

An Idiot's Body. Worse Russian News. In Prussia Too Much. In Russia Too Little.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

The most dreadful results of the war—for this year at least—will be felt in Russia. Lord Robert Cecil, England's assistant foreign secretary, and well informed, predicts that TWENTY MILLIONS may die of famine and plague next winter. Hundreds die daily in Petrograd now, and the pestilence has reached Moscow—despite German rule.

A nation without a government is like an idiot. The body is there and strong, but it is helpless and must succumb to hunger and disease unless help comes from without.

"Vast populations within a few miles of the most fertile regions are in imminent risk of starvation."

While theorists quarrel among themselves and deliver their country to Prussia, the plague creeps from city to city, and "Russia is face to face with the most terrible disaster that any people has ever experienced. Asiatic cholera and typhus in all its forms are raging. The mortality must be fearfully high."

Today's horror is only the beginning.

L. W. W. leaders, so called, and anarchists generally, who demand that they are pleased to call freedom by doing away with all government, may profitably study Russia.

If the feet rebel successfully against the brain, and take charge, pity both feet and brain.

In Russia, where the plague is said to have appeared in a hundred isolated places, the trouble on the other hand is too much government.

The motto of Russia, "We want no government, each of us will rule himself as he pleases," leads to famine, pestilence, death, and failure. And the same result threatens in Prussia from the Hohenzollern motto, "We want no freedom here. I represent God and rule you all."

It doesn't pay human beings to give up freedom of the will absolutely, as in Prussia, and become the obedient tools of individual ambitions.

And doesn't pay, as in Russia, to imagine that government is unnecessary, and that the individual possesses some God-given faculty for ruling himself without laws.

Even a wolf in sheep's clothing alley must have its laws and rules.

Count Czernin of Austria, father of a new peace fever, says the fighting nations should talk to some neutral nation and give the neutral nation a chance to bring them together.

It seems hard for Austria and Germany to understand that the allies are only interested thus far in ending the war the right way and have not reached the point of peace discussion.

Francia said: "I can rule the world and I shall." Austria was fool enough to join the Turkish-Bulgarian rift-raft of approval. All of them will have to learn from experience that they were mistaken before any real peace discussion will come.

It is no exaggeration to say that Austria wants and needs peace. You guess it when the Austrian city of Cracow issues a statement warning citizens to look out for themselves as no more criminals can be locked up, and those now in jail, even the most dangerous, will probably have to be set free because the authorities cannot feed them and have not the right to starve them.

Criminals released will find a way to feed themselves which will not please the public. If the Austrian public objects, let it recall the example set in Belgium by Austria's partner, Prussia.

If it is all right for an emperor and his son to take what they want, and break the laws, it must be all right for a half-starved criminal to do the same.

Young Senator James Wadsworth of New York has had his feelings hurt by the suffragettes at the Saratoga Republican convention. He says he hopes "whatever elements may exercise the franchise, it will not ask any man to sacrifice his self-respect." The young Senator from New York will not be disappointed. What women demand is that THEIR self-respect shall not be sacrificed by gentlemen in and out of Congress, who, misled by a clinging-vine anti-suffrage group, would keep women politically on a level with children, idiots, and Indians.

If Mr. Wadsworth will now prove himself a good Republican, by obeying the platform of his party, vote for suffrage, throw a few ashes on his head, and break his anti-suffrage idols, he will be able to start all over again politically. If not, his political path, which hitherto has been a regular shoot-the-chutes delight, will be unpleasant uphill work.

It must have been a surprise to Senator Wadsworth, quite a shock to him and Elmer Root, to see a white-haired woman of middle age, Miss Hay, as chairman of the resolutions committee, in a Republican convention, reading the platform of the party on the convention floor.

This is a period of surprises, and others are coming.

WEATHER: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, continued warm. Temperature at 8 a. m. 74 degrees. Normal temperature on July 23 for the last thirty years, 77 degrees.

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AMERICANS SMASH ON; ENEMY GUNS SILENCED

SIX SELECTED TO TRY GAMBLE AS SLAYER OF JOHN P. WERRES

Alexandria Court Adjourns Until Tomorrow After Half of Panel Is Completed—Validity of Indictment Attacked.

Six jurors were accepted this morning at Alexandria county court house from the first panel of sixteen drawn to hear the case of the Commonwealth against Charles E. Gamble, the first of the two soldiers to go on trial charged with the murder of John P. Werres, the Washington jitney driver. Eleven talesmen were excused because they had formed and expressed an opinion on the case.

After exhausting the first panel court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. In the meantime Deputy Clerk Claude O. Thomas will examine another panel of twenty for examination.

When Judge John P. Goolrick opened court at 10 o'clock, Attorney H. R. Thomas, of counsel for the defense, filed a motion to quash the indictment, contending that it had been irregularly drawn. He contended that the grand jury was not legally drawn, and, therefore, not legally qualified. A lively skirmish followed between Attorney Thomas and Commonwealth Attorney Frank Ball.

The motion was denied the court ruling that no evidence had been submitted further than the mere statement of the attorney. An exception was noted.

The jurors accepted today are: Carl Kerr, Robert N. Rust, J. W. (Continued on Page 15, Column 6.)

WHALEY NAMED TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST MILKMEN

Conrad H. Syms, corporation counsel of the District, today assigned W. H. Whaley, one of his assistants, to take charge of the prosecution of a large number of Washington milk dealers for bringing milk into the District from unlicensed farms and for other violations of the health laws. Mr. Whaley was instructed to prosecute at once to bring cases against these dealers, and to prosecute them to the full extent of the law. This decision, as announced by the Times Saturday, is the outgrowth not only of admissions of milk dealers that they have violated the law, but of evidence collected by health authorities that there have been repeated and consistent violations, to the prejudice and detriment of the health of the people of the District.

500 CHOLERA VICTIMS DAILY. COPENHAGEN, July 23.—There are nearly 500 cholera victims daily in Copenhagen now, according to information from the Russian capital today.

LOST AND FOUND. BLOUSE—Marine, July 21, 6 o'clock, near Chain Bridge, containing Quinoto return ticket, \$1.00, and identification card. Reward if returned to 1117 G St. N. W. 1-2. ORNAMENT—Amber beads, Chesapeake Beach. Mail 1223 O St. N. W. 1-2. POCKETBOOK—On 14th and Decatur car, Sunday, 10:15 a. m., on Pa. ave., containing money, pictures, and valuables. 1222 11th St. N. W. reward. 1-2. SWEATER—Sweater, wool, rose color, in dining room or on grounds at Maryland Hall. Reward, 10c. 1-2. WAIVES—Working girl's, 67 and school tuition receipt, Sunday afternoon, probably on 11th - P St. back leather purse. Reward. Phone N. 2207. 1-2 (Continued on Classified Pages.)

FEDERAL WIRE OPERATION TO BE EFFECTIVE ON JULY 31

President Signs Executive Order Placing Telephone and Telegraph Systems in Hands of Postmaster General Burleson.

The nation's communication lines will go under Government control July 31.

President Wilson today signed an executive order providing for Federal wire operation under the Aswell resolution.

Postmaster General Burleson will supervise the work, with David J. Lewis as director.

Action Held Essential. The Government's purposes in seizing the lines of communication are manifold.

Cabinet officers pointed out that such action was essential to protect Government secrets and prevent information of value to the enemy being disseminated broadcast. It was also considered vital because of the need of maintaining uninterrupted communication channels and of eliminating the dangers of strikes.

In addition, however, the Government needs vast amounts of material for the war work now in the wake of unnecessary competitive telephone and telegraph companies at many places. Duplicating telephone systems in nearly 1,000 cities will be combined under Government control.

Scope of Order. In the absence of official announcement of the seizure—expected about 2:30, after the Postmaster General prepares a statement of his intended course of action—it is reliably reported that the control will include telegraph, telephone, and cable.

The radio systems of the country already are under Government supervision. Telephone wires will be utilized in extending telegraph service. It is the intention to materially increase the telegraph facilities, more equitably distribute the labor of telegraphers, vastly reduce the operat-

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E. R. STETTINIUS NOW IN EUROPE ON WAR MISSION

Edward R. Stettinius, Second Assistant Secretary of War, has arrived in Europe accompanied by a large staff, Secretary Baker announced today. He will make a general survey of accounting, requisition, and finance, and will represent the War Department in the conferences of the munition council.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE GIRL—Good; to assist in dining room; room and board; \$30 per month to start; every Sunday off. 201 1 st. N. W. 3

"I had 22 APPLICANTS from this ad in THE TIMES. Now, I don't think it possible to beat that." "L. E. GEURTIN, "201 Eye st. N. W." Phone your ads to The TIMES. Main 5260.

CROWN PRINCE HAS 7-MILE STRIP BETWEEN ALLIED PINNACLES

LONDON, July 23.—Allied artillery is shelling both sides of the German salient between the Aisne and Marne, over a width of from six to seven miles, leaving only a seven-mile strip through which the German Crown Prince's troops can effect their retirement northward. The air forces are extremely active, putting down almost a complete curtain of steel which would hinder any attempt at widespread retreat and at the same time insuring the heaviest possible losses.



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U. S. BOYS TAKE CITY ON NORTH OF MARNE AND KEEP ON GOING

What the Allies Have Done

- In the first five days of their counter offensive the Franco-American forces and their allies on the Aisne-Marne-Champagne front have: 1.—Advanced from five to ten miles; 2.—Captured approximately 25,000 prisoners; 3.—Captured nearly 600 cannon and thousands of machine guns; 4.—Forced the Germans across the Marne and captured Jaulgonne, on the north bank; 5.—Captured the German pivotal position at Chateau-Thierry and many villages; 6.—Cut the important Soissons-Oulchy-le-Chateau-Chateau-Thierry line of communication and reported to have taken Oulchy-le-Chateau; 7.—Brought all of the German-held railways in the Aisne-Marne salient under artillery fire; 8.—Forced the Crown Prince to call for Bavarian reinforcements from the north.

LONDON, July 23.—(2:15 p. m.)—The Americans have captured Jaulgonne (on the north bank of the Marne) and are continuing their advance, it was learned authoritatively this afternoon. They took 300 prisoners.

A German counter attack at Vaniders (ten miles east of Jaulgonne) was repulsed.

The French hold the entire Marne bend from Chassins to Preloup.

FRENCH RETAKE GROUND.

Between the Aisne and Ourchy, Franco-American troops are progressing. The French are reported to have regained all the ground they lost yesterday at Crisilles.

(Unofficial reports yesterday said the French were driven back half a mile north of Chateau-Thierry by a counter attack.)

Along the Marne valley the French are experiencing difficulty in crossing near Verneuil, owing to artillery and machine gun fire. They crossed at Port-a-Binson late yesterday.

Aviators Set Fire to Foe Concentration Points

PARIS, July 23 (4:30 p. m.)—Allied aviators have set fire to Fere-en-Tardennois and Fismes, the points of enemy concentration within the Soissons-Rheims salient.

German Guns Inactive From Rheims to Soissons

LONDON, July 23 (1:50 p. m.)—The German artillery in the Rheims and Soissons regions is comparatively inactive, indicating a withdrawal of the guns.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, July 23 (2 a. m.)—The German retreat northward from the Marne is being carried out by the light of burning villages. The sky is illuminated from horizon to horizon by blazing

WASHINGTON BOY GIVES LIFE WITH MARINES IN FRANCE

Heroic service has cost another Washington boy his life in France. It became known today with the issuance of the casualty list from France. He is First Lieut. Arthur T. Elmore, a Washington high school boy, with the marines in France, who died from wounds received in action.

Went to School Here. The young marine officer, twenty-one years old, attended Washington public schools, and was at Western High School when his desire to prepare for a military education started him for Citadel, the State military school at Charleston, S. C. Elmore was born in Washington.

He was graduated with honors from Citadel in May, 1917. He was one of the seven highest men in his class. He was immediately given a commission, and in June about one month after graduation, was on his way to France with a marine detachment.

Lieutenant Elmore was last heard from by his grandmother, Mrs. Lawton Morgan, the Cairo, about three weeks ago. She received a trench card saying that he was well and that a letter was coming.

Had Not Heard News. When a Times reporter called this morning, she had not heard of her grandson's death. "I sent him a letter last Sunday, and all the while I was writing it (Continued on Page 14, Column 2.)

D. C. Boy Who Gave Life Over There



FIRST LIEUT. ARTHUR T. ELMORE, Washington Boy With Marines in France, Who Died From Wounds Received in Action.

"FULL DUTY" TO U. S. PLEDGED BY TURKEY

Turkey has promised to do her "full duty" toward the United States, should it develop that her troops are responsible for the anti-American outrages against Tabriz. This means she would attempt to avoid war through the pledge of reparation and punishment.

TO PUBLISH FAIR PRICES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The Food Administration of the District in co-operation with the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture today is planning to publish a "fair price" list for vegetables and fruits so as to widen the net in which food profiteers in Washington are being caught.

Food Administration officials today expressed the belief that publication of a vegetable and fruit fair price list will be begun Monday. This list will be similar to the weekly publication of fair prices of groceries now being made by the Food Administration. The fair price list for groceries made it possible for Food Administration officials to catch sixteen grocers at profiteering yesterday, and the new fair price list will enable the Government to check up on the market men.

After the vegetable and fruit price list is published Monday, the consumer who is overcharged by the food profiteer may call up the District food administrator, report the excessive charge, and thus bring about prosecution of the profiteer by the food administration.

THREE RED CROSS WORKERS WOUNDED

PARIS, July 23.—Three American Red Cross workers have been wounded while carrying wounded soldiers from the advanced fighting line. They are J. L. Butterfield, of New York; W. A. Fox, of Buffalo, and George B. Carr. Butterfield and Fox were struck by shrapnel and Carr by a bomb fragment.