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THE BIG OFFENSIVE ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONT

INTENDED TO SEPARATE TURKEY FROM THE CENTRAL POWERS, TO LIBERATE SERBIA AND THE JUGGO SLAVS IN SOUTHERN AUSTRIA AND TO CRUSH BULGARIA HAS BEGUN

BRITISH SUFFER SLIGHT REVERSES NEAR ST. QUENTIN. AMERICANS REPULSE GERMANS ON LORRAINE FRONT

Paris, Tuesday, Sept. 17.—It has been stated in military circles for some months that the autumn would see a major operation on the Macedonian front and the news for the past few days would indicate that it is being put into action. While the number of men engaged and other details of the operation cannot be stated the purpose of the move is to cut off Turkey from the Central powers, crush Bulgaria and to free Serbia, Roumania and the Juggo-Slavs of Southern Austria.

BEELGIUM REFUSES ABSOLUTELY

To Consider the Peace Proposals of the Central Powers After

CONSULTING THE ALLIES

Paris, (Havas Agency), Sept. 18.—The Belgian government after consultation with the allies according to the Petite Paroisse has decided to reject without elaboration the proposed offer of peace made by Germany.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, Sept. 18.—There was a renewal of trading in the cotton market at the opening today and an advance of from one to five points on a small volume of business and prices eased off slightly after the call on scattered selling some of which was for southern account. The market firmed up later on covering and trade buying.

Cotton futures opened steady with October 32.95, December 33.28, January 33.15, March 32.98, May 32.87.

STOCKS

New York, Wall Street, Sept. 18.—After momentary hesitation the more important stocks opened fractionally lower than last night's close especially United States Steel, Canadian Pacific Reading, Baldwin Locomotive and the oils. The stock market however, showed some improvement around the first half hour, the oils especially. Petroleum rallied from 103 1-2 to 104 7-8 and Texas Company from 159 1-4 to 161. Other active stocks were also slightly higher.

HOW PERSHING SURPRISED GERMANS

With the French Armies in Lorraine, Sept. 17.—"It was one of the most successful operations in the whole war," said a distinguished officer to a correspondent yesterday speaking of Pershing's great victory. "The attack's object was to reduce the St. Mihiel salient. Well, that not only has been done, but the sides have been pinched so efficiently that the junction was effected in less than thirty hours, with are rounded up, will exceed even 13,000.

"The fact is that the boches were taken completely by surprise. They expected the attack, but didn't expect it so soon. And what's more, they never expected that it would be delivered with such dash and vigor. I cannot say too much of the conduct of the American troops. They were magnificent.

Berlin, Sept. 16 (via London)—As a reprisal for the continued bombing of German towns, says an official statement issued today by the War Office, twenty-four tons of bombs were dropped last night on Paris.

JOHN ROBERT EARLY LEPER

Has Been Found at Home in Tryon. The Authorities Have Him

UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Tryon, N. C., Sept. 18.—John Robert Early, the leper who escaped from prison in Washington on Monday morning has been located at the home of his brother James Early at this place where he is under the surveillance of the local authorities. The officials in Washington have been notified of his presence at this place. He arrived Tuesday afternoon. His father and mother, together with all of his family are also under surveillance. They say they will resent any attempt to remove him since there is no way for any such removal. Early is not under guard and the local officials are taking the word of the family that he will not leave his present quarters. The people of Tryon are greatly perturbed over the presence of the leper in their midst.

Washington, Sept. 18.—A Washington newspaper yesterday afternoon carries the following story concerning John Early the leper, whose home was originally in Canton, Haywood county. The health physician maintains the theory that he may be traveling toward western North Carolina to see his relatives.

"Although the police in every city within a radius of 500 miles of Washington have been asked to make a vigorous search for John R. Early, the leper of nationwide notoriety, who escaped from his isolated prison on the banks of the Eastern branch early Monday, no trace of him has been reported. Circulars bearing his photograph and description have been sent out by the local police department to virtually all the cities in the eastern section of the country urging special efforts to effect his capture and warning that he is a dangerous man.

The only clue that the Washington police have to work on is one furnished by a young woman employed in a drug store in the east end of the Union Station. When detectives posted circulars bearing his description in the railroad terminal Monday, she told them that a man of Early's description purchased some salve from her Monday Morning about 6 o'clock. She claimed that the man acted nervously, which attracted her attention. The man, she said paid for the salve out of a \$5 bill.

"Several hours later the police were informed by a guard at the station that a man resembling Early was seen to pass through the train gates."

LLOYD GEORGE FROM SICK BED ASKS STRIKERS RETURN

London, Sept. 18.—Greatly concerned over the cotton strike, Premier Lloyd George from his sick bed issued an appeal Monday night to the strikers to return to work and leave the decision in the matter under dispute to the Government after an inquiry by a special tribunal, to be immediately appointed.

The Premier bases his appeal on the fact that the strike will seriously interfere with the production of war material.

PROMPT RETURN OF QUESTIONNAIRES

Urged by Provost Marshal General Crowder in Order to Local Boards

SIX MILLION FIRST CLASS

Washington, Sept. 18.—Local draft boards have been ordered by Provost Marshal General to begin mailing out today questionnaires to all of the men between 19 and 36 years of age, inclusive, who registered last Thursday, except British and Canadian subjects, who have 30 days to voluntarily enter the British and Canadian armies.

Ten per cent of the questionnaires are to be mailed by each board each day until the entire group has been sent out, Provost Marshal General Crowder announced last night, and under the regulations each registrant is given seven days to fill out and return the document.

"It is, however, the earnest hope of this office that the registrants will not require as much time as this," General Crowder said, "and that every effort will be made to turn the questionnaires in properly answered, as promptly as possible. Under the Warrenton time allowance board in mailing out the forms and registrants in filling them out and returning them, the questionnaires for the entire age group should be back in the hands of the local boards within three weeks from today."

Approximately 6,000,000 men are in the 19 and 20 and 32 to 36 year classes to whom questionnaires go, it was said. There are also some 10,000 additional men, between 21 and 31 years of age, who were added to the draft rolls Thursday registering for the first time and these also will be classified.

The date for the drawing that will in a measure, determine the order of calling the men into service will be announced.

THE AMERICAN LINE AS IT EXISTS TODAY

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 17.—The American line on the Lorraine front on Tuesday afternoon stood as follows:

Ronvaux, Manheulles, Pintheville, St. Hilaire Doncourt Woel Haumont a point between Jauly and Rembercourt, north of Vandieres and south of Champey to the old line east of Pont-a-Mousson.

Evidence is accumulating that the enemy intends withdrawing behind the Hindenburg line in Lorraine if he is pressed any further. He is burning towns along the Moselle.

In addition to the towns along the Moselle which would fall into American hands should the enemy withdraw behind the Hindenburg line and which he is burning, other fires have been started by the Germans. The towns of Donmartin-La-Chausse and La Chaussee, both on the Hindenburg line, are in flames.

CASUALTY LIST FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Killed in action	74
Missing in action	19
Wounded severely	145
Died of wounds	27
Wounded, degree undetermined	6
Died of disease	1
Wounded slightly	1
Total	273

REIGN OF TERROR BY BOLSHEVIKI

Prisons Crowded, Hundreds Put to Death and Executions Continue Daily

FOREIGNERS ENDANGERED

Washington, Sept. 18.—Information reaching the State Department yesterday from a neutral country threw new light on the situation in Central Russia, where a reign of terror conducted by the Bolsheviki, has made the position of the populace tragic in the extreme and is endangering citizens of the entente powers who have been unable to leave the country.

The assassination of Moses Uritsky head of the commission against the counter-revolution, and the attempt on the life of Premier Lenin were direct results of this condition of tyranny, said the advices. Besides the 500 persons who were shot in connection with the death of Uritsky a large number of other persons are held for execution in the event that further attempts are made on the lives of the Bolsheviki leaders.

A general search is being made of the homes in Moscow of the well-to-do and of former officers in an effort to secure any shred of evidence upon which to make arrests, said the dispatches. The prisons are filled to overflowing and executions continue daily.

CLAIM EXEMPTION AS A PATRIOTIC DUTY

Advice of Director McAdoo to Railway Employees Classed as Essential

Washington, Sept. 17.—All railway employees in the classes declared by the Railroad Administration essential to proper operations were instructed today by Director General McAdoo to claim deferred draft classification as a patriotic duty and to furnish the district boards with the necessary information in their answers to the questionnaires to show the basis for such classification.

Explaining the reasons for asking the exemptions Mr. McAdoo declared "there is no surplus whatever of employes for running the railroads and there is no surplus of labor from which new employes can be drawn to replace those who may be taken for the military service."

FIXING OF COTTON PRICE PROTEST

Cotton States Representatives Heard, Wilson Will Make Statement, If Any.

Washington, Sept. 17.—A delegation of Southern Senators and Representatives protested to President Wilson today against the government fixing prices for raw cotton. At the conclusion of the conference Senator Underwood of Alabama, speaking for the delegation, said if any statement was issued it would come from the President.

President Wilson announced last week that fair prices for cotton would be fixed if that was deemed necessary after a committee to be appointed by the War Industries Board had concluded a thorough investigation. In the meantime a separate committee of three will be named to buy cotton for the United States and Allied governments at a price to be approved by the President.

Inasmuch as a great part of the crop is used for war purposes, Senators and Representatives from the cotton-growing states complain that the effect will be to fix the price.

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CARDINAL FARLEY IS DEAD

Beer is Banned After October 1st. 108 German Infantry Battalions

DISBANDED TO FILL GAPS

Mamaroneck, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Cardinal John M. Farley, archbishop of New York died at his country home here last night. The aged prelate had been sinking rapidly since he suffered a relapse last Saturday following partial recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

Beer Under Ban

Washington, Sept. 18.—President Wilson yesterday signed a proclamation prohibiting after next October 1 the use of any foodstuffs in brewing beer and near beer, except malt and hops. After December 1, brewers must cease brewing altogether.

The food administration said there will still be enough beer in the vats to last from two to six months and the sale of this will not be stopped.

German Divisions Disbanded

With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sunday Sept. 16.—One hundred and eight German infantry battalions, equivalent to twenty divisions, have been disbanded, it is learned. In order to fill the gap made by the past year's fighting, women and boys are being called to the auxiliary service to replace men. Five thousand women have already been mobilized for this purpose and boys of fourteen are being utilized.

Captured officers say that Germany is very tired of the war and no longer hopes to do more than keep what is its own.

Missions Conference

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 18.—The Centenary of Missions Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the purpose of which is to raise \$35, during the next year for mission work, was formally opened here last night with an interpretative address on the Missionary Centenary by Bishop James Atkins of Waynesville, N. C. The first business session will be held today and the meetings will close Thursday evening.

SWISS NEUTRALITY WORRIES GERMANS

New York, Sept. 18.—One of the regular occupations of the German press consist in worrying about possible violations of Swiss neutrality by the United States or the Allies. For example, Die Post of Berlin printed the following Berne dispatch on July 29.

"St. Gall newspapers announce that of late the American consulate in St. Gall is providing the war reports bulletined by that office with headings, one of which reads: 'The Huns Are Retiring Over the Marne.' Letters to the newspapers protest against such an unneutral proceeding and point out that up till now all the official foreign representatives in St. Gall have preserved strict neutrality in connection with publicity in Switzerland. The St. Gall papers report that an investigation regarding violation of Swiss neutrality has been begun."

The recent return to Switzerland for a brief period of Dr. Hans Sulzer, the Swiss Minister at Washington, caused the Munchener Post of July 31 to print a report from Berne telling of the circulation in the Alpine Republic of rumors to the effect that President Wilson had asked Minister Sulzer to make a trip to Germany, either for the purpose of offering peace under certain conditions or to make confidential inquiries regarding the detailed peace conditions of the Central Powers. It quoted the Geneva Feuille as saying that Minister Sulzer was supported in this mission by the Swiss Federal Council.

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