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Does Germany Know Her Weakened Condition And Want Of Reserves?

UNITED STATES PEACE BUREAU ORGANIZED

IN CONTRARY TO DECISIVE VOTE OF BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE OF DEPUTIES, IROGOYEN STILL HAS POWER OF VETO.

NO CONNECTION WITH PEACE OVERTURES

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 28.—Colonel M. House, "silent partner" of President Wilson, has been named to build a basis on which America will offer her contentions before a world peace conference somewhere—sometime—in the future.

NO ACTION ON "SLUSH FUND"

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 28.—The house rules committee has voted to suppress any inquiry into the use of German funds to influence congressmen, or to sift the truth of the report of Heflin's charges against the loyalty of certain members.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The United States government has established a peace information bureau with Colonel E. M. House at the head, the state department has announced.

Backers of the resolution declared that they would carry the fight to the floor of the house, following the statements, but in view of the information which the committee on rules has received that a nation wide investigation of the use of funds, furnished by the German government, was being conducted by the department of justice the committee on rules decided not to take any action upon several resolutions before it.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Representative Heflin has withdrawn his charges against the integrity of certain congressmen, the rules committee announced on the floor.

British Press Like "Sammy"

London, Sept. 28.—The American soldier is a new type to the English and they are still marveling over the "race" that their former colony is producing.

Spanish Grandee Here in Work

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 28.—He's only 22 years old—Senor Don Garcia Pelayo-Olay, but he's holding down a man-sized job and getting away with it.

War Surgery is An Endless Task

(By George Martin)
Washington, Sept. 28.—Word to the Red Cross from the front today painted a heroic and pitiful picture of the endless task confronting American surgeons.

HURRICAN OFF GULF COAST

(By United Press.)
Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 28.—A gulf hurricane is headed towards Pensacola and its arrival would strike fully before noon.

Mobile, Sept. 28.—A tropical hurricane is sweeping up from the south, tearing through Mobile at fifty five miles an hour shortly after the noon hour, and is expected to reach a velocity of ninety miles soon.

SPYING FOUND IN ARMY-NAVY

(BY UNITED PRESS)
San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Eight army and navy men are believed to be involved in spying activities, with Edwin F. Schneider, as the alleged master spy.

RUSSIA MAKES INVESTIGATION

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Sept. 28.—That Russia will make a searching inquiry into the causes of the Korniloff revolt; that General Korniloff himself will be called upon to explain his defection from the provisional government, has been made clear in a message to the American government from Russian foreign minister, Tereshchiko.

CONGRESS MAY ADJOURN OCT. 10

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 28.—With the conference agreement on the \$2,700,000,000 war tax bill, the last of the big money raising measures of the war session of congress, it appeared likely that the house would adjourn before October 10.

GERMAN LOSS TREMENDOUS

(By United Press.)
London, Sept. 28.—"No slaughter of Germans since the first battle of the Ypres has been comparable to the terrible losses inflicted on the enemy in the last two battles around Zennebrake," General F. B. Maurice, the director of operations, told the United Press.

RUSSIAN SHIP IS MINED-SUNK

(By United Press)
Petrograd, Sept. 28.—The Russian destroyer Okhotnik has been mined and sunk with all on board except eleven, is the cable report just received.

TEUTONS FAIL IN COUNTERS

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Sept. 28.—Several German counter attacks continued with bitter desperation throughout last night.

ARGENTINES PRESIDENT MAINTAINS NEUTRALITY

COL. E. M. HOUSE, PRESIDENT'S FRIEND, SELECTED TO HEAD BUREAU, TO REPRESENT U. S. AT THE WORLD'S PEACE CONFERENCE.

PEOPLE ALSO SHOW SIGNS OF UNREST

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Buenos Aires, Sept. 28.—President Irogoyen regards the Luxemborg incident as closed and will do his utmost to continue Argentinian neutrality according to those closest to him.

GERMANY'S TOTAL PRESENT MAN POWER

OF AN ORIGINAL FOURTEEN MILLION MEN REGISTERED BY HER MILITARY CHIEFS MORE THAN HALF ARE LOST TO ARMY

BOYS UNDER 18 HER ONLY RESERVE

U. S. BATTLESHIP HARD AGROUND

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Sept. 28.—(Later)—The American battleship that is aground in home waters is resting easily the navy department stated at noon today.

At an Atlantic Port, Sept. 28.—An United States battleship is aground on the Atlantic coast has been announced by the naval authorities here.

Commissioners Met Last Night

The town commissioners held a lengthy session last night and transacted considerable business.

The purchase of the road working machinery was discussed and the action taken in buying same was confirmed.

The board appointed Mr. L. R. Mills, Jr., and Mr. H. T. Clark a committee to investigate the purchase of a duplication of part of the power plant, which is necessary in case of accident, and also a voltage regulator to keep the current steady, which is not only beneficial to the plant but absolutely essential to the safeguard of the town.

Two ordinances passed at the last meeting, to regulate the height of the awnings and to require all gates opening over the street to be placed on the inside were confirmed, and made effective October 15, after which time each day of violation will be considered a separate offense.

The appointment of a cotton weaver was brought up and discussed, and the matter was left with the mayor to see the present incumbent and obtain agreement

(BY UNITED PRESS)

GERMANY'S PRESENT MAN POWER.

By Henry Wood.)
German soldiers at the front and in cantonments, 5,500,000; soldiers at depot, or constituting reserves, 600,000; classes of 1919 and 1920, still unincorporated, 700,000. Total 6,800,000.
Now has Germany lost her man power? The figures here given are the most accurate so far published.
Losses in the army through casualties, 4,000,000; wounded under treatment but not yet capable of returning to service, 300,000; German reservists in foreign countries (United States alone has 50,000) 250,000; Germans physically incapacitated for army service, 2,100,000; employed in indispensable industries, 500,000, total 7,150,000.

With the French Armies Afraid, Sept. 28.—Germany today has 6,800,000 men as "human material" with which to enforce her demand for a "place in the sun."

This is "man power" that remains out of a total of 14,000,000 who have figured on German military lists and passed through the hands of German's military arbitrators.

Of the 6,800,000 approximately 5,500,000 are actually at the front and 600,000 more are in reserve and the remainder of 700,000 constitute one of the great tragedies of the war.

They constitute the only reserves of "human material" upon which Germany has to draw and they must fill up the gaps in the German army, with no allied offensive in progress, is normally 70,000 to 80,000 monthly to date. However the German general staff has not succeeded in imposing upon the German people its right to seize these youths before they are 18 years of age.

Therefore the last drop of potential German manhood cannot pass into the army except by piece meal lots as the boys attain the age of eighteen years.