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GERMAN INTERNAL CRISIS NOT PASSED

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NEW IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR MUST SHOW HE CAN COMMAND SUPPORT IN REICHSTAG TO PASS WAR BONDS BILLS WHICH IS DOUBTFUL

MILITARY SPIRIT LESSENING IN FAVOR

(BY UNITED PRESS)

London, July 17.—Germany has not yet passed the internal crisis and the Imperial Chancellor must show that he can command enough support in the Reichstag to pass the credits bill. German dispatches indicate that this obstacle is no small one.

Liberal leaders in parliament are dissatisfied with the appointment of Michaelis to the foremost position in Prussia, especially as Bethmann-Hollweg, his predecessor, was not permitted to consult the members of the Reichstag before he retired.

Zurich, July 17.—The Tagliche Rundschau, most extreme and aggressive of all pan-German organs in Berlin, hailed the appointment of Dr. Michaelis as chancellor with great enthusiasm. The editorial as received here, was regarded as very significant, indicating the Junkers were entirely satisfied with the new chancellor.

German Forces Are Desperate

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Paris, July 17.—The war office announced a vigorous offensive blow by the French around hill 304 near Verdun, and resulted in the recapture of positions when had been lost to the German on June 28.

Many prisoners were taken. The Germans attacked again at Mont Teton, but their assault was unavailing.

The attacking waves were withered by the French fire and the German troops fled back to the trenches leaving many dead. There was active artillerying around Cerny and Courcy.

Paris, July 17.—German forces made further desperate assaults last night in Champagne, seeking to drive the French from their newly won gains around Mont Teton, but were repulsed, today's official statement asserted.

Mrs. Era Cobb, of Mildred, arrived this morning on a visit to friends.

Kernesky Called Back From Front

Petrograd, July 17.—Minister of War Kernesky hurriedly returned from the front following the resignations of three cabinet ministers.

MINISTERS OFFER RESIGNATIONS

(By UNITED PRESS)

Petrograd, July 17.—Minister of finance, Shingareff, Minister of Education, Manuiloff, Minister of Public Relief, Prince Spakhovskoy formerly resigned today.

All members of the cadet party, including the Minister of railways, Nekrasoff, are said to be considering a like move.

The premier, Lvoff, is endeavoring to dissuade them from taking this step just now.

HAIGS FIGHTERS MAKE GAINS

(BY UNITED PRESS)

London, July 17.—General Haig's soldiers gained further advantages during last night north west of Warneton, in the Nieuport sector.

A British raiding party encountered a large army detachment in front of German positions. A sharp fight drove them back into the trenches where the enemy was bombed.

DR. MICHAELIS IS MILITARY APPOINTEE

FIRST CONFERENCE BETWEEN NEW CHANCELLOR, MILITARY HEADS AND REICHSTAG LEADERS CULMINATES IN DEAD LOCK

HOUSE WANTS "NO ANNEXATION" PLEDGE

FRENCH SOLDIERS GET TUCK BAGS

(By John Grandens.)

Washington, July 17.—The House of Representatives today passed a resolution demanding that the new German Chancellor, George Michaelis, pledge that Germany would not annex any territory.

Otherwise it is the happiest and saddest place in the French metropolis. The happiness is made in America. The sadness is in France.

"Vive l'Amerique," "Vive le General Pershing," "Vive la France," came from all the 450 throats.

"Vive Everybody," shouted one old poilu after the others had finished.

Captain Margette told the soldiers in slow careful French that General Pershing, like all America, admired them for the valorous fight they had made for nearly three long years.

"We are with you until the finished," Captain Margartts said. General Pershing asks you to continue the struggle until the American comrades arrive and first by your side."

Then came the American "tuck bags." Eager uniformed arms reached for the treasures. Seemama Elie, a big handsome blond Zouave, who has been through hells of fire dozens of times, wrote his name on a slip of paper and asked the United Press to thank Miss Ruth Fryling, Concorde, North Carolina, for the bag she sent "to some unknown soldier." He cannot use the two boxes of face powder but he'll send them to a girl he knows while he'll enjoy the other things the bag contained. Elie wrote his "front" address as follows: "Seemama Elie, 4e Zouaves, Compagnie Mitralleurs due4e, Bataillon—Sector Postal 131."

Katheryn H. Shay 814 South University street, Ann harbor, Mich., pitched her tuck bag across the ocean into the arms of Simon Schaukroun, another young French Zouave who thankfully penned his address, "6em Spahis Lemarche, ler Section de Mitralleurss, Sector Postal 68.

There was joy in the eyes of Rogue Joseph, a young soldier of many-campaigns when he pulled the name of Miss Helen Eaglesfield, 1952 North Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, from his tuck bag. He didn't mind letting Miss Eaglesfield know his address.

Amsterdam, July 17.—The conferences which Chancellor Michaelis, Field Marshal Hindenburg, General Ludendorff and other military chiefs have been holding with the Reichstag majority leaders have been declared unfruitful, according to dispatches received from Berlin.

Reichstag leaders it was declared were firm in their insistence of a pledge on Germany's war aims especially as so far as the "No annexation" principle.

Washington, July 17.—Michaelis' appointment was a triumph for Germany's military spirit, according to all dispatches received by the state department.

No peace but a German peace will be launched by the Kaiser until his fall has been accomplished, experts say.

The appointment of Michaelis rings the death knell to the movement to give Reichstag members seats in the cabinet or in the new controlling body that was proposed to be created, such as the imperial council of representatives, consisting of five representatives each of the government, the Bundesrath and the Reichstag to serve as a connecting link between the government and the representative institutions of the nation.

SENATE FAVORS BIG AIRBILL

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 17.—The senate military committee reported out the six hundred and forty million dollar aeroplane bill with recommendation that it be passed.

Senator Chamberlain will move to consider the bill tomorrow and expect to get a vote without delay.

AMERICA'S WAR DIRECTORS

(By UNITED PRESS)

Frank Augustus Scott is chairman of the General Munitions Board of the Council of National Defense.

Since the 14th of August, 1914, he has been in the thick of the Allies' buying enterprises in this country. More than one German defeat can be credited to the efficient organization for supplying the Allies with munitions which Scott had built up.

When the United States entered the war, Scott answered the call and came to Washington where he immediately reorganized the buying system of the Navy and the Army.

Without any official authority, without any help from the government he eliminated all competition, all waste of time and energy, until now, if Secretary of War Baker decides the Army needs 500,000 new gas masks he receives a message that the masks have been ordered.

He is saving the government millions of dollars each day. He has arranged for enough rifles to supply a million men, and has also taken charge of such matters as artillery, gun carriages, machine guns, munitions wagons and anything which the Army has to buy.

Hats off To The South

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 17.—"Hats off to the south" declared Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman, today, calling attention to 25 per cent increased food production in that section compared to 10 per cent in the middle west and northwest.

Captured Four German Ships

(By UNITED PRESS)

London, July 17.—The capture of four German merchant ships in the North Sea yesterday was announced by the admiralty today.

The Germans did their best to get away.

Two were damaged by gun fire from the British boats which sighted them.

Two crews escaped, the others were brought to harbor.

U. S. MARINES FIRST ASHORE

(By United Press)

At an Atlantic port, July 17.—The American marines were the first of our men ashore in France.

Also it was learned today that the transport in which they were carried over the seas was one of those that the German submarines fired upon.

Don't Want Police Job:

Washington, July 17.—Collector of the port of New York, Dudley Field Malone turned down a job on the Washington police force.

Having testified at the trial of the suffragist pickets that he "could have dispersed the crowd single handed" Judge Mullowney offered him a uniform and club.

Malone declined on the ground that he had a "better job that that already, thank you."

RACING AT ROCKY MOUNT.

Friday next, at 1:30, the last racing of the season will be held on the Rocky Mount Fair Grounds which is prophecied to be the fastest track in the state.

There will be three races; a free for all, a 2:17 and a 2:30 trot.

In the free for all the following well known horses will compete: Billy Dale, Pony Boy, Lucilla, Pricilla Hal and Lady Cochran.

In the 2:17 class the following have entered: Bondale, Ruth Palmer and Guadinini, and in the 2:31 class will be found many young horses training on the local and nearby tracks.

CHILDE HAROLD SUBMARINED

(By United Press)

Washington, July 17.—The American schooner Childe Harold was sunk by submarine in European waters on June 20, the state department announced. All hands were saved. The ship carried no armament.

Tenth Regiment Engineers Wanted

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 17.—The war department has ordered drafted or recruited a tenth regiment of engineers to supplement the nine ordered out to repair the French railroads.

Sixteen Suffs Get Sixty Days

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, July 17.—Sixteen militant suffragists accepted sixty days sentence in the workhouse rather than pay a fine of \$25.00 for obstructing traffic in picketing the White House.

The women will make a great demonstration on the trip to the workhouse having hired several conveniences for this purpose.

BRIT. STEAMER FIGHTS U-BOAT

(By UNITED PRESS)

Buenos Aires, Brazil, July 17.—A battle between the British steamer Thessaly and a German submarine, four days out from Liverpool, was reported when the steamer arrived here today.

One of the Thessaly's crew was killed by gunfire.

MARKET REPORT.

(By Courtesy of Cobb Bros. Co., Norfolk, Va.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Cotton	26.80	26.90	26.54	26.54
July	25.02	25.50	24.93	25.20
Oct.	24.91	25.36	24.80	25.06
Dec.				
Local market	24 cents.			

Corn:	Sept. close	-----	\$1.60
	Dec. close	-----	\$1.13 3/4
Oats:	Sept. close	-----	.54 3/4
	Dec. close	-----	.56
Pork:	Sept. close	-----	39.80
Ribs:	Sept. close	-----	21.57
Lard:	Sept. close	-----	20.90