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German Revolutionary Methods Are Attempted In W. Virginia Mountains

FLANDERS FIGHT OVER A NINE MILE FRONT

BRITISH AND FRENCH ARMIES BEING CARRIED DEEP INTO GERMAN LINES AND FORCING ENEMY'S SECOND TRENCHES.

FIERCE ATTACK WITH APPALLING LOSS

(By William Philip Simms.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the British Armies Afield, Aug. 17.—Hill No. 70 ran red with blood of the German divisions who were sacrificed in their repeated efforts to recapture this important dominating height from the sturdy Canadians.

Along the entire Lens battle front desperate fighting has been in progress during the last 12 hours, but the Canadians have repulsed all attacks.

At the time this dispatch was filed they have retaken positions west of the city, west of cite St. Auguste, from which they were forced by sheer weight of numbers during last night.

Prisoners continue to arrive behind the British lines.

Over a flaming bloody field the British aeroplanes have been accomplishing miracles. They have acted as dispatch riders between advancing infantry headquarters, while the battle planes guard the litter crafts as they fly through the shell filled sky.

There are many Americans in the ranks of the Canadian army.

(By Ed. L. Keen.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Aug. 17.—The violent and continued thrust that is carrying the British and French forces deep into the German lines in Flanders is extended over a nine mile front.

Paris A Seaport Following War

(By United Press)
Paris, Aug. 17.—Paris as one of the world's great seaports of the future is today more than an idle dream.

Ever since the 17th Century the idea of a seaport Paris has been occasionally discussed by learned Frenchmen and approved as highly advisable. But it has taken the big war to develop the plan so that today it is a potent possibility. The war has demanded the absolute necessity of providing Paris with a navigable waterway direct to the sea, so that ocean going ships might bring their cargoes into dock at the French metropolis.

The "Paris Seaport" scheme has been handed down from generation to generation, with additions and modifications on paper. Then came the great floods of the German retreat of last March there are no indications that they intend to evacuate the territory in this region immediately. Terror is being spread among

ALEX MADRY ACQUITTED

The case of the state against Mr. Alexander Madry, of Scotland Neck, charged with murdering a farmer named J. W. Taylor, was concluded yesterday with a verdict by the just of "not guilty," which closes the tragedy that took place a few weeks ago in this community.

It is stated by those that heard the evidence that the state made out a very poor case, the only witness being the colored man, John Gardner, who gave the same evidence that he told the deputy sheriff, just after the occurrence.

Regardless of the summing up of the court the jury came to the conclusion that the dead man was in a threatening attitude when Mr. Madry hit him with the shovel which caused his death, and acquitted the defendant.

Jap War Prosperity Overbalanced

(By United Press.)
Tokio, Aug. 17.—Japan's war prosperity has boomed so and her increase in specie holdings become so great that prices are at least 35 per cent higher than before the war. Purchasing power has been placed in the hands of many hitherto poor individuals, but production has not kept pace with this tendency.

BRITISH NOW FORCED BACK

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Aug. 17.—Continued German counter attacks are reported by Field Marshal Haig, one of which resulted in the British being pushed back slightly from positions they established during the night.

the French towns held by the enemy and now coming under the guns of the troops who are fighting to redeem them, is the statement of recently captured prisoners. These men declare that St. Quentin has been completely sacked and everything of value has been carried off, and such as could not be carried away has been destroyed. The houses are filled with smashed furniture.

MEAGRE NEWS FROM HALIFAX

Every effort has been made to obtain the necessary information as to the result of the examinations made yesterday, The Commonwealth being sure that the people would like to know who had been accepted or rejected, but up to going to press the news obtainable has been extremely slim.

From such information as was given out we are able to state that all the men who were called to appear yesterday were present, that 200 were examined and of these fifty-four were rejected.

'Who these rejected men are we are unable to say as the names are not yet ready for publication.

DR. A. D. MORGAN TO REPORT 27TH

Dr. A. D. Morgan, one of our Scotland Neck physicians, who has been accepted as a specialist surgeon for the army, received orders from the war department to report at Fort Oglethorpe, on August 27, for duty.

It is therefore Dr. Morgan's plan to leave Scotland Neck on Wednesday next for Raleigh and Durham for a few days vacation before reporting at the training camp on the following Monday.

THE CIVIL WAR PRICES OUTDONE

Chicago, Ills., Aug. 17.—Civil war prices for meat has now been outdone as the consumers are today paying the highest prices for meat every known in history.

GERMAN RUTHLESSNESS IS AGAIN APPARENT

ST. QUENTIN BEING REDUCED TO MASS OF RUINS— VALUABLE CARRIED AWAY—ALL ALSO DESTROYED

HISTORIC CATHEDRAL ASMOKING MASS

(By Henry Wood.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
[With the French before St. Quentin, Aug. 17.—Beautiful St. Quentin cathedral is today a smoking mass of ruins, a duplicate of its sister, the martyred cathedral of Rheims.

It is the latest victim of German destruction, and beyond the cathedral may be seen the smoke of numerous villages curling to the sky.

The fury of German destructiveness is again asserting itself.

While the burning and looting resembles that which preceded 1910 when whole quarters of

POPE REPORTED MUCH DEPRESSED

(By UNITED PRESS)
Rome, Aug. 17.—Pope Benedict is reported to be greatly depressed over the general unfavorable reception accorded his appeal for universal peace.

The Pontiff, it is said, is spending most of his time secluded in his apartments.

COAL CONFAB TO FIX STATUS

(By United Press.)

Chicago, Ills., Aug. 17.—Representatives of thirteen states and the council of defense are here in the coal conference, working to give the federal government every possible assistance in fixing prices and regulate the nation's coal supply.

Government control of the coal supply is generally favored.

"RAINBOW" MEN RUSHED ABROAD

Washington, Aug. 17.—The second "rainbow division" composed of the national guard troops from each of the New England states are soon to go abroad, it was announced today.

This second contingent may leave with the first rainbow division, if the necessary equipment and transportation facilities are available in time.

The second division, now known as the rainbow division, and includes all New England troops, who were intended to be sent to Charlotte, into camp there, may not go to the south at all.

PHIPPS AND MC COY THE ENEMY'S CATSPAWS

THE FINE HAND OF GERMANY HAS BEEN TRACED IN THE MOUNTAIN INSURRECTION FOR WHICH LEADERS ARE ON TRIAL.

JAIL DELIVERY BLOCKED LAST NIGHT

CONVERSATION RUSSIA ADOPTS

(By William G. Shepherd.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Moscow, Aug. 17.—Socialism has been nattered in Russia.

Premier Kerensky has recognized the fact and a great conference has been called here for August 23rd to mark the end of the pan-socialistic rule in Russia, and the entrance of new elements of conservatism into commerce and finance.

Troops Now To Camp Meade

(By United Press.)
Washington, Aug. 17.—Under the shifting plans of the war department it has been decided to send the Maryland and District of Columbia troops to Camp Meade instead of to Petersburg, Va.

PRICE OF HOGS GO HIGHUR

(By United Press.)
Kansas City, Aug. 17.—Hogs reached \$18.50 which is \$1.00 raise since Monday, and the prediction still stands that live hogs will reach \$20.00 by September 1.

Army Surgeon Favors Publicity

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Aug. 17.—Fathers and mothers whose sons go to the "firing line" in France will know just what sanitation conditions surround the military camps, says Dr. Franklin H. Hartz, chairman of the committee on Medicine and Surgery of the National Defense Council.

"I believe the country learned the medical lesson of the Spanish American war. Publicity is going to be the safeguard against similar mistakes in this vastly greater enterprise," he pointed out.

"It can be promised that there will be no dangerous epidemics of preventable disease," Dr. Martin concluded.

(By UNITED PRESS)
Big Stone Gap, Aug. 17.—Federal investigators today are tracing the fine hand of Germany, which apparently had wormed its way into the Virginia mountains here to arm three hundred mountain insurrectionists again their government.

A witness in the trial of W. V. McCoy and J. W. Phipps, the alleged leaders of the revolution yesterday clearly established, it is believed, that the two men were catspaws of an amazing Teutonic effort to foment and actual revolution against the United States.

Phipps and McCoy are under heavy guard after they had attempted a wholesale jail delivery last night.

Betrayal by fellow prisoners blocked the attempt.

PEACE REJECTED BY ALLIES

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Aug. 17.—A statement of complete confidence in the British premier, David Lloyd George, and the unanimous rejection of the peace proposals are voiced by the press.

The answers to Pope Benedict's plea have been turned in by the allies today.

STEEL COST DETERMINED

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Aug. 17.—Federal trades commission completed its investigation as to the cost of steel production.

The commission is now engaged in sifting out the mass of information obtained and will present a report to President Wilson, in concrete shape in a few days.

ARBITRATION MEETS SNAG

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Aug. 17.—The governments plan for compulsory arbitration of all labor troubles on war contracts is threatened to failure because the American Federation of Labor stands in opposition. President Gompers carried the protest to Wilson today.