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AIR FIGHTING ON EACH SIDE TAKES PLACE

Only Land Operations Are Unresisted Advance of Germans in Russia.
BRITISH AIRSHIPS RAID GERMAN DEPOTS
Several Mid-Air Engagements. Austrian Naval Base Damaged by Italian Airships—Germans Raid British Coast—Italian Forces Advancing Steadily.

While the major operations of the Germans in the Riga district on the Russian front and the great Italian campaign for Trieste continue to furnish the chief developments of military interests, the German authorities have caused a momentary diversion by directing a spectacular raid on the English coast, apparently at one of the principal British naval bases.

The Italian air services seemed to have effected notable damage upon the Austrian naval base at Pola. Rome reports today the dropping of 9 tons of bombs by 29 Italian airplanes on the base, causing heavy damage and large fires.

Press dispatches from the Austro-Italian front reports the Italians continuing their steady advance in the operation for Trieste, pushing their lines ahead in the Sestovizza valley, in the district south of Gorizia and working farther eastward over the great Bainsizza plateau. The fall of Monte San Gabriele, the chief remaining vantage point of the Austrians, aside from their Carso stronghold, is considered only a matter of time, as the Italians continue creeping up its slopes.

There has been no renewal of the Flanders fighting on a large scale as yet, although the intensity of the artillery fire suggests that this is impending. The British, however, are fighting further into the ground positions, at points on this front and today a slight advance of the British lines northeast of St. Julien is announced.

Many Russian Prisoners. Berlin, Sept. 4. (via London).—Several thousand Russians were taken prisoner by the Germans in their advance in the Riga region, army headquarters announced today. More than 150 guns were captured by the German forces in the Great Jaeger river district.

British Aircraft Raid Bruges. London, Sept. 4.—Continuing their raid on Belgium, British aviators on Sunday night, made attacks in the vicinity of Bruges. The following official account of these operations was given today:

A British aircraft made a bombing raid at midnight Sunday on the docks, submarine depots and railway sidings at Bruges. Bombs were observed to explode over the objectives and a fire was raised adjacent to the lock gates of the Scheldt canal.

A raid also was made early Monday morning on the airfield at Varsenare, 12 miles southwest of Bruges. Bombs were seen to explode among the sheds. One of our machines was attacked by 6 hostile aircraft and succeeded in shooting down one, completely out of control. In an engagement between one of our aircraft and enemy machines there were 2 decided combats. One of our machines failed to return.

Russians Still Retreating. Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The Russian retreat in the Riga region is being continued along the coast in a northerly direction, the war office announced today.

In the skull district, the Russians are retreating northward, having been displaced by the Germans in the Jaeger river region.

Hostile Airships are shelling the Riga coast from the air.

French Republic Attacks. Paris, Sept. 4.—Attacks were made by German planes last night on the French front and east of the Meuse in the Verdun sector. The war office announced today that both were checked by the French fire.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN PART OF MEXICO
(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Sept. 3.—The legislature of Guanajuato has granted women the right to vote, but with the restriction that they must be able to read and write and must be self-supporting.

NATION'S SPIRIT IS MANIFESTED IN DOING HONOR

To the Men Drafted to Form The New National Army.

THE PRESIDENT LEADS THE PARADE

In Washington City—The Occasion Made Holiday—Gigantic Demonstration in New York City.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 5.—The vanguard of the national army was being honored throughout the country today with demonstrations to celebrate the eve of departure of the first drafted men to the cantonments.

Typifying the spirit of the nation, sending forth its sons to battle for democracy, the capital gave itself over to a great public demonstration in which President Wilson, Congress and all the heads of the government were leaders.

The place of honor in a procession between Peace Monument at the foot of the capitol, to the White House was reserved for the 1,400 drafted men comprising the District of Columbia's first contribution to the national army. Led by President Wilson and escorted by Senators and Representatives, sailors, soldiers and marines, men of the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, and thousands of their fellow citizens, the national army men marched between lines of cheering thousands, bidding them God-speed—the first step of their journey to France.

Exemplifying the united nation, the Civil War veterans of States had a place of honor. Senators Warren and Nelson of the Union army and Senators Bankhead and Martin of the Confederate army marched together. There was only one flag fluttering everywhere over the winding column, the Stars and Stripes.

All government offices, closed for the occasion, poured out their thousands to join the procession. The entire capital turned aside from its daily task to do honor to the drafted men, as many other cities were doing at the same moment.

At the White House reviewing stand a large party of foreign diplomats and other officials assembled to wait for the President's coming at the head of the procession and join him in reviewing it.

Women Pickets Out En Force. Washington, Sept. 4.—Millitants of the National Woman's Party made today's procession in honor of men drafted for the national army the occasion for more picketing of the White House. Pickets began appearing at the White House gates in pairs, and as the police arrested them, others took their places. The women announced they would keep up the battle as long as the supply of pickets held out.

New York's Demonstration. New York, Sept. 4.—New York paid homage to her drafted men today as 20,000 strong they marched singing in three parades through the centers of three of the city's five boroughs. In Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx, hundreds of thousands of citizens thronged the lines of march and cheered them on their way to the army enthusiastically and affectionately.

At the head of the Manhattan parade which moved up Fifth avenue, marched Mayor Mitchell. The column was led by a squad of mounted police and the police band and then came in three parades through the centers of three of the city's five boroughs. In Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx, hundreds of thousands of citizens thronged the lines of march and cheered them on their way to the army enthusiastically and affectionately.

A selected 320 of 2,000 drafted men who have been drilling at Governors Island for several weeks made up a special section, demonstrating what a few weeks would do in making soldiers out of citizens.

The draft marchers were formed in platoons of 42 men each, sweeping up the full width of the avenue, and organized by conscription districts. Most of the men carried small American flags.

The platoons were commanded by reserve officers in khaki and in many cases the local conscription boards marched with the men they had chosen for service. "From Harlem to France" was one among a number of banners carried by the marchers.

CITY OF RIGA BURNING.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Sept. 4. (via London).—The city of Riga, was on fire at many points when it was taken by the German forces, today's army headquarters statement announces.

THE DRAFTED MEN FOR CANTONMENTS

Reporting to Local Board Today—To Proceed to Camp Tomorrow.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 4.—Drafted men of the 5 per cent. quota going to the national army cantonments were reporting today to local boards in all districts to receive instructions and railroad and meal tickets. Most of them will be given permission to spend the night at home under orders to report again to the board shortly before train time tomorrow.

About 30,000 men, most of whom have been selected because of previous military training or experience as cooks, are included in the first quota. By tomorrow night, they will be in the 16 cantonments, except those at Yaphank, L. I., and Admiral, Md., where construction is not completed.

Each district's quota will be placed in charge of one recruit, to whom will be given War Department warrants for transportation and meals. Arrangements for traveling expenses already have been made by the local boards.

TAR HEEL CAVALRY REACH CAMP SEVIER

(By Associated Press.)
Greenville, S. C., Sept. 4.—Troop D, of the North Carolina cavalry, 111 men, from Andrews, and Troop B, North Carolina cavalry, from Asheville, 105 men, arrived at Camp Sevier today.

Approximately 200 reserve officers recently commissioned after training at Fort Meyer, Va., have been transferred to Camp Sevier from Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Va. Virtually all of them reported at headquarters today. They will be distributed to various commands in the 30th division here. Five engineer officers from the American University at Washington, have also arrived here and will be assigned to commands in the 10th regiment at Camp Sevier.

NEGRO STEVEDORES FOR WORK IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 4.—A regiment of 2,400 negro stevedores for foreign service has been authorized by the War Department to meet the demand for experienced men to handle war supplies for the American expeditionary forces in France. Recruiting officers, especially those in southern seaport cities, have been instructed to seek men for the regiment. An effort is being made to get exemption from draft for negroes of draft age who would prefer hard work behind the lines to duty in the trenches. The army also wants negro cooks and will give good pay to even inexperienced men if they have capacity and are willing to learn.

MANY NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

Women and Girls of Wilmington and Vicinity Have Shown Great Interest in Competition For Briscoe Automobile and Other Prizes—Many Inquiries and Requests For Information.

The first day of The Dispatch contest showed that the people of Wilmington and vicinity were greatly interested in the big enterprise. Nominations came in rapidly, and there were many requests for information, both by phone and mail. Several came to the office, wishing to get all the details as quickly as possible.

While it is a little early to expect such evidence of interest from the towns and rural routes in the territory reached by The Dispatch, the contest department was most agreeably surprised by the number of communications received yesterday.

The women and girls of Wilmington and surrounding territory are quick to take advantage of an opportunity, especially when the opportunity is one in which they can win a \$775 Briscoe automobile. They also realize that the offer of The Dispatch is an unusual one, and it is seldom that a newspaper, published in a city no larger than Wilmington, offers such prizes as a \$775 Briscoe automobile, a Ford touring car, \$200 in gold, \$100 in gold, \$93 solid mahogany furniture suite, \$75 Columbia Grafonola, \$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs'

AMERICAN SAILORS ROUGHLY HANDLED IN AN IRISH CITY

Attacked by Gangs of Young Men While on Shore Leave in Cork.

AN UNPROVOKED DEMONSTRATION

Of Hostility Toward Americans—Attack Evidently Planned—Arms Stolen by Rioters.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 4.—Attacks on American sailors on Sunday night are reported in a dispatch from Cork to The Chronicle. It is said that gangs of young men paraded the streets and set upon the Americans who were accompanied by their sweethearts.

One instance cited is that of two Americans who were attacked on the chief street of Cork, a young woman with them being insulted and having her hat torn off. The correspondent reports that the sailors did nothing improper or contrary to good taste to invite the attack, and as far as could be learned did not retaliate. They escaped on a tram car.

All the girls who suffered at the hands of the crowds, the dispatch says, belong to the respectable middle classes.

An attempt was made at 11 p. m. to break into places where Americans are staying, the dispatch continues, but after a short sizer the attackers departed. Several parties paraded the streets singing "Sinn Fein" songs and performing military evolutions.

Some windows were broken. One party raided the premises of an officers' training corps and stole 56 rifles, 30 revolvers and a number of swords, none of which had been recovered, the correspondent says, at the time of writing his dispatch, nor had any arrests been made. He reports that he talked with several American sailors yesterday and that they believed the affair was organized, but were not aware of the reason. They said they had been well treated hitherto in Ireland.

SEABOARD CLERKS IN RALEIGH STRIKE

For Raise in Salary—Action Probably to Precipitate For Their Purpose.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 4.—Thirty-five Seaboard clerks demanding a 20 per cent. salary raise walked out here today. The clerks' precipitate action may have lost them opportunity for a raise, as the suggestion made to the leaders was willingness of the Seaboard to raise those not recently helped, but the men had gone when they got this.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL AND WIFE ARRESTED.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Sept. 4.—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the former Emperor, and his wife have been placed under arrest in connection with the counter-revolutionary plot recently unearthed.

WAR BOND BILL TAKEN UP BY HOUSE

To be Voted on Tomorrow—Soldiers' Insurance Bill Next on Program

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 4.—A house today began consideration of the \$11,538,945,460 war bond and certificate bill, the biggest measure of its kind ever presented to Congress. It has, in the main, the support of both Republicans and Democrats.

General debate will continue until tomorrow, when the bill will be taken up for amendment and a final vote. It will be passed probably late tomorrow, to be followed by the war insurance bill.

Republicans will endeavor to amend the bond bill to provide for the creation of a congressional war expenditures committee. A similar provision, written into the food control recently by the Senate, was thrown out in conference, because of objection by President Wilson on the ground that it would embarrass him in the conduct of the war.

GERMAN BOURSES DENOUNCE MR. WILSON

(By Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, Sept. 4.—According to advices received here from Bremen, President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals was the occasion here yesterday for a demonstration on the bourses. After a speech by Herr Fabius, president of the Chamber of Commerce, it was resolved to send the following to the Emperor: "Bremen merchants raise an indignant protest against President Wilson's hypocritical reply to the Pope, in which he professes to combat the German government in order to drive the American people, with whom Germany never had a quarrel, into a war which they reject. It is an impudent and brazen attempt to sow dissension between the government and the people and in the German nation, while by British arbitrariness our non-combatants, children and women, are cut off from all outside supplies in order to exhaust the nation by hunger. In this hour Bremen merchants pledge themselves to unalterable allegiance to Your Majesty, bearer, as the empire's guardian, of the imperial crown, re-win after centuries of long struggles by the united German people in 1871. They again declare their unalterable confidence and belief in a victorious outcome of this righteous war of defense."

A demonstration also was held on the Hamburg bourse, where resolutions similar to those adopted in Bremen were passed.

NASHVILLE'S FAREWELL TO HER SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 4.—Nashville will bid formal farewell tonight to the State Guard troops here, and the local National Army men. There will be a program of music and addresses, the principal address being delivered by Governor T. C. Rye. A comfort kit and war map will be presented to each soldier.

AUSTRIA'S TROOPS DEMORALIZED

Attempt of Field Marshal to Reorganize the Army on Italian Front.

(By Associated Press.)
Udine, Italy, Sept. 4.—Field Marshal Von Arz, chief of staff of the Austrian army, is reported to be inspecting the Italian front for the purpose of re-organizing his troops, demoralized by many recent defeats. Meanwhile the Italians continue their steady advance and are spreading over a larger tract of the country, especially through the Brestovizza valley and over the Panizza plateau, capturing trench after trench and in some cases finding contingents of Austrian troops literally exhausted and suffering from thirst and hunger, their means of communication having been cut off by the well-directed Italian fire.

Mont San Gabriele still is making desperate efforts at resistance, but Italian pickets are gradually creeping up the slopes, making its fall only a matter of time when, as officers laughingly say here "the Austrians execute another strategic retreat." Since the beginning of the present advance, the Italians have gained ground every day, while all Austrian efforts to recapture lost positions have been shattered by the energetic resistance of Cadorna's army.

GERMAN AIR RAIDS DO MUCH DAMAGE ON BRITISH COAST

ORGANIZED LABOR FROM ALL SECTIONS GATHERING TODAY

For Mammoth Convention to Define Union Labor's Attitude on National Matters

SUPPORT OF WILSON; WARNING TO PACIFISTS

The Double Purpose of Meeting—Rousing Reception to Delegates—Compers to Speak Tomorrow.

(By Associated Press.)
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 4.—Organized labor mobilized its representatives here today for the double purpose of pledging support to the government in the war and sounding a warning to pacifists and pro-German propagandists by means of a big loyalty conference under the auspices of the American alliance for labor and democracy.

The "Red, White and Blue" special bearing delegates from the East—leaders of various labor organizations and a number of former Socialist party members—was given a rousing welcome today as it rolled into Minneapolis for the 3-day patriotic convention which opens tomorrow. The delegates were met by a committee of Northwest labor representatives and escorted to hotel headquarters, where conferences were held on plans for establishing local branches of the alliance from coast to coast.

Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and chairman of the alliance, will arrive here tonight and probably will be a speaker at tomorrow night's meeting. Delegates express disappointment that the people's council of America for democracy and terms of peace was barred from holding its proposed peace conference in Minnesota. The alliance had arranged its meeting so as to be in session here at the same time as the people's council. Beginning tomorrow morning, afternoon and evening sessions will be held and the subject of American labor's part in the world war discussed.

RAPID BUILDING OF NEW STEAMSHIPS

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 4.—Commenting on the rapid increase in ship-building to offset losses from the submarine campaign, the Cardiff correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that two supplements published by Lloyd's Shipping Register show that between June 8 and July 17 more than 100 steamers of which 63 are British were added to the register. Most of these vessels are of large tonnage. The rate of construction is understood to be increasing rapidly.

ECONOMY IN SUGAR ASKED AMERICANS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 4.—"Restriction in consumption of sugar is asked of the American people by the food administration that a threatened shortage in the allied countries may be averted. Lack of ships to move the Cuban and Hawaiian crops promptly, it is declared, makes it necessary that this country share its sugar supply with Europe. "The conservation asked of the American people," the administration's statement says, "does not necessarily demand great sacrifices. It only needs the elimination of waste and the careful use of sugar to enable America to make up the difference required by

RESOLUTION LOYALLY BY AMERICAN BAR

(By Associated Press.)
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Resolutions pledging the loyalty of the American Bar Association to the government were presented at the opening session of the annual meeting of the organization this morning by Elihu Root, on behalf of the executive committee, with the unanimous recommendation of the committee that they be adopted.

Many Bombs Dropped on Naval Station and Depot at Chatham.

UNUSUALLY LARGE CASUALTY LIST

One Hundred and Eight Men Killed and Eighty-six Were Wounded—All the Raiders Escape—Other Raids Without Damage.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 4.—In last night's air raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded at Chatham, it is announced officially.

The victims were naval ratings. Six airplanes took part in the raid. Chatham is on the east bank of the Medway, 30 miles southeast of London. It is the seat of immense military and naval establishments including a vast dock yard, an arsenal and extensive barracks.

The term "naval ratings" applies to the grade of men on board ship, usually those before the mast.

In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured. The announcement follows: "Lord French (commander of the British home forces), reports that last night's air raid was carried out by about six enemy airplanes which proceeded up the south bank of the Thames estuary to Chatham. Bombs were dropped in Isle of Thanet and between 10:40 p. m. and 11:30 p. m. There were no army casualties. Civilian casualties reported at present are: Killed 1, injured 6. The material damage was slight.

Our machine guns went up and anti-aircraft guns came into action, but without result. Reports received here from South-east coast towns say that during Monday night's raid along the coast and for some miles inland resounded with the noise of aircraft engines. One of the raiders passed over a coast town headed seaward, its engine making the loudest noise ever heard there from an aircraft. The sound resembled the noise of a Zeppelin and came from a great height.

The raids over the Southeast coast on Sunday and Monday nights seemed to have been more for the purpose of testing the possibility of attack by moonlight than in the hope of doing any considerable damage. Like the single aviator who dropped bombs on Dover Sunday night, those who came tonight kept at a very high altitude and while their machines could be heard, they could not be seen. Nevertheless airplanes went up in pursuit. After dropping bombs over a wide area, many of them falling into fields or the sea, the raiders departed as quickly. Dispatches thus far received say very little damage was done. No casualties have been reported.

KAISER REJOICES OVER FALL OF RIGA

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Sept. 4. (via London).—Emperor William has sent the following to the Emperor:

"Field Marshal Prince Leopold of Bavaria reports the capture of Riga by our troops, which is a new milestone of German strength and unerring will to victory. May God help us further."

The Emperor has telegraphed Prince Leopold as follows:

"On the occasion of the capture of Riga, I express to you and the Eighth army my, and the Fatherland's, congratulations and thanks. Far-seeing leadership and steel-hard will to victory guaranteed this fine success. Onward with God!"

MEXICAN TAXATION ON MINING PROPERTY

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Sept. 3.—The chamber of deputies tonight passed a bill putting into force the same taxes on mining property by organic law that were assessed by decree by President Carranza as the first chief, prior to the constitutional period. These taxes are progressive, taxing large holdings more than small.

NO BRAZIL TROOPS TO GO TO EUROPE

(By Associated Press.)
Rio Janeiro, Sept. 4.—In a denial of newspaper reports, the minister of war has announced that Brazil will not send troops to Europe. The announcement also states that the ministry of the navy will not lease requisitioned German ships to the entente allies.