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## BRITAIN'S REPLY UNSATISFACTORY IS WORD SENT AMBASSADOR PAGE

Reported Also That Unless Satisfactory Reply is Forthcoming, Peremptory Demand Will Be Made on London Foreign Office.

(By United Press)

Washington, July 24—The State Department will immediately acknowledge to Ambassador Page at London receipt of the British mail reply and inform him that the reply is not considered a real response to the American note.

Request for early response on the principles involved will be made.

The foregoing is the official declaration of the State Department.

Officials characterize the wild rumors afloat here that the United States might convoy American mail carrying ship with war vessels as "absurd rot."

The direct relation between British mail seizures and the blacklisting of American firms was pointed out by the State Department officials after the arrival of Britain's preliminary reply to the protest of this government against the seizure of American mail.

Extreme impatience is felt over England's delay in replying to the American protest, partly because it is by this illegal practice of opening the mail of American firms that England is alleged to have obtained much information upon which she based her black list.

Officials declare that the reply received yesterday is wholly unsatisfactory because it ignores the principles expounded in the American note and deals only with specific cases which have no bearing for a reformation in British practices.

Unless a satisfactory reply is shortly forthcoming Ambassador Page will be instructed to make peremptory demands upon the foreign office.

## For Widows of Guardsmen

(By United Press)

Washington, July 24—Widows of National Guardsmen killed in service on the border must be paid the same gratuity of six months salary which is accorded widows of regulars. Comptroller Warwick ruled today.

## STOCKHOLDERS IN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

A very enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of the new hardware company which is to begin business here sometime in the early fall was held here Saturday afternoon.

Twenty new names were added to the list of subscribers to stock at this meeting.

A second meeting was called for Saturday August 5th, at which time all stockholders are asked to be ready to pay in the amount of stock that they have subscribed to the news enterprise.

At the meeting just indicated it is expected that the date for opening up the new business will be decided upon.

## FREE MILK BEATS SALOONS

(By United Press)

Minneapolis, Minn., July 24—The Minneapolis Steel and Machinery is giving its employers all the milk they want free to stay out of saloons during their lunch hour. Nine hundred pints of milk are hauled to the company's 25 acre plant daily. The plan has succeeded officers say.

## WHEREABOUTS OF BREMEN UNKNOWN

Suspicion That Vessel Has Met Untimely End Not Countenanced, However

(By United Press)

Baltimore, July 24—German officials have confessed that they are in the dark regarding the whereabouts of the Bremen, sister ship of the Deutschland.

But in the same breath these officials declared that they have no reason to believe that she has met an untimely end.

It is reliably stated that the Deutschland will not sail until the Bremen arrives.

## WESTERN FARMERS FIGHT FOOD MARKET GAMBLING

(By United Press)

Bismarck, N. D., July 24—Farmers launched a nation wide fight here today to stop gambling on grain and farm products in all stock markets of the United States.

The movement is backed by the Non-partisan Political league of North Dakota whose membership has just swept the state of North Dakota clean. In the recent primaries, Every state candidate nominated was theirs. They were undefeated everywhere.

Their fight was featured by three factors:

It was launched by farmers, yet was sponsored and enthusiastically supported by labor and union men of North Dakota cities.

Although various farmers' granges and individual clubs from the party it remained a unit without splits or jealousies.

Its ranks and leaders were assembled without reference to religion, politics or nationality, but for a single object of the complete abolition of all gambling with grain and foods.

Following the sweeping victory in North Dakota, league leaders are enrolling farmers of Minnesota for a similar fight. When Minnesota is swung, it is planned to make the movement national, picking up Socialists where farmers are in the minority.

## Fails By Sixty Miles

(By United Press)

Paris, July 24—The French aviator, Antoine Marchal, who started from Nancy to Russia failed by sixty miles, being captured by the Germans at Chelm, Poland, after dropping proclamations on Berlin.

WANTED—25 extra salesladies. No experience necessary. Apply at once to Manager in Charge of Sale at S. R. SIFF CO.

## Ragamuffins In Good Will Day Parade



Photos by White

In the upper picture a wagon load of these merry ragamuffins is shown.

In the lower picture a nearer view of some of the jolly funmakers is given.

Credit for the overwhelming success of this feature of the Good Will Parade belongs to Mr. Charlie Wilson of Weeksville

## UNCLE SAM IS AGAIN IN LEAD

For First Time in Fifty Years He Takes First Place in Ship Building

(By United Press)

Washington, July 24—"The American output of merchant ships for the calendar year will exceed that of all the rest of the world" the chief chamberlain of the United States Bureau of Navigation has predicted.

This will be the first time in fifty years that the United States has led in shipbuilding.

The figures show three hundred and fifty one steel ships with a total tonnage of 672,000 gross tons and half that number have already been launched.

## UNION SERVICES

Sunday night Mr. Cunningham preached to a large crowd in the Cann Memorial Presbyterian church. The next service will be at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, when Mr. Black will preach. Union services are growing in popularity for Sunday nights in summer. In Richmond Va., the congregations of the Third Presbyterian, St. James, Methodist, Third Christian St. John's Episcopal and Broadus Memorial Baptist are having union services, and the paper states that approximately 1,200 people attended the service last Sunday night.

## AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Miss Elizabeth Dexter has recently been appointed secretary of the North Carolina Club at the Columbia University Summer School.

Miss Catherine Albertson has been designated one of the three members of the club to have charge of the North Carolina section of the summer school magazine.

## FRENCH FLIER BREAKS AVIATION ALTITUDE RECORDS

(By United Press)

Paris, July 24—By establishing a new altitude record of 19,530 feet with three passengers aboard and a new record of 18,530 feet with two passengers. Aviator Sergeant Etienne Poulet has just wrestled the laurel from the Germans.

In establishing this new world's record for altitude with two passengers Poulet was obliged to fly in unfavorable weather, reaching a distance of 18,530 feet, sufficient to lower the 18,100 feet record held by German Lieutenant Blon.

A few days later, Poulet was blessed with ideal weather and mot or conditions. With three men aboard: M. Prost, weighing 145 pounds; M. Duché weighing 148 pounds and M. Paillard weighing 125 pounds together with 21 pounds of ballast, Poulet reached an altitude of 19,530 feet, taking the previous record of 17,500 feet from the German flyer Sabatling.

This leaves the French in possession of all aviation records previously held by the Germans, it is said.

## BANK MEN LEARN ADVERTISING PAYS

(By United Press)

Minneapolis, Minn., July 24—Officials of the Ninth District Federal Reserve bank here today announced that they have learned it pays to advertise. Facing bonds of the United States in the hands of individual investors in denominations as low as \$100 has been accomplished through newspaper advertising.

"Such a step is in keeping with the best counsel of European nations," Chairman John H. Rich of the Federal reserve bank said today. "The people must be led to think that this is their government, and that they have an interest in it. Their holding government bonds will help them. They will realize they have loaned a friend some money and have his note."

## ALLIED OFFENSIVE BATTERING GERMAN POSITIONS ON ALL FRONTS

And Teutons Continually Forced to Give Ground According to Reports From Capitals of Allied Nations.

(By United Press)

Petrograd, July 24—The Russian armies have blasted and battered their way through the German lines below Riga and have shattered Austrian resistance to further Russian advance toward northeastern Galicia and Hungary.

Violent artillery duels between the forces of General Kuropatkin and Marshal Von Hindenberg continue along the most northeastern point of the battle front.

General Kuropatkin's successful piercing of Hindenberg's lines is considered one of the most striking achievements of the war.

## BRITISH ADVANCE FURTHER

London, July 24—Amid the blast of artillery fire from the great guns of the British their forces have advanced further in the thrust around Pozieres, reports General Haig, and heavy fighting continues.

This violent attack has been waged along a seven mile front from Thiepval through Pozieres and Longueval with heavy counter attacks on the part of the Germans and often with hand to hand conflict.

At times newly gained ground has been captured by the Germans, but the British have been steadily moving toward the third line of the Germans.

## DROVE OFF DESTROYERS

The British sea patrol drove off a fleet of German raiding destroyers Saturday night the admiralty announced today.

After several were driven off British light cruisers engaged six German destroyers in a fight, frequently hitting them. The destroyers succeeded however in reaching the Belgian coast.

## EXTRAORDINARY ACTIVITY

Paris, July 24—Extraordinary activity on both sides of the French-German battle line is reported by the official communique.

## WAR MOVIES SHOW ACTUAL BATTLE SCENES

(By United Press)

London, July 24—London movie patrons are having the biggest photographic thrill of the war here today.

The latest series of official British war movie films show work of mobile anti-aircraft guns at the front in actual fighting.

From "somewhere in France" is shown a tiny spect in the air as one of the much vaunted German Fokker's comes into focus. It grows larger and is spotted by the anti-aircraft gunners. They are soon in action, hurling shells after shell to ward the enemy craft. Then in full view of the spectators the Fokker is hit. A second shot brings it crashing to earth in flames.

The official announcement for a feat like this would read:

"Yesterday an enemy machine was brought down in our lines." Seeing it produces the thrill that an official announcement lacks.

## RUSSIAN BECOMES FAMILIAR LANGUAGE IN EUROPE

(By United Press)

London, July 5—(By Mail)—The Russian language, hitherto almost unused in Western Europe, promises to become a well-known tongue of the future.

## WILSON TO SIGN BILL FOR HARBORS

And Will Allow Democratic Caucus to Determine Action as to Child Labor

(By United Press)

Washington, July 24—President Wilson will sign the Rivers and Harbors Bill despite his strong objections to certain new items contained in the measure.

After a talk with Senator Simmons of North Carolina the President has indicated that he will let a Democratic caucus determine whether or not the Child Labor Bill will be put off until December.

## BELGIAN ARMY READY FOR AN EMERGENCY

(By United Press)

London, July 24—Belgian troops are ready for a miniature battle of Verdun on their own front, if the fortunes of war bring it to them.

Visitors to the Belgian front are few but King Albert did not object to Sir Charles Warefield, the Lord Mayor of London, looking over the Belgian lines.

Out-door life, "roughing it," fresh air and hardships have done to the Belgian soldiers when they have done to all other men in Europe; converted them into marvels of health and strength.

"In 1913 I was present at the Belgian maneuvers," says the Lord, "but since then the Belgian troops seem to have developed physically. They're bigger and stronger than the Belgian soldiers of 1913. And they are equipped and ready for whatever comes."

## Certificate is Refused

(By United Press)

London, July 24—The Attorney General has refused the certificate which would have allowed Sir Roger Casement a direct appeal to the House of Lords.

## AGED INDIANS MARCH IN PREPAREDNESS PARADE

(By United Press)

San Francisco, July 22—Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish War Veterans and aged men who participated in the Indian campaigns in the early days in California were the most prominent figures in San Francisco's preparedness parade here today. It was estimated when the parade began that between 15,000 and 20,000 men would have marched past the reviewing stand before the demonstration was finished.

All the fraternal organizations of the city were represented, each marching as an individual unit.