. The exact amount of the shortage is not known, but it was said by Postmaster S. T. Montague today to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.