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RUSSIAN REPUBLIC CERTAIN TO COME, SAYS ELIHU ROOT

American Mission to Russia Now in Washington—To See President.

WILL CALL AT WHITE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON

Charles Edward Russell Says The Thing to Do is to Convince Russia America is In The War to The Finish—United States Must Present Solid Front, He Declares.

(By Associated Press.) Clo, an mission to Russia, headed by Elihu Root, returned to Washington today to report to President Wilson on the results of its three months' trip to the world's newest democracy.

A delegation of government officials met the party at the railroad station. Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, who spent much time at the front, will report to Secretary Baker. The General was with the Russian army part of the time it was on route before the German forces and is expected to bring much valuable military information.

Arrangements were made at the White House for President Wilson to receive Mr. Root and all the members of the mission accompanying him at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Later, Mr. Root will see Secretary Lansing. It is expected that Mr. Root will make a partial report at the brief conference today, but will make a fuller report later. Much, if not all of it, necessarily will be confidential.

The commission returned filled with optimism over conditions in the new republic and the chances of Russia doing her part to end the great war. Assurances that the United States will remain in the war to the end and improved railroad facilities were declared by different members of the commission to be among the outstanding needs of Russia.

"The situation is very hopeful," Mr. Root said. "America's entrance into the war has had a good effect. The moral of the Russian people is good and altogether I should say the outlook is encouraging."

Charles Edward Russell, another member of the commission who recently withdrew from the Socialist party in this country, declared vigorously that the chief duty of the United States is to convince the Russian people that the United States is in the war to the finish.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly," Mr. Russell said, "that this country should present a united front. The Russian people are not united at the present time, but they are in such a frame of mind that they easily can be united if the American people only will convince them that this nation stands solidly behind its allies in this war."

The newspapers of the United States have a great duty to perform in presenting the situation in this country as it really is. Talk of peace at this time and arguments against sending our boys to France is utter rot. We must go through this war to the end and our citizens might as well make up their minds to that effect. Slacker, peace, and home guard talk has no place in this situation at present.

"I am greatly encouraged by conditions in Russia. They are becoming better all the time. Even during the four weeks that I was in Petrograd I noticed great changes. I spent virtually all of that time with the workmen's council, which is really the government of Russia, and I know that the people are gradually getting behind the government more strongly each day."

"The Russian republic is certain to result from the situation in that country, in the opinion of Elihu Root, head of the American mission which returned here today from its three months' visit to report to President Wilson. In Mr. Root's opinion, only the overwhelming of the country by German armies, making impossible further development in the formation of the new government, can prevent the erection of the Russian republic.

Internal difficulties are being overcome and the process of crystallizing is going on rapidly. The extreme elements which threatened serious trouble have been brought under control and given due opportunity and time, and assistance as America can render in material and moral support. In Mr. Root's opinion, the Russian republic is a certainty.

In explanation of the apparent ease with which the Russian people have thrown off the forms of a despotic monarchy and turned so readily to the idea of representative government, Mr. Root referred to the fact that the people are suffering under a long period of cultural. The farmers had long been (Continued on Page Eight).

TROOPS CHARGED CROWD AND MANY SHOT TO DEATH

American Brings Back Description of Labor Trouble in Lisbon.

SEVERAL SOLDIERS KILLED BY BOMBS

Fifteen Hundred Civilians Arrested Before Backbone of Uprising Was Broken.

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Fort, August 8.—A description of the labor upheaval in Lisbon, Portugal, on July 11 only briefly hinted at previously in cable dispatches, which threatened a revolution and resulted in the suspension of constitutional guarantees, was brought here today by Gilbert L. Robinson, representative of a shipping firm, who arrived from Europe. He said troops were called out and when a number of them were killed by bombs thrown among the troops, they charged the crowd, killing 35 civilians and arresting 1,500. This broke the backbone of the uprising.

Mr. Robinson said the trouble was precipitated by the demand by all classes of workmen for a 70 per cent wage increase to meet the high cost of living with a threat of a general strike if denied. The government refused to allow the enforcement of their demands, Mr. Robinson said, and when rioting began, called out the military.

ANTI-DRAFTIST NABBED IN OKLAHOMA

(By Associated Press.) Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 8.—Home-Spence, one of three men held responsible by the Federal authorities for organization of the uprising in Oklahoma against the selective draft, was placed under arrest in Seminole county today, according to announcement made today by United States Marshal Enloe. Spence, a Working Class Union organizer, was out at the time on \$5,000 bail, under Federal indictment for conspiracy to obstruct operation of the Conscription Act.

MINERS' STRIKE NOW GROWING

Fruitless Efforts to Settle It In Kentucky and Tennessee.

(By Associated Press.) Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 8.—Reports reached here today from Pineville, Ky., that the strike movement among the miners of southeastern Kentucky and northeastern Tennessee is rapidly growing. The dispatches from that section state that after fruitless efforts made during last night and today to induce the coal operators to enter negotiations, district No. 19, United Mine Workers of America, had voted to strike. If the order is adhered to in its entirety 25,000 men will be on strike throughout the district by Saturday night. It was stated that the strike vote was unanimous.

A number of the larger mine operators are reported to have issued notices that they will shut down their plants rather than recognize the United Mine Workers of America. The notices asserted that miners now receive the highest wages in the history of the field, wages in some instances having been increased 50 per cent. The United Miners are demanding recognition of the union, and a new wage scale adjustment.

PARTIAL TIE-UP OF CARS IN KANSAS CITY

(By Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 8.—A partial tie-up of the street car lines of this city and Kansas City, Kas., was caused here today by a strike called by employees who announced they were seeking the right to organize and obtain the reinstatement of several discharged employees.

ARTILLERY AGAIN ROARS ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

In Flanders British Continue Their Heavy Bombardment of Germans.

CROWN PRINCE'S RUSH STOPPED BY FRENCH

Germans Continue Their Success Against the Russians and Rumanians—Fighting on Trentino Front

(By Associated Press.) In Flanders the heavy artillery has improved again with a bombardment from the British guns of drum fire intensity in some sectors. The Germans are replying spiritedly and the dual appears to be working up to notable proportions. Berlin reports a British attack near the Belgian coast which the Germans beat off in hand-to-hand fighting. This operation is recorded in the British official statement as a successful raid near Lombartzyde in which the British captured a few prisoners and a machine gun. Judging from the German statement, there were further raids in force by entente troops on other portions of the German lines on the Flanders front.

On the French front in the Aisne region new attacks were made by the Crown Prince east of Vauxaillon and west of the Calonne plateau. They were repulsed. There is considerable artillery activity all along the Aisne front.

The Germans who broke into the Russo-Rumanian lines near Foksheni on Monday, extended their success yesterday, today's Berlin statement reports.

Activity in Trenches. Rome, Aug. 8.—There were lively encounters on the Trentino front yesterday between Austro-Hungarian and Italian patrols, says the report issued by the Italian war department. Italian air squadrons on Monday and Tuesday, dropped four tons of high explosives on the Austrian military positions in the Chiapovano Valley, causing great destruction.

Russian Troops on Offensive. Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Russian troops are on the offensive in the Chotin region near the southeastern frontier of Galicia. Yesterday they drove the Austro-German forces from two villages, captured a height and took more than 300 prisoners and four machine guns, the war office announced today.

A Teutonic attack in the region of Brody where the Russians are still on Galician soil, was only temporarily successful. A counter attack restored the Russian positions that had been penetrated.

Crown Prince Repulsed. Paris, Aug. 8.—Troops of the German Crown Prince last night launched attacks on the French positions east of Vauxaillon and west of the Calonne plateau, in the Aisne region. The official statement issued today by the French war office says that all the attacks were repulsed.

Tommies Press Forward. Berlin, Aug. 8.—(via London).—British forces after artillery bombardment of drum fire intensity last night, pressed forward from Nieupoort, on the coastal sector of the Belgian front, but were driven back after hand-to-hand fighting, it was officially announced today by the German army headquarters staff.

The artillery activity in Flanders, the statement adds, increased during the night.

German Big Guns Busy. London, Aug. 8.—German artillery last night began an active bombardment of the British front in Belgium, to the east and north of Ypres. British troops during the night repulsed the Teuton trenches near Lombartzyde and returned with some prisoners and a machine gun. The official statement given out by the British war office today says:

"Parties of our troops successfully raided the enemy's trenches last night near Lombartzyde and captured a few prisoners and a machine gun. "The enemy's artillery was active during the night to the east and north of Ypres, particularly in the neighborhood of Westhoek, and the Ypres-Staden railway."

NEW TREASURY LOAN OVER SUBSCRIBED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—The Treasury's offer of \$300,000,000, in certificates of indebtedness maturing November 15 first, financing under the projected second offering of Liberty bonds, was largely over subscribed when subscriptions closed at 3 p. m. yesterday.

FOOD BILL DEBATTED IN FINAL STAGES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—Late this afternoon debate in the Senate on the food bill was in its final stages with many Senators making short statements of their positions at 4 o'clock, the hour for a roll call. Final passage of the bill in the form on which President Wilson has insisted, was forecast.

ARMED BANDS REPORTED FORMING

(By Associated Press.) Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 8.—Armed bands of draft resistors were reported forming in Payne county, 50 miles northwest of the district previously infested, in messages received at the United States marshal's office here this afternoon. Deputy marshals were despatched to investigate.

APACHE INDIANS ON THE WAR PATH

Mines Suspend Operations—Miners and Cow Boys Besieged.

(By Associated Press.) Globe, Ariz., Aug. 8.—Apache Indians in the Sierra Anchas mountains, 50 miles northwest of Globe, are on the war path and the two largest asbestos mines in the district have suspended operations, according to a telephone message summoning help, which was received here at the sheriff's office last night.

The manager of one of the mines informed Sheriff Tom Armer that leaders of the uprising have called out all Indian mine workers and that they were completely beyond control.

Deputy Sheriff Dan Armer, at the head of a band of mounted rangers, departed for the Sierra Anchas at 7 o'clock last night, but they did not expect to arrive before this morning.

A call was issued by the sheriff for cow boys to hold themselves in readiness for duty in event the rangers are unable to quiet the Indians.

Besieged by Indians. Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 8.—Telephone message from Globe and Miami today indicated that the little band of asbestos miners and cowboys beleaguered in a dugout in the Sierra Anchas mountains by warring Apache Indians and Mexicans still were holding out, although their supplies of ammunition and food were running low.

DUAL MONARCHY FOR THE BELGIANS

Aim of New Movement in Belgium—Opposition to Catholic Germania.

(By Associated Press.) Copenhage, Aug. 8.—German Socialists will oppose the new government on the principle of Catholic Germania, according to the Socialist organ Vorwaerts. "Persons so foolish as to expect a great change in the direction of parliamentary regime will be normally disappointed," says the newspaper which believes that the presence of Catholic representatives is a great improvement in the system.

It appears that Dr. Spahn, leader of the Catholic Centre party in the Reichstag, will be forced to retire from parliamentary life on account of his appointments as Prussian minister of justice.

He must resign his seat, owing to the constitution proviso, upon accepting the portfolio, but it is asserted there is nothing to prevent him standing for re-election. He will accordingly do this, though he cannot become a member of the Bundestag.

August Worms, leader of the Flemish movement in Belgium, said in an interview in the Berlin Tageblatt, the aim of the movement was the re-establishment of Belgium as a dual monarchy of Flanders and Walloon under King Albert. Herr Worms took Austria-Hungary as an example of the movement for free Flanders in Belgium.

AIRCRAFT FACTORY FOR LEAGUE ISLAND

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—Construction of an aircraft factory at the League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, to cost approximately \$1,000,000 and to be completed in 100 days was ordered today by Secretary Daniels. The plant will employ 2,000 workers and will be capable of producing a thousand small planes yearly.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT REPORTED BETTER

(By Associated Press.) Clay-Center, Utah, Aug. 8.—The condition of former President William H. Taft, who became suddenly ill here Monday night, was improved today, according to physicians who decided, however, that it would be advisable for him to remain in his room again today. He probably will leave for Lincoln, Neb., tomorrow. Mr. Taft became ill after delivering an address here.

SEVEN VESSELS AND MANY MEN LOST IN GALE

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 8.—Seven Norwegian sailing vessels and 90 men were lost in a heavy gale near Greenland, according to a dispatch to the Central News from Christiania. The vessels were part of a fleet of fifty and were returning from a fishing trip in the Arctic ocean.

IMMENSE CROPS FOOD PRODUCTS RAISED THIS YEAR

Present Conditions and Estimated Yields As Reported by Agricultural Dept.

LARGEST CORN CROP IN NATION'S HISTORY

Over Three Billion Bushels—Six Hundred Million Bushels of Wheat Now Estimated.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—The largest crop of corn ever grown in the United States is in prospect for the coming harvest. The Department of Agriculture's August crop report issued today showed corn prospects improved to the extent of 67,000,000 bushels during July, indicating a total production of 3,181,000,000 bushels.

Wheat, however, shows a decrease of 25,000,000 bushels. Spring wheat had a bad month and prospects decreased 40,000,000 bushels, but winter wheat gained 15,000,000 bushels over forecast in July. Wheat production, winter wheat and spring wheat combined, now is forecast at 653,000,000 bushels.

In its August crop report issued today the Department of Agriculture forecasts the prospective production of the country's crops based on their condition August 1 (figures in millions of bushels, i. e., millions omitted), as follows:

Winter wheat—417; spring wheat, 236; all wheat, 653; corn, 3,181; oats, 1,456; barley, 203; rye, 56; buckwheat, 19.9; white potatoes, 467; sweet potatoes, 864; tobacco (pounds), 1,270; flax, 12.3; hay (tons), 100; sugar beets (tons), 7.82; apples, 188; peaches, 42.7.

Other details of the report follow: Winter wheat—yield, 15.1; spring wheat—condition, 68.7; yield, 12.4; all wheat—yield, 14.0. Corn—condition, 78.8; yield, 26.4. Oats—condition, 87.2; yield, 33.7, remaining on farms, 47,771,000. Barley—condition, 77.9; yield, 24.8. Rye, yield 14.8. Buckwheat—acreage, 965,000; condition, 92.2; yield 20.8. White potatoes—condition, 87.9; yield, 107.6. Sweet potatoes—condition, 84.8; yield, 95.6. Tobacco—condition, 88.1; yield, 895.4 (pounds). Flax—condition, 60.6; yield, 6.6. Sugar beets—condition, 90.3; yield, 10.66 (tons).

Acres of above crops, excluding apples and peaches, 337,716,000.

BREAKS THE RECORD LOOPING THE LOOP

(By Associated Press.) Hampton, Va., Aug. 8.—Edward Stinson, aviator-instructor at the Langley field school of aviation yesterday established a new world's record for consecutive loops of the loop, carrying a passenger.

Stinson, from an elevation of 4,000 feet, with Mrs. Robin Grey, of Norfolk, as a passenger, looped the loop 22 times in rapid succession, before finally gliding safely on the turf of the field. The feat was performed without a single mishap or pause in the flight of his machine. Army officers and a number of spectators witnessed the performance.

TO INVESTIGATE I. W. W. SITUATION

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—President Wilson today took cognizance of the I. W. W. agitation and labor troubles in the West by selecting Chief Justice Covington, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, to make a personal investigation of the situation. Justice Covington conferred today with the President and Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, before starting on his work.

BLAME MR. WILSON FOR CHINA'S COURSE

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Aug. 8.—Austro-Hungarian newspapers, according to a telegram from Vienna, view China's declaration of war as the work of the Entente, especially President Wilson. It is aimed as a blow at German and Austro-Hungarian business interests in China and to oust two troublesome trade competitors by furnishing the Chinese with a pretext not to pay their debts, to rescind railway and mining concessions granted to Austrians and Germans, to confiscate Austro-German capital invested in the country, and to seize their ships and intern their subjects.

BIG OVER-SUBSCRIPTION

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—Over subscription of the \$300,000,000 issue of short term Treasury certificates of indebtedness, Secretary McAdoo announced today, was \$61,528,000, more than 20 per cent. Allotments will be approximately 81 per cent of subscriptions.

POLAND IS FACING REVOLT AND ACUTE SITUATION EXISTS

Wars Comes From Switzerland and of Critical Situation in That Country.

GERMAN DEMAND ON SWITZERLAND FOR LOAN OF GOLD

Evidence of the Extreme Financial Straits of the German Government.

THE SWISS MUST PAY TO GET NEEDED COAL

Expulsion of Germans From French Coal Fields Would Relieve the Situation.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 8.—Confirmation has reached the State Department of the report that Germany has demanded a loan in gold from Switzerland in return for coal. In official circles here this is taken as emphasis to the stories of financial difficulties in which Germany finds herself at present.

Germany is in sad need of gold to meet the obligations which she has incurred with those neutrals with whom she can trade, for German paper money is no longer in favor, and the value of the German mark is depreciating almost to the vanishing point.

Switzerland is resisting the demand and if it is pressed she is in far better shape than Holland or the Scandinavian countries to meet either military or economic aggressions from Germany.

Under present conditions, Switzerland is dependent upon Germany for her coal, but it is believed that the allies may be able to meet her needs. With the restoration to France of the mining region so long in German hands, the supplies of the allies may be increased to such an extent that Switzerland can be supplied in spite of the drain caused by urgent appeals from Italy for fuel.

GERMAN AIRMEN INTERNED BY DUTCH

(By Associated Press.) Flushing, Holland, Aug. 8.—A German seaplane stopped a Dutch fishing boat near Westkapelle. One of the airmen went aboard and ordered the boat to Zebrugge. While still in territorial waters a Dutch patrol vessel met and brought the boat to Flushing. The German airmen were interned.

IRISH HOME RULE CONVENTION RESUMED

(By Associated Press.) Dublin, Aug. 8.—The Irish Home Rule convention re-assembled today. Since it was adjourned July 26 a more sanguine feeling has developed that the conference will have good results.

VIRGINIA PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR

Results in Nomination of Westmoreland Davis Over His Two Opponents.

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Aug. 8.—With additional districts heard from this morning, Westmoreland Davis, of Loudoun county, increased his lead over Taylor Elysson and John Garland Pollard in the race for the democratic nomination for Governor in yesterday's primary. It is estimated that Davis would be nominated by from 5,000 to 10,000 plurality.

Lieutenant Governor Elysson, second in the race, had practically given up hope of victory. Pollard's leaders were making no claims and were awaiting final returns.

Both Elysson and Pollard had the backing of leaders of the Virginia anti-saloon league which made the State dry and the failure of either one to win was regarded as a blow at prohibition in Virginia. Davis' victory also is looked upon as smearing the so-called Democratic machine in the State, as a nomination is equivalent to election.

Soon after the campaign began, the State Anti-saloon League questioned the candidates as to their attitude toward the proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition and Mr. Davis announced his opposition to it. Officials of the league were said to have regarded the attitude of both Mr. Pollard and Mr. Elysson as favorable, and the prohibition vote in the State was believed to have been split between these two. Efforts were made in some quarters to have the prohibition forces to center on one candidate and at one time there was talk of asking one of the two to withdraw, so that the dry forces might concentrate on the remaining one, but nothing came of it.

ONLY TWO FAIL PASS IN DUPLIN

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, N. C., Aug. 8.—The exemption board met in Kenansville Tuesday and only two men of the number examined failed to pass the examination.

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