

AMERICAN FIRE SCATTERS HUNS AND CLEARS OUT ENEMY TRENCH

Shell Strikes Battery and Is Followed by Explosion of Ammunition Showing Accuracy of Artillery Fire

PATROLS SENT OUT COME BACK FINDING NO ENEMY

Italian Aircraft Sail Over Austro-German Lines and Make Raids With Little Opposition Offered To Them

WASHINGTON, February 9 (Associated Press)—Terrible and well directed gun fire from the American batteries in their sector of the French front have practically wrecked the enemy positions and cleared the Germans out from the positions immediately in front of their sectors. To such an extent is this the case that American patrols which went out into No Man's Land yesterday afternoon were not molested by the enemy.

ARTILLERY HAMMERS
Thursday night and yesterday, said reports from the American front in France, the American artillery hammered the enemy's positions ceaselessly and with a deadly accuracy, ripping out trenches and smashing down entanglements. One shell was seen to strike a German battery position and a heavy explosion of ammunition which followed showed clearly the damage which it wrought.

Two German patrols ventured out in the early part of the day but the barrage fire from the American batteries quickly settled them and the survivors retired in haste.

ENEMY SCATTERS
Working parties of the enemy which ventured out hastily scattered and retired before the hail of lead hurled upon them by a heavy machine gun fire. It was after this that United States patrols were sent out and met with no molestation.

A raid on the German trenches Thursday night brought back no prisoners for the Americans found the trenches deserted and only a few rifles left behind.

In other sectors of the Western front the day was reported as without important incidents. There was a lull in the artillery fire and minor raids by the French on German outposts west of Forges were the only events reported.

ITALIAN FRONT
On the mountain front of Italy and between the Brenta and Piave Rivers the artillery fire increased in violence yesterday. Italian air craft were active and went far behind the enemy's front positions raiding and bombing with little opposition. No infantry activity was reported.

From the Macedonian front there came reports of a revival of activity. Near Sokal Serbian forces repulsed reconnoitering parties of the enemy. Along the Vardar River raids by Allied aviators on Thursday were reported and these reports told of the shooting down of two enemy planes.

"SUCKER" IS FIRST TO DOWN HUN PLANE

AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, February 8 (Associated Press).—A Missouri lieutenant in the aviation corps believes the honor of being the first American reported since the troops landed to have shot down an enemy airplane. He was operating a machine gun for the first time flying with a French squadron, and he shot down an enemy machine over Saarburg.

BRITAIN IS WARNED TO EXPECT BAD DAYS BUT HOPE IS CLOSE BEHIND

LONDON, February 9—(Associated Press)—Warning to the country that it must be prepared for bad days to come, perhaps for several months, was given by Sir John Jellicoe, first sea lord of Great Britain, speaking at Hull yesterday. He commented upon the loss of the *Tuscania* with more than 200 British and American lives and said:

"We are in for a bad time for a few months but by August, and perhaps even before that time, I expect we shall be able to say that the submarine menace has been killed."

The British public have been brought to expect that when the time came for the movement of the larger forces from the United States Allied shipping would have to be called upon to assist in their movement. The words of the first sea lord are taken to mean that such time is at hand.

It has also been expected that when the great American troop movement was in progress British and Allied merchantmen would have to largely look out for their own safety. Great numbers of destroyers, both of the British and the American fleets that have been doing so much to curb the efforts of the *Tuscania* submarines against the British merchant marine will be required to assist in conveying the larger and ever increasing number of ships engaged in transport purposes.

This taking away of the guards of commerce is assumed to be the moving cause of the references made by Admiral Jellicoe and his warning of bad days to come.

Snow Storm Sweeps Plains and Again Threatens Rail Traffic

OMAHA, February 9—(Associated Press)—Once more railroad traffic is seriously threatened. A heavy snow storm, swept before a high and biting wind is driving over the plains of Kansas and Nebraska and other Central Western States. Drifts are reported to be piling up high and cuts are filling deep with the driven snow.

Hardly has transportation been effectively opened in this section of the country before it is once more threatened. The record of the terrible winter of 1917-1918 is growing still worse. There is every indication early this morning that traffic will be again brought to a practical standstill in a large territorial belt of the United States.

While the temperature is not so low as in some of the storms which have preceded this one, the snow is heavy. Trains were reported as making slow and difficult progress last night.

Inducing Teachers To Quit Is Called Unpatriotic

Superintendent Kinney Draws Attention of Vigilance Corps To Firms and Corporations Enticing Away Territorial Pedagogues

Inducing public school teachers to quit the service suddenly to enter other employment, as has been done several times recently, is unpatriotic and harmful to the best interests of the Territory and the Nation, in the opinion of Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Kinney has addressed a letter to President George R. Carter of the Hawaiian Vigilance Corps of the American Defense Society in reference to several instances where individuals and corporations had induced teachers in the public schools to desert their schools suddenly for other employment. Mr. Kinney says: "The federal public school authorities in Washington have repeatedly called attention to the absolute necessity that the schools be conducted, as far as possible, as efficiently as under the normal conditions, as the reconstruction and readjustment which the great war will make necessary will call upon a particularly well trained generation to follow ours."

Mr. Kinney states further: "Under these circumstances, it seems to me that any individual or corporation that induces a teacher to leave suddenly the employ of the public school service, in order that such individual or corporation may shift its operations caused by war service from their own business to that of the public schools, is unpatriotic in the extreme. Several cases of this kind have, however, occurred recently in this community and I fear that, if more cases of this kind occur, the public school service may be still further handicapped."

The committee of the Hawaiian Vigilance Corps to whom Mr. Kinney's letter was referred has given very careful thought to the communication and fully endorses the opinion expressed by Mr. Kinney.

Next to inducing men from joining the colors, any detail of destruction of the public school system should be considered most serious.

It is hoped that the publicity of the facts as above will make local employers think twice before deliberately depleting the school system to the future advantage of the Hun.

RIVERSIDE IS TO HAVE ARMY AVIATION FIELD

WASHINGTON, February 8 (Associated Press).—The war department has authorized a \$1,000,000 project at Riverside, California, and the contracts for its development have been let.

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COLBURN SUED BY KAPIOLANI ESTATE

Former Manager Who Brought Action Against Corporation Is Himself Made Defendant

Following a suit filed a week ago by John F. Colburn against the Kapiolani Estate for an unatoned sum in excess of \$25,000, alleged to be due to Colburn, the Kapiolani Estate, through its attorneys, Castle and Withington and Lightfoot and Lightfoot, sued Colburn yesterday for \$21,653.67.

In the suit that Colburn filed against the estate he set forth that he represented the estate as manager for a long term of years and after one accounting, by which he received for his services about \$36,000 early in 1910, no other settlement was ever made. Colburn left the employ of the estate in 1912. While he says in the period that followed the one accounting up to the time he resigned he drew various sums at different times, he contends that a large amount is still due for services he says he performed. These services are set forth in detail in his petition.

In the new suit filed by the estate yesterday it is alleged that Colburn while treasurer in the period between January 11, 1910 and December of 1916 drew various sums. These, it is stated, he charged on the books of the estate against himself.

It is charged that the balance due from Colburn when he ceased to be treasurer of the estate amounted to \$18,500.48 and this with the interest on the yearly business due, amounting to \$4,153.19, brings the total alleged indebtedness to \$21,653.67.

WOMAN TAKES POISON BUT IS RESUSCITATED

A verbal fight, which nearly turned into a hair pulling and fist mauling scrap between two sisters, because one sister had directed some telling descriptive invective at the husband of the other sister, resulted in Mrs. Mary Henries taking a small dose of cyanide at her home in the Territorial Rooming House Thursday night, according to a police report.

The woman took the poison shortly after eight o'clock, but it was late a night before it was reported to the police. The would-be suicide was at tended to at her room by Dr. K. Han chett, and she recovered soon after words.

The report says Ida Flores, a sister of Mrs. Henries, called her sister's husband a louse and a number of unprintable terms. The wife of the attacked husband went to his assistance and very soon afterwards the sisters had established a warlike status which lack of breath kept them from continuing with their fight, it is alleged.

A few minutes later Mrs. Henries took the compound and the doctor had to be called. The husband of Mrs. Henries is attached to the Ordnance Department, Fort Shafter.

FRANCIS IN STOCKHOLM TELLS ABOUT RUMORS

WASHINGTON, February 9—(Associated Press).—After a silence since last Saturday the department of state today from David R. Francis, ambassador at Stockholm. It had assumed that he was at his post in Petrograd but the despatch came from Stockholm. He told the state department of unconfirmed rumors which had come to his ears of the Allied missions having been expelled from Petrograd by the Bolsheviks.

PACIFIC COASTWISE SHIPPING WANTED BY GOVERNMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS

Another Million Tons Wanted At Once and Imports Are To Be Cut Down To Essentials To Provide Them

WASHINGTON, February 9—(Associated Press)—Another million tons of American shipping is to be commandeered before the end of this month by the government, the greater part of this tonnage to be obtained by taking into the government service the shipping now engaged in coastwise trade on the Pacific and in the South American trade.

These ships are to be diverted to the Atlantic service in connection with the transportation of troops and supplies to France.

This was announced yesterday, following a second conference at the White House between the President and Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board. It had been foreshadowed by a statement on Monday that Chairman Hurley had urged the President to order a reduction upon imports, eliminating all non-essentials, and thus make possible the use of more shipping for military transport purposes.

The plan of Chairman Hurley has now been formally adopted by the President, the announcement yesterday showing that the administration has decided to go even further than the original proposal. Chairman Hurley suggested that all imports be licensed and that the purchase abroad of materials not essential to the winning of the war be discouraged. The plan as made public yesterday is to license both imports and exports, of all kinds, and to cut down imports by one-half at least.

This will permit the taking over of a large number of ships, while the transportation of freight along coastwise runs in the Pacific will be diverted to the railroads, thus liberating other ships for government use.

The licensing of imports and exports will become effective on February 28, at which time the commandeering of the then available tonnage will be put under way.

BOLSHEVIKI PEACE PLAN IS GIVEN UP

Indications Are Central Powers Will Seek To Stir Opposition To Their Rule

AMSTERDAM, February 9—(Associated Press)—Hope of securing a peace with the Bolshevik government has evidently been completely abandoned by the governments of the Central Powers and it now appears to be their purpose to foment opposition to the Bolshevik plans and purposes and by so doing to secure a peace with their opponents, chiefly outstanding into the plans being Rumania and the Ukraine.

Reports of an agreement between the Delegations of the Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk came yesterday in a despatch from Berlin which quoted the *Bourne Gazette* as saying that such an agreement on terms of peace with Rumania had been reached. Confirmation of this was found in the *Essener Allgemeine Zeitung* and in the *Southwestern Besarabia* in the annexation of Dubrudnja by Bulgaria.

This newspaper suggests that Rumania and the Ukraine make common cause against their common enemy, the Bolsheviks.

Indications of the troubles which the Bolsheviks have are found in the news from Stockholm of the defeat of the Red Guard and its Bolshevik reinforcements in Finland where the forces of general Mannerheim won in a battle near Tammerfors killing more than 3,000.

Nessin Y. Bay, the Turkish foreign minister told the chamber of deputies of Turkey that the government is in perfect accord with the attitudes of Germany and Austria toward peace as they were expressed in the recent speeches of von Hertling and of Czernin.

TUSCANIA LOSSES OVER TWO HUNDRED

List of Those Lost Not Expected For Several Days

WASHINGTON, February 9—(Associated Press).—Total losses resulting from the torpedoing of the troopship *Tuscania* are placed at 210 in the latest estimates. The war department has not changed its figures of 113 of the American soldiers missing while the loss to officers and crew of the ship, and to passengers other than those members of the army is placed at 107. It is expected that several days will elapse before the issuance of the official casualty list.

All possible for the comfort of the survivors is being done by Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. representatives who went to Ireland on Thursday.

The loss to the crew was proportionately larger than to the troops for the reason that many were caught by the explosion while on duty in an exposed position and from the fact they permitted the passengers to leave the ship before leaving themselves.

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AUSTRIAN CABINET IS TOLD TO STAY ON

Emperor Charles Refuses To Accept Resignation Brought About By Strong Opposition

ZURICH, February 9—(Associated Press).—Emperor Charles of Austria has declined to accept the resignations of Premier von Seydler and other members of his cabinet, according to despatches which came from Vienna last night. They are explicitly instructed to retain their offices.

The resignation of the Austrian cabinet following so quickly after the resignation of the Hungarian government and the forming of a new cabinet there has given rise to many surmises. It is understood to have been directly occasioned by the Polish deputies in the Reichsrath who have been opposing special debates on the provisional budget in opposition to the demands for a full discussion by the government. A strong opposition to the government program has come from the same sources and other sources which their influence goes to control and has made a government majority precarious in a number of instances.

DISCLOSURES TELL TEUTON INTRIGUE

PARIS, February 9—(Associated Press).—Documents tending to involve the German government in the fomenting of plots by the Bolsheviks which finally resulted in the wishes of the Germans for the overthrow of Kerensky whom they knew to be their inevitable enemy, were published yesterday in *Petit Parisienne* in the course of the series of exposures which that popular journal is publishing.

The documents show the interest which Berlin took in the conspiracies in Petrograd and the financial support given. They include a circular, dated March, 1917, from the German imperial bank, instructing its representatives in Switzerland to honor all money demands by Nicolai Lenin and Leon Trotsky, prime leaders in the Bolsheviks, and their right-hand assistants Zinovief, Kamaneff and others.

UNITED STATES GRAND JURY INDICTS MANY

SACRAMENTO, February 9—(Associated Press).—Indictments charging conspiracy in fifty-five persons were handed down by the United States grand jury in the federal court here yesterday. The charge is conspiracy with William D. Haywood, one time labor leader but now secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World to hinder the United States in the operation of its laws and in the prosecution of the war.

Forty-six arrests had been made up to last evening. Efforts have been made to connect up the attempts upon the life of Governor Stephens with this conspiracy because of his activities in seeking the prosecution of I. W. W. leaders and others connected with it and kindred organizations.

Marked Improvement In Condition of Roosevelt Seen

Physicians Issue Encouraging Reports Late Last Night; Anxiety of Country Shown In Many Telegrams Sent From All Sections

NEW YORK, February 9—(Associated Press).—Marked improvement in the condition of former President Roosevelt was announced by his physicians last night as they left the hospital after a call at his bedside. He was doing well, they said and his pulse and temperature were normal.

The report of last night followed a day of satisfactory progress for the former President. Following a fairly restful night, Thursday, his temperature lowered and pulse became normal yesterday morning and the inflammation which it was feared might extend into the inner ear had somewhat abated. His improvement continued throughout the day.

The expression of his physicians Thursday night that they were "hopeful" gave rise to considerable alarm throughout the country and messages of inquiry and sympathy arrived yesterday from all directions. Among these was a telegram from President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson to Mrs. Roosevelt which said:

"May we not express our warmest sympathy and the sincere hope that Mr. Roosevelt's condition is improving."

NON-CITIZENS MAY BE BARRED AT POLLS

WASHINGTON, February 9—(Associated Press).—To meet the situation which has been found to exist in some of the states, especially in Wisconsin where residents of foreign birth are permitted to vote after having taken out their first citizenship papers, or declaration of intention to apply for citizenship, Senator Kenyon of Iowa yesterday introduced a proposed constitutional amendment which would restrict the right of suffrage in elections of presidential electors, United States senators and representatives in congress to native born citizens of the United States and such persons of foreign birth as shall have secured their final naturalization papers.

In the course of the operation of the Selective Draft Law it was found that in Iowa there were many persons who were claiming exemption from service by reason of their foreign birth who had been exercising the right of suffrage for several years.

SUSPECTED SPY FOUND IN CABIN OF LINER

ATLANTIC PORT, February 9—(Associated Press).—Among the cabin passengers of the Dutch liner *Nien Amsterdam* which arrived here yesterday was a man who is believed to be a German spy. Immediately upon his attempt to land he was detained and subjected to a severe examination. Later he was taken away in custody of federal secret service officials.

HUN CONSPIRATORS WORK IN ARGENTINE

Railroad Strikes Are Fomented At Harvest Time To Prevent Moving of Crops

WASHINGTON, February 9—(Associated Press).—Indications that the hirings of Wilhelmstrasse are undertaking in Argentina a propaganda campaign similar to that which they conducted in this country before its entry into the war were to be found in the despatches which were received last night from the Associated Press correspondent at Buenos Aires. These despatches told of the serious railroad strikes that had been fomented and brought about by Teuton propaganda just at the time for the harvesting and movement of the grain crops.

A general strike has been called of the employees of the Central Cordoba Railway, the despatch said, and added that it was expected that the employees of two other railroads would strike today. Troops were being called out and hastily mobilized to guard the grain fields.

COMMISSION TO HELP FARMERS IS DESIRED

WASHINGTON, February 9—(Associated Press).—Delegates from various "War Loan" organizations yesterday called at the White House and urged President Wilson to appoint a commission to serve both the government and the agricultural interests of the country in helping to solve many of the problems which confront those engaged in agriculture and food production especially in relation to the labor situation.

President Wilson promised the delegation he would take the request under consideration.

WAR TRADE BOARDS FOR CLOSER UNITY

OTTAWA, February 9—(Associated Press).—Closer cooperation between Canada and the United States and a better coordination of efforts in the prosecution of the war and similar matters growing from the war is designed in the appointment of a "War Trade Board" which was created yesterday similar in nature and powers to the war trade board of the United States.