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WOMEN FIGHT WOMEN IN DESPERATE BATTLE ON WESTERN FRONT; COMMANDS DECEMATED

Only Handful Remains of Fearless Russian Detachment; German Women Show Equal Contempt for Danger.

London, July 28.—Women are fighting women on the battle front in the east. This news comes from Petrograd in dispatches which state that when Vera Butchkaeff's "Command of Death" entered it's first action last Wednesday it found that German women were fighting side by side with men in the hostile trenches. A number of these Amazons were captured.

Of the original 200 Russian women in the "Command of Death" only fifty are left. The commander, Vera Butchkaeff and her chief aide, Marya Skrydloff, daughter of the former minister of marine, are both wounded. Twenty were killed, eight captured and the rest are wounded.

Women Soldiers Jeered.
The battle of women forms one of the most picturesque phases of the war and the heroism and success of the Russian women fighters is accepted in Petrograd as proof that women are as valuable on the battle line as men. Indeed, the heavy losses of the little contingent was due to the treason of male soldiers who deserted from the supporting trenches, leaving the women to face the Germans alone.

The Russian women's battalion underwent the greatest hardships, not only in the actual fighting, but on their way to the front, according to stories told by wounded girls who have been brought back from the front lines to be placed in hospitals. Their heroism under fire was wonderful. Their dash and elation and their fearlessness under fire make a new chapter of the war.

The girls were sent to the front after they had demanded from Premier Kerensky that they be allowed to fight in long trains of stripped coaches. Wooden benches had been placed along the walls. The journey was long and tiresome. Word of the women soldiers coming had preceded them and they were greeted by jeering hooting crowds along the route. The girls had their answers ready to the cries of the station crowds.

Surprise for Enemy.
"What do you think you're going to do?" The jeers would go. "Why are you fighting?"

"Back would come the answer, hot with scorn. "All we wanted was to help save the fatherland," said a wounded girl. "Women have as much place at the front as men. It is our country too."

back of the lines on the northern front. On their arrival there they were hooted by the male soldiers, who later tried to force themselves into the women's camps. It was plain that the men had no idea the women really expected to fight; they believed them to be merely camp followers and their cries showed as much. It was only after a band of male soldiers had been driven from the women's quarters at the bayonet point that they changed their view.

The girls drilled every day rain or shine and bathed in a river near the camp. While half of the battalion bathed the others had to maintain a strict guard to keep the male soldiers away.

Then came wearying days of waiting. The commanders would not allow the girls to go to the front. It was only after great influences had been used that the order sending them to the trenches was given.

They greeted the order with cheers and in their first action advanced singing songs of home. Their voices reached the German trenches and the sound of women singing so surprised the defenders that they were beaten back before they could regain their composure. As a result, a number of prisoners were taken.

The women of the "Command of Death" came from every branch and class of society. University students, girls from some of the most noted families of Russia, professional women, working women and peasants all were included in the membership.

"All we wanted was to help save the fatherland," said a wounded girl. "Women have as much place at the front as men. It is our country too."

President Warns Exemption Boards TO SHOW NO FAVORITISM IN DRAFT

Strict Interpretation of Rules Means Married Men Will Not Be Excused as a Class.

President Wilson last night declared there must be no favored class in exemption from the draft. He calls on all Federal departmental officers to see that only unreplaceable civil servants are exempted. He prescribes the most minute regulations for carrying the order out. Each Cabinet officer will be held responsible for the exemptions in his own department.

At the same time Gen. Crowder issued a statement indicating that no man would be exempt for merely personal reasons.

"It is earnestly hoped," he says, "that, acting in the same spirit as the Federal Department officials, all citizens who may be called upon, as employers, under section 44 of the regulations, to make affidavit for securing the discharge of persons deemed to be indispensable to national industrial interests during the emergency, will exempt them with conscientious and scrupulous caution to the end that there will appear to be no favored or exempted class among the citizens called by the law to the national defense."

Urges Careful Selection.
The declaration of the President will end the hopes of hundreds of young men who came to Washington and accepted any sort of menial occupation in the departments believing this would relieve them of military duty.

Gen. Crowder, in charge of the draft, accompanies further instructions to the exemption boards, sent out last night, with a serious appeal to perform the high duty entrusted to them.

"Remember," he tells the boards, "the selected man offers his life. There is no greater giving than this. For a man to be exempted from the draft is made for individual convenience."

Miss De Wolfe Has Charge of "Ambrine Hospital."
BY C. F. BERTELLI.
Paris, July 28.—(By mail to New York, July 28.)—Miss Elsie De Wolfe, whose name is widely known in both France and America because of her hospital work for the French armies, has returned to the front at Compiègne to resume her labors in her "ambrine hospital."

Ambrine is a substance used in the treatment of terrible burns caused by the German liquid fire. Miss De Wolfe says a wonderful amount of good already has been accomplished through this method of treatment and that the hospital has discharged as completely cured a large number of men who otherwise would have been disgraced for life.

With the first application of ambrine the fearful pain of the burns eases the patient and the solution causes new skin and tissues to develop. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bidde contributed to the ambrine hospital in the work of the ambrine hospital and another has been contributed by Mrs. Tower Reilly, while a third arrived from an anonymous source.

A number of ambulances have been contributed to this cause as a result of Miss De Wolfe's direct appeals to America and England, each automobile bearing the name of the donor. The last group that left for the front bore the names of Cyril Maude, the London laboratory of Ambrine, John Magee, of New York, Mrs. Marshall Field, of Chicago, Dr. J. C. and Company, and Clarence H. Mackay.

New York Factory Is Producer of Infected Article.
Agents of the Department of Justice have traced supplies of court plaster, some of which has been found to be infected with tetanus germs, to a factory in New York, it was learned yesterday, and the search for the men behind the conspiracy is being centered largely in that city.

A small laboratory is understood to be under surveillance, and it is believed the plaster is treated with the poison germs here and then sent to a central distributing point, where heretofore it has been mixed in with legitimate shipments.

Following a warning issued several days ago by Attorney General Gregory against the promiscuous use of court plaster, the department made the further definite announcement that the plaster had been found. The statement reads:

"Without taking any sensational view, the Department of Justice announces that samples of court plaster have been analyzed and found to contain tetanus germs.

"Extreme caution should be taken in the use and purchases of court plaster, and especially the purchase of court plaster from itinerant vendors.

"The samples of court plaster mentioned by Secretary of Commerce Redfield yesterday have been received and will be analyzed."

THE BUSY CONSTABLE



SEEK INCREASE IN WAR BUDGET

Members of Senate Committee Believe \$273,000,000 More Is Needed.

The Senate Finance Committee decided yesterday that the additional \$273,000,000 needed to raise the war revenue bill from \$1,500,000,000 to \$1,773,000,000.

NATION FACES SERIOUS STRIKE

Chicago Carmen Refuse Conciliation and Complete Tie-Up Is Threatened.

Chicago, July 29 (Sunday).—Chicago's strike of switchmen threatens to become a national crisis. James Murdock, who is directing the switchmen's strike and is acting head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, issued this statement at midnight:

Brotherhood men in railroad service will not take scab-switched trains out of Chicago.

Railroad managers became alarmed at the significance, for if carried into effect it would mean a general walk-out of all the brotherhoods and a nearly complete tie-up of traffic.

Leaders of switchmen allied with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen who went on strike against sixteen railroads in Chicago this morning, refused flatly tonight to accept mediation.

As a result, dispatches received from Washington indicated the government would take over the railroads if necessary to prevent delay in transportation of government supplies and to save millions of persons from the danger of famine.

Federal offer of mediation was made to officials of the brotherhood by G. W. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Conciliation. He wired Washington tonight that the situation is hopeless and quit further negotiations.

President's Authority.
The law giving the government the right to take over the railroads was recently enacted. It gives the President authority "in time of national emergency" to take over the railroads if interstate commerce is seriously interfered with.

At some yards tonight conditions were almost normal, but at others transportation was completely crippled.

Commissioners said Chicago had enough supplies on hand to feed for forty-eight hours, but after that time the situation would become most serious.

Railroad heads stated tonight the situation looked "very promising," but the labor chiefs declared at least one of the 100 switchmen in Chicago had quit their jobs.

Hundreds of strike-breakers have poured into Chicago. Railroad officials say that within twenty-four hours the strike will be practically broken.

Under directions from Washington Hinton G. Clabaugh of the Department of Justice began tonight an investigation to determine if the strike is interfering with government war plans.

One thousand policemen have been detailed to guard against trouble. The made by the strikers that negroes are being imported to take their places.

SERVICE FOR ORPHANS.
The children of the Washington Orphanage, Fourteenth and S streets, will attend service at the First Baptist Church, Sixteenth and O streets, today at 2 p. m. Newton Winans, in the absence of the pastor, will conduct the service.

"Sammies" Are Now Known as "Amexes"

Paris, July 28.—The American troops in France have chosen their own sobriquet, according to the Matin today, adopting the name "Amexes."

This was formed by piecing together the first two letters of the words "American Expedition" in a manner similar to that adopted in forming the word "Anzac," by which the Australian and New Zealand troops in the British forces are known.

WEALTHY YOUTH MURDERS GIRL

Kenelon Chase Winslow Slays Companion in Fight Over Watch.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, July 28.—Kenelon Chase Winslow, wealthy country club favorite, Sunday school teacher, tennis and golf expert, idol of his parents, considered a "catch" by the mammas of Elizabeth, N. J., debutante, is in a cell at the Tombs tonight.

The model youth of his home town, Elizabeth, and valued by his employers—the Hooker Electro-Chemical Company, of this city, as a promising young man, of energy and ambition, and one who never took a drink, bound, gagged and killed a woman of the streets in the Remington Hotel, early today. He says he found her attempting to steal his watch, while she supposed he was asleep.

"Model Youth" Story.
Here is the "model youth" story, told as he puffed a borrowed cigarette at police headquarters:

"I don't know anything about this girl. I met her about May 1 at Times Square. This was some time ago, at a reception at the Canadian Club. She had been drinking. I never took a drink in my life. I went to her place and stayed that night."

"I liked her pretty well and saw her three or four times afterward. I think last night was the fourth time. I had an engagement with her for 8 o'clock at the Astor. I met her there with a woman friend and two men. She said she wouldn't keep the engagement."

"Later I saw the four of them at Rector's. I saw one of the men arguing with her. She left him. I spoke to her. She smiled and said she was sorry she had treated me so badly. I told her I would keep this date with her but never again."

"I had registered for both of us at the Remington before I went to the Astor so we went there. I woke up about 3:30 and saw her standing in the middle of the room fully dressed. She was tucking my watch into her pocket. This was some time ago. She had bought me earlier in the evening, enraged me."

Wanted Watch Back.
I jumped out of bed and smashed her on the jaw. I threw her on the bed and hit her. She began screaming. I didn't want to get mixed up in a fight with a woman in a hotel. I lost my head. I saw an ink well on the table. I grabbed it and hit her in the face and on the head."

"She became philosophical. She said she was a woman thief in defense of his property," he said, "and unintentionally kills her. He is a murderer. But if he exists in a society of men he is a hero. Such is life."

"Of course I didn't mean to kill her. I just wanted to get my watch back, but she fought like a tigress."

BOARD IS READY TO BUILD SHIPS

First Step Will Be Appointment of Transportation Committee.

The shipping problems of the United States are to be handled in a thoroughly business-like manner and ships will not be commandeered haphazard, it was learned yesterday from a source close to Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the Shipping Board.

Before any ships are seized or any of the ships now available are made use of a transportation committee will be appointed to direct the movement of every ship afloat in United States waters.

Offers have been made to the biggest shipping men in the country to take the post as head of the transportation committee, and it is likely conferences will be held with several of these men tomorrow. At a meeting of the shipping committee of the Council of National Defense Tuesday morning, the men available for the position will be discussed and some choice likely will be made.

100 Ships Available.
More than 100 ships already are available for the use of the Shipping Board, it was learned yesterday, but no effort is being made to operate them at this time because of the lack of a program and the desire of Chairman Hurley to have the shipping systematized to prevent confusion. He is understood to believe that more harm than good can be done through rushing the ships now available to various points for cargoes, when there may be no cargoes there, or sending them off on journeys when there is no assurance that cargo space can be utilized on the return trip.

"The plan the Shipping Board will put into operation is this," said a high official:

"The most capable shipping man in the country that we can get hold of will be made head of the transportation committee. He will organize his department and then the Shipping Board will inform him of the ships now available and those nearing completion, with the dates when they may be expected to be ready for service. The transportation expert will have at his command the location of cargoes and it will then remain for him to have the ships connect with the cargoes. He also will keep informed as to conditions abroad so that the vessels will not have to return in ballast except in exceptional cases."

THREE MORE KILLED IN CHESTER RIOTING

Deputy Sheriff and Two White Men Slain—More Trouble Expected.

(By the International News Service.)
Chester, Pa., July 28.—A deputy sheriff and two white men were killed in a renewal of the race rioting here tonight. Rioting is still progressing and more trouble is feared. The rioting has had serious consequences. The Raymond Construction Company, one of the largest in the city, discharged all negro employees last night, stating that it could not afford to have labor troubles.

Now that the atmosphere is clearing, there come reports and rumors of political jobbery as being at the bottom of the riots. It is alleged that the rioting is having serious consequences, because in days past he ran a number of "speak eases" in the black section, and so felt kindly disposed toward his former customers. This, it is said, enraged the white population.

GERMANS IN AIR RAID DROP BOMBS NEAR PARIS

Attack of Hun Aviators Repulsed Without Loss, According to Reports from French Capital.

(By International News Service.)
London, July 28.—For the first time since January, 1916, the Germans have attempted an air raid on Paris.

The raid was made by a squadron of aeroplanes. Bombs were dropped. A German statement claims that hits were observed at railway stations and military establishments, adding that all the German machines returned safely.

A statement from Paris asserts that only two bombs were dropped "near the city."

CENSORS AGAIN PUT UNDER FIRE

Rules Go Awry When News Service Publishes War Report.

Over the dispatches announcing the arrival of another contingent of American troops "at a European port," a curiously tangled situation existed yesterday, with the Associated Press, alone of the news service, disagreeing with the War Department regarding the request of the War Department that the news be "killed" and its publication withheld.

The United Press and the International News Service submitted their own dispatches to the War Department and observed the request that they be not used. The Associated Press, which, as usual, has managed to preserve its capacity for clear thinking and consistent action throughout all the frightful muddle which has made Washington censorship ridiculous, declined to recall the dispatch, which it had received in the early morning and had distributed among its clients.

In a statement issued last night the Associated Press made out an unavailability case for itself. First of all, it pointed out that an agreement had been reached between the United States, France, and Great Britain, whereby the official censors at the other end should pass upon all press cables to America. The fact that the dispatch had been passed by the censors indicated that no objection was made to its publication by the men who the press had been given to understand, had reached an agreement with the American government as to censorship of all cable dispatches.

Furthermore, the dispatch did not "betray the location or description of the troops," nor conflict with the stipulations made by the Secretary of War Baker in his statement of July 5. The other services took the stand that the request of the War Department should be observed, whatever the logic of the case, and did not recede from this position despite the action of the competitive service.

Whether there will be another censorship "blow-up" as a result of the incident is too early to say, but it is clear that the mismanagement of the whole question of military information has undergone no diminution.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED AT BATHING BEACH

Wade D. Harley Loses Life in Unaccountable Manner.

Wade D. Harley, 21 years old, employed in the Washington Navy Yard, was mysteriously drowned yesterday afternoon in the Tidal Basin, near Willis' Bathhouse.

Harley accompanied by his roommate, Allen C. Seeger, 23 years old, went to the bathing beach, conducted by William J. Wells, at the foot of the National Hotel, near the Tidal Basin, and entering the bathing suits, the two young men entered the basin from the float where several hundred young men were swimming and Seeger worked in the navy yard. They came here some time ago from Yellow Springs, five miles from Frederick, Md.

After a fruitless effort to locate his friend, he reported the matter to the bathing beach people.

At 5 o'clock, after all the bath-rooms had been vacated, the clothing of young Harley was found in his bathroom. No one at the beach, so far as could be learned, saw the young man sink or make an struggle or heard any outcry for help.

The body was recovered last night at 8 o'clock by a crew of the harbor police patrol. It will be shipped to Frederick, the home of the dead man, Harley and Seeger worked in the navy yard. They came here some time ago from Yellow Springs, five miles from Frederick, Md.

ADMIRAL LUCE DIES

Newport, R. I., July 28.—Rear Admiral Stephen B. Luce, U. S. N., died at his home here today, aged 90 years.

Admiral Luce, who had been on the retired list since March 2, 1888, was the founder of the Naval War College. He also was one of the strongest supporters of the naval training system.

ARREST PROPRIETOR OF AVENUE HOTEL

Four Taken Into Custody for Selling Liquor to Uniformed Men.

The initial move of police headquarters to put an end to the sale of intoxicants to soldiers, sailors and marines in uniform, which has been planned for the past week, resulted last night in the arrest of the proprietor of the National Hotel and a porter gazed at that house. Two similar arrests, a barkeeper and the proprietor, were made in Georgetown.

Max Pulimins, superintendent of police, said after the arrests had been made that the department purpose to make a clean up of the offenders and enforce the law. He intimated that other arrests would be made as the people higher up in the traffic was to follow quickly.

Thomas Kenny Ruth, 41 years old, manager of the National Hotel, and John Wiley Egan, colored, 32 years old, 629 M street northwest, a porter employed at the hotel, were arrested charged with violating an act of Congress approved May 28, 1917, section 18, which makes it an offense punishable with heavy fine or imprisonment or both, in the discretion of the court, to sell to or give to soldiers, sailors or marines in uniform intoxicant liquor.

In the National Hotel case Maj. Pullman said attention to the case was attracted Saturday night a week ago when probably one hundred soldiers and marines were guests of the hotel, it being alleged that liquor in half pint bottles was generously sent to the rooms of the soldiers and marines for which 50 cents a bottle was charged.

Alexandria, Va., July 28.—E. V. Taxton, of 1226 D street northwest, Washington, was struck from a Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train at Alexandria, Va., by the Alexandria police at midnight and detained at police headquarters in default of \$1,000 bail on a charge of violation of the Reed "bone dry" law. The arrest was made at the instigation of an agent of the Department of Justice, in Washington. A satchel under Taxton's seat, when arrested contained a number of bottles of liquor and beer which he denied belonged to him.

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