

ITALIANS' MORALE EXCELLENT, SAYS DR. HUTCHINSON

By NEWTON C. PARKER. (U. S. Staff Correspondent.) FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 8.—All the people of Italy are just as firmly united in support of the government's war program as the people of France, England or any other of the allied nations, according to a declaration made today by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, famous American physician, who has just returned from a visit to Italy and the Italian front. Dr. Hutchinson, who is now visiting the American camp, said that the brilliant successes of the Italians on the Isonzo front in the present burst of fighting had been a severe setback to the Socialists.

"They have been a set-back for the pacifists as well," continued Dr. Hutchinson. "The Italian people are enthusiastic and are confident that General Cadorna will soon cut his way through to Trieste. At the outbreak of the war, Italy was unprepared industrially to supply a large army with munitions, clothing, and other supplies. That resulted partly from German machinations, but now Italy is splendidly equipped, and the whole war machine is moving with the precision of clock-work.

GERMANS WATCH FOR SEA AND AIR ATTACKS

Germany's naval operations against Russia were regarded here today as designed both to aid toward the capture of Petrograd and to clear the Baltic sea so as to have a solid defensive front in event of a naval-aerial attack against Germany.

The thing American naval officers fear is that Germany will be able to augment her fleet by capturing some of the Russian ships, but they expressed the hope today that if a battle occurs and the Russians are bested, they will blow up their ships rather than let them fall into German hands.

KAISER GOES TO RIGA; CELEBRATES VICTORY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—Kaiser Wilhelm is in Riga, celebrating the capture of the Russian Baltic seaport, according to dispatches received from Berlin today. The German Emperor reviewed his victorious troops there, and distributed numerous decorations. He also announced appointment of General von Alten as governor of the city.

MARCH ON PETROGRAD THIS YEAR IS SCOUTED

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—The Germans are unlikely to continue their offensive toward Petrograd this year, according to "an important personality" quoted today by the Berlin correspondent of the Politiken.

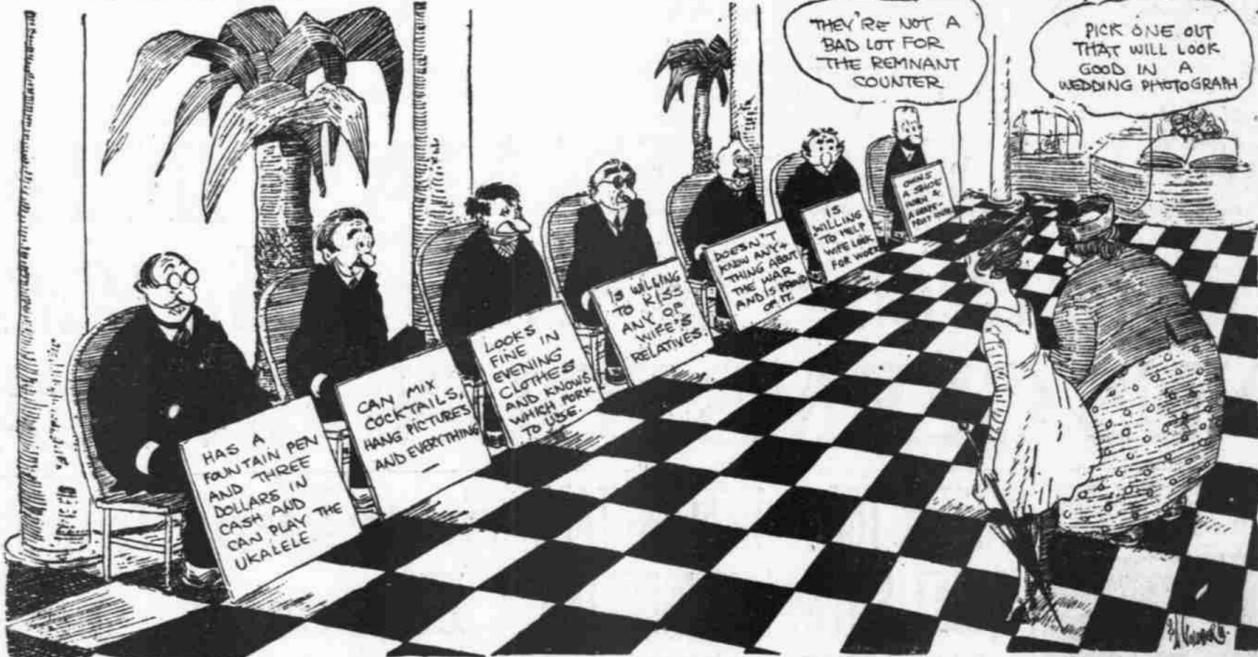


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AMERICAN TROOPS BRING CLEANLINESS TO FRENCH TOWNS

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Sept. 8.—"Here, madame! Nix on that, see you play." That's our own American soldier speaking in French. "Pas tres non-bon, premiere thing you know there'll be brass files bossing around and then we'll all be mort a typhoid."

A soldier from the States is standing in the doorway of the little white washed French cottage where he makes his home during the training period, and madame, her dripping dishpan held under one arm, is beginning to understand.

She "Gets" Him From his lingo she gathers that throwing dishwater into the doorway is one of the little things one doesn't do in America. The soldier takes the dishpan from her, walks to the edge of the street and goes through the motion of pouring its contents into the gutter.

Cleanliness came in the extreme degree—and came to stay. Whitewash buckets appeared and the smudgy gray of old whitewash smiled anew in the brilliant sunlight. And sanitation came to the barnyard.

Get What They Want. On the other hand, the American soldier has a speaking acquaintance with the waitress at the village hotel. When he drops in during the evening and asks for "trois hard-boiled oofs, avec pain et chocolah, tout-sweet," she comes back with a smiling "Sure Mike," and brings in the desired nourishment plenty quick.

HAIG REPORTS RAIDS AND PATROL FIGHTING

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Raids and patrol fighting was all Field Marshal Haig had to report from the front today. "In the neighborhood of Gavrelle," he said, "we carried out a small successful raid at night."

PENN. KEY MEN VOTE MINIMUM WAGE STRIKE

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 8.—Two hundred Pennsylvania railroad telegraphers of this division voted to strike today. The men demand a minimum wage of \$3 a day, time-and-a-half for holidays and Sundays, and two relief days with pay monthly. The minimum wage at present is \$67.35 a month.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ALONG RIGA FRONT EVADE CAPTURE

Despite difficult conditions, Russian troops on the Riga front have succeeded in extricating themselves and are now retiring upon a straight line between Revel and Venden, Premier's thing you know there'll be brass files bossing around and then we'll all be mort a typhoid.

German attempts to bottle up the Russians within the narrow, two-mile neck between Lakes Kish and Gegel have failed. The straightening of the Russian line has abolished all dangerous salients and the possibility of flank attacks, the cables said.

Drive in Three Directions. The German drive from Riga extends in three directions, toward Dvinsk, along the coast, and in the direction of Pskov. Only along the coast have the Teutons been able to make any progress, cables say.

General Alexieff, former commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, declares Petrograd will not fall, but warns against possible strong German attacks at Mordavia. He urges particular concentration on that front to prevent the Germans from capturing the rest of Rumania and opening the road to Kishineff, Kiev, and Odessa.

In view of the menace to Petrograd, the cables to the embassy stated, a special commission has been appointed for the defense of the capital. The civil authorities of Petrograd are under control of this commission. The garrison of Petrograd has been placed under direct control of General Korniloff, commander-in-chief.

Kerensky Praises Troops. Premier Kerensky has issued a message to all Russian officers, praising them for the bravery they have shown at the front and their loyalty to the revolution in the face of insults from their men and general disorganization.

All Russian grand dukes have been placed under strict surveillance. The embassy advised, however, denied the existence of any concrete counter-revolutionary plot to restore the monarchy.

BIG GERMAN FLEET SIGHTED IN BALTIC

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 8.—A heavy force of German warships, accompanied by submarines, has been sighted steaming through the Baltic, said a dispatch to the newspaper Sydsvenska Dagbladet today. The vanguard of the fleet is made up of torpedo boats and submarines. The squadron is said to consist of part of the German high seas fleet. An attack upon the naval bases defending Petrograd is expected.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS BRITISH

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Today's British official statement says: In patrol fighting on the Ypres front last night the enemy suffered considerable casualties northeast of St. Julien. In the neighborhood of Gavrelle a successful raid was carried out by a small party of our troops.

Langemarck was heavily shelled by the enemy yesterday evening, and there was some hostile artillery activity at other points later in the night. No infantry action developed.

Belgian. HAVRE, Sept. 8.—The Belgian war office issued the following report today: The Germans have retreated to the south bank of the Kelmber river, in east Africa, before a successful raid was effected. The convergent advances of Belgian and British troops.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The Italian offensive on the Carso and Isonzo fronts is developing into one of the decisive engagements of the war. More than 30,000 Austrians have been taken prisoners already, and fighting is still under furious headway over practically the entire battle line.

Latest dispatches describe the Brestovizza valley, where the Italians are battling for the possession of Mount Hermada, so-called "key to Trieste," as a veritable inferno with "thousands of guns pouring shells from all directions into it," and heavy columns of infantry attacking and counter attacking almost incessantly.

The war office report from Rome says that the operations north-east of Gorizia are reaching a "decisive" stage, which is plainly meant to give the impression that the Italians are gaining their immediate objective in that theater of action.

On the Bainsizza plateau, the Austrians appear to have abandoned their attempt to hurl the enemy from his newly won positions and to have retired to their elevated positions such as Cercek, Dragna, and Voink, all about 1,000 feet high along the eastern ridge of the plain for a purely defensive fight.

The Austrian plan seems to be centered in an effort to check the Italian march toward Trieste on the Carso. Their picked troops are being thrown into that field of action in constantly augmented numbers.

The Russian retreat from Riga continues unchecked. Berlin reports engagements between German cavalry and rear guard detachments of the fleeing army as far as forty miles to the east of the abandoned fortress.

The latest official statement from Petrograd denied the report that German warships had appeared in the Gulf of Riga. The presence of U-boats there, however, is admitted. Three small towns on the coast between Riga and Pernau have been shelled by the submarines.

Violent artillery fighting is in progress on the Champagne and Verdun fronts in France. No infantry action of importance has taken place in the west during the last thirty-six hours.

JUNKMAN HELD ON BRIBERY CHARGE BY PROSECUTOR

Albert Taylor, a junk dealer, of 1111 Good Hope road southeast, for whom a warrant was issued on a charge of attempting to bribe Commonwealth Attorney Frank L. Ball, of Alexandria today. Taylor has not yet offered bail. He was arrested in Anacostia yesterday, and was taken to the Virginia jail immediately.

It is alleged that Taylor offered Ball \$200 if he would drop the case against Edward Ellison, another local junk dealer, who is under indictment in connection with the theft of shoes from the Alexandria freight yards several months ago.

Police Captain Involved. The arrest of Taylor was another chapter in the Ellison case, which has resulted in the filing of charges against Capt. Henry Schneider, of the Washington police, who, it is alleged, also went to Ball in behalf of Ellison.

Schneider will be tried by a police trial board in the District building Tuesday morning, on a charge of conduct prejudicial to the good order and reputation of the police force.

According to local police who assisted in investigating the case, Taylor met and talked with Ball on several occasions about the Ellison case, and on one occasion is said to have told Ball that "a package" was waiting for him at the office of a local attorney.

Taylor Had Witnesses. Although Ball never called at the attorney's office, he is said to have received a telephone call, reminding him that "a package" was there for him.

Hill, it is said, had witnesses follow him every time he saw and talked with Taylor.

Picks Ohio's Food Head. The name of Fred C. Croxton, Columbus, Ohio, as Ohio food administrator, today was sent to President Wilson for the approval by Food Administrator Hoover.

U. S. TO DEMAND FALL OF KAISER, OFFICIALS HINT

By ROBERT J. BENDER. (Copyright, 1917, by the United Press.) Full suffrage for a Germany rid of Hohenzollernism, right of disputed territories to speak for their own future, and restitution and restoration for those countries trodden under foot during the war will bring peace. Nothing short of this can terminate the war, according to the will of the highest authority.

To clear up the confusion created by the State Department's recent announcement in apparent conflict with President Wilson's reply to the Pope, the United Press sought and obtained today a semi-official interpretation of the Administration's actual attitude, an interpretation vouched for by the highest authority.

The Allies cannot talk peace with the Hohenzollerns, in the opinion of Administration officials. The German people should act promptly to eliminate entirely this dynasty and abandon all absolutistic rule, if they are not to go on indefinitely.

Bluff reform, such as merely making the Kaiser subject to the will of the Reichstag, is not sufficient. There must be a clear knowledge among the allies of full responsibility of the Germanic powers to their people.

Important Point. Acceptability of Germany's internal reforms will not depend upon the decision of the United States, or England, or France, but must be such as would be justified in accepting peace. This point, it is stated, is one of the most important in the President's reply to the Pope. It means, in fact, that the United States believes all the allies and the rest of the world should sit as a court of judgment on Germany's internal reforms.

The United States will be guided in its peace opinion largely by nations which have had the most experience with Germany—France for example. France believes it would be madness to enter peace negotiations with the Kaiser. So does the United States.

When President Wilson said peace must rest upon the rights of people, great and small—not upon governments—he meant it literally, and that point applies directly to his utterance against dismemberment of empires.

It is declared that Alsace-Lorraine, Bosnia-Herzegovina—even Schleswig-Holstein, wrested by Germany from Denmark in 1866—do not constitute integral parts of the body and soul of Germany and Austria.

Bohemia and Herzegovina, for instance, are understood to desire a berth in the proposed Yugoslav state, the nucleus of which is Serbia and Montenegro. At the same time Dalmatia, Fiume, Istria, Trieste, and Gorizia, upon which Italy has designs, also desire entrance into this state—and the official view here is that these states also be allowed to determine their respective fates.

There must, of course, be autonomy for Poland and restoration and restitution for Belgium, neutralization of

POINCARE REVIEWS PERSHING'S ARMY IN FIGHTING ARRAY

By Heywood Brown. (Special Copyright Cable to The Times.) CONTROLE AMERICAIN, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, Sept. 8.—French generals and all their splendid aides attended their hour together yesterday and stood at attention as a civilian passed by. He was a short, stoutish man in blue serge knickerbockers and a dark yachting cap. It seemed a secondary sort of costume and headgear in a group loaded down with gold braid and valor medals, but their swords flashed for the more in the yachting cap, and a great general saw him into his car, for the stoutish visitor was the President of the French Republic.

M. Poincare came with Generals Petain and Pershing to visit the American camp. He was accompanied by another civilian who seemed to attract much attention, although he wore no distinguishing brassard or military insignia of any kind. This man was a professor of mathematics, who just now is minister of war. M. Painleve was perhaps even less jaunty in appearance than President Poincare, for his hat was a derby and his trousers the conventional black.

Still there was the car that led the way to the parade ground. On a great bleak plateau the Americans marched by, looking very business-like under their steel helmets and with their gas masks at their sides. It was a smooth review, and even the mules behaved as they should. It might be hazarded that the pack animals knew the President was watching and acted accordingly, but these were American mules and never heard of M. Poincare.

As soon as the troops marched by General Pershing sent orders for all officers to assemble. They gathered in a great half circle before the President, who spoke to them slowly and with much earnestness. Indeed, he spoke so slowly that fair scholars could follow his discourse, though such words as "Lafayette," "President Wilson" and "la guerre" listened with apparent interest.

By Goldberg



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D. C. YOUTH TRAINING FOR LAFAYETTE UNIT

Chester Snow, Jr., Writes of Experiences in France. An urgent need of the American aviator seeking service in France is the ability to speak French fluently, according to a letter received from Chester Snow, Jr., nineteen, son of a prominent Washington attorney. Young Snow has written his father of some interesting experiences en route from America to his destination somewhere on the other side.

Mr. Snow says that his ability to speak and understand French was a great boon, inasmuch as lectures at the School of the Lafayette escadrille are given in French.

In his letter, Mr. Snow vividly depicted the precautionary measures undertaken by crew and passengers of ships passing through the submarine zone. He says that those on his ship constantly were life belts when in the danger waters. Many of the passengers remained awake the last two days of the journey from America.

Mr. Snow successfully passed the physical examination of the French flying squadron, and also took the examination for the American corps.

WHEN EDUCATION HELPS. "A college education is a great thing for a man," remarked Jones. "Yes," replied Smith, "I find that my football experience often assists me when I am trying to get a seat on a crowded street car.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

SLAV RETIREMENT FROM RIGA SLOWS, SAYS KROPOTKIN

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—The Russian retirement from Riga is slowing down, Colonel Kropotkin reported to the government today from his headquarters on the northern front. The fortress of Dvinsk, on the Dvina river, will be defended to the last man, it was declared.

Colonel Kropotkin denied reports that the fortress had been bombarded. (Press reports that Dvinsk had been shelled by the Germans were published in Berlin and other European cities as well as in America.)

Reports as to Dvinsk and the slowing down of the Russian retreat were received by Colonel Podgusky, commander of the army. Colonel Kropotkin made his report verbally over the long-distance telephone.

Colonel Kropotkin is president of the central army committee. The Russians are occupying new positions that had been fortified in advance. The Germans are hampered by the difficult marshy ground they are compelled to traverse, and by the fact that their infantry and cavalry have outdistanced their artillery.

THE ARID BELT. "Any snakes around here?" "Yes, but we're bone dry, stranger. You're wasting your time getting bit up."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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