

RUSS READY TO LAUNCH NEW DRIVE

Reorganized Armies Continue Vigorous Offensive in Galicia With New Armed Forces in Reserve For General Attack Along 800-Mile Front; Political Crisis Is Not Passed in Germany Where Reichstag Revolt Is Yet to Be Settled

The Russian armies are continuing their vigorous offensive in Eastern Galicia and other groups of the empire's vast forces are apparently ready to spring into activity at various points along the 800-mile front.

Everything appears to be running smoothly with the military machine, or at least it seems in far more effective shape than even the rosierest forecasts indicated. Meanwhile Russian governmental affairs, which appeared to have been going well for some time past, are again ruffled with a cabinet disagreement.

Four ministers, including Finance Minister Shingaroff, have resigned because of objections to the policy decided upon by the other ministers regarding affairs in the Ukraine which, like Finland, has desired for an independent government. A meeting of the Council of Ministers has been called to solve the crisis and it is hoped the resignations will be withdrawn.

Coincidentally came reports of disorders in Petrograd instigated by the radical faction of the Social Democratic party as a demonstration against the government. Rival parties of demonstrators appear to have fired on each other during a panic brought about by a stray shot which killed a number of persons were killed or wounded. Quiet was soon restored.

Reichstag In Revolt Notwithstanding the change in the German chancellorship and before any declaration of policy has been made by the new occupant of the post, Dr. George Michaelis, the Reichstag revolt against existing conditions appears to be going on unchecked. The majority in favor of a declaration of peace terms, it is declared, will present their resolution on Thursday, the day the new chancellor is scheduled to speak, and will demand that he accept the declaration in principle before they agree to cooperate with him.

The early days of the war, when German shipping was being combed up on the seven seas by the British fleet, are recalled by to-day's announcement that a number of German steamers by British destroyers. The captures were effected in the North Sea. One of the prizes was a large vessel, the average of the four being about 1,300 tons. They were accompanied by two other German steamers from the attacks delivered on them in the months of April, May and June. An estimate made on well established averages demonstrates that their losses must approximate 350,000 men.

French Successes An important success has been won by the French in the Verdun region. As the result of an attack last night, all the positions west of Hill 264, which remained in German hands after the attack of June 29 and 30, were recovered. German prisoners to a number not yet ascertained, the French high command were taken in the action.

In the Champagne the Germans made another attack last night in an attempt to retake their lost observation position at the height of night. General Petain's troops repelled the assaulting forces in disorder.

Serial Numbers of Conscripable Men On Pages 10 and 11

Continuing publication of the serial numbers and names of men subject to conscription, the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH this evening presents the greater portion of the county. The few remaining men in Division No. 3 will appear to-morrow evening.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably showers to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

COUNTRY TO BE READY FOR DRAFT WITHIN 48 HOURS

Drawing For First Army Probably Will Be Made This Week

PENNSYLVANIA IS SLOW Details of Lottery Planned by Secretary Baker and Gen. Crowder

Washington, July 17.—With only ten states remaining to be heard from on the organization of local exemption boards and with the actual number lists of registrants from all but 648 of the 4,538 exemption districts on file in Washington, Provost Marshal General Crowder was hopeful to-day that the preliminary stages of the work which would be completed within forty-eight hours. He prepared to take up with Secretary Baker later in the day details of the lottery process for final approval.

If there is no unexpected delay it seems likely that the drawing can be held Friday or Saturday. A single district which fails to finish its preliminary work on time, however, can hold up action indefinitely.

First Stage Important. Once past the drawing stage, General Crowder pointed out to-day, the necessity for concerted action by the states ceases and the examination of registrants and their assignment to the army or exemption can proceed in any state without regard to progress made in any other community.

The ten states not having completed their preparations for the drawing are: Illinois, New York, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The group includes the states having the largest population and probably the total population of all ten represents somewhere near half of the population of the entire country.

General Crowder declined to make any comment on the statement made yesterday in the Senate attacking the fairness of the Census Bureau population estimates upon which the allotment of quota under the draft law is based.

Other officials pointed out, however, that the revised estimates of the Census Bureau were not intended to fix the actual population of any community. The estimates are prepared with the statement that they are for use in connection with the draft only. They are based upon registration and represent the distribution over the country of men between the ages fixed in the draft law as liable for military service.

Large figures for many of the cities are accounted for by the concentration of men of the draft age there for work in munition or other plants.

Business Reasons Is Given as Motive For Murder of Humphries

Johnstown, Pa., July 17.—With the discovery of an automatic pistol near the place where the triple tragedy is alleged to have occurred authorities to-day were of the opinion they had made some progress toward solving the mystery shrouding the death of Edmund L. Humphries, Philadelphia coal operator. Mrs. Humphries and their son, Edmund Jr., aged 15, on a lonely country road near here Sunday.

Aside from attempts to determine ownership of the pistol, investigators are also trying to verify a story attributed to Sheriff Mulholland, of Cambria county, to the effect that a rough business associate of George Tompkins of Philadelphia, it had been learned Tompkins was indebted to Mrs. Humphries for a sum of money with which she had purchased an interest in some coal holdings of Humphries. Tompkins, who is in the Cambria county jail charged with the murder of George Tompkins, is accompanying the Humphries family who according to his story, their automobile was held up by masked highwaymen.

The authenticity of a statement that the party was en route to Philadelphia from the coal operation where it was intended Tompkins was to mortgage some property with which he had financial obligation to Mrs. Humphries is also being investigated.

Tompkins maintains his innocence.

Gen. Pershing's Army to Play Baseball in Spite of Submarines

Chicago, July 17.—General Pershing's army in France is to have baseballs, bats, masks and gloves, amidst the activity of German submarines which sent to the bottom of the Atlantic ocean enough baseball supplies to equip 150 clubs when they sank the American steamship Kansas.

STARS AND STRIPES AND TRI-COLOR IN FRANCE



ALLIES AT THE FRONT. The Stars and Stripes and the Tricolor hanging over a camp station on the Aisne, while an American soldier of the transport division and a Frenchman clash hands.

TROOPS BEING HARDENED BY EASY PROCESS

Much of Laborious Routine Elimination; Inspection Is Progressing

Guardsmen encamped on the island and being held at the State street armory awaiting orders are taking it easy preparatory to leaving for their headquarters. Because of the small quarters much of the routine work has been eliminated from the daily requirements. The omission of central kitchens also saves many of the boys from work that is irksome even to the most hardened campaigners.

The work of mustering in and inspection is progressing rapidly at both places. The men stationed on the island are being examined at the Second street armory, while the men of Troop C, are going through their paces at their own armory. Rejections at both places have been exceedingly small. At noon to-day only one man of seventy had been turned to the cottagers.

If it requires two hours, fourteen minutes and four seconds to catch an ungreased pig, how long would it require to catch a greased pig? That is the question agitating the minds of mathematically-inclined summer residents at Aqueduct to-day.

Another question of even greater moment is this: If a pig escapes from a stocker on the Pennsylvania Railroad, invades private property and is caught thereon by the owners thereof, does the pig belong to the railroad company or to its captors? Answers may be sent to Paul Chadwick, care of his summer cottage, Aqueduct.

According to State Food Commissioner James Foust, who witnessed the incident, Chadwick's wonderful persistence and military cunning being alone responsible for the capture, entitle him to at least a side of bacon, and the hams of the pig are awarded to the cottagers.

The pig spent two hilarious days after its escape from an eastbound stock train rooting up gardens and having signed triumphantly on the gardener of the cottagers, and then Mr. Chadwick organized his army and captured it after hours of effort, when it had tried in vain to dive through a honeysuckle screen. The spectators think so much of the sport that they are considering the purchase of more pigs to turn loose.

U. S. Learns American Ship Was Lost at Sea

Washington, July 17.—News of the torpedoing of the American schooner Child Harold, in European waters July 20, reached the State Department to-day in a message from Montevideo announcing the safe arrival of the schooner's master and crew of eight. The survivors were picked up soon after their vessel was downed by a steamer bound across the Atlantic for the Uruguay, an capital.

CITY GUARDSMEN WILL BE GIVEN ROUSING SENDOFF

Veterans of Previous Wars Making Plans For Elaborate Patriotic Event

Plans for giving Harrisburg's National Guardsmen, who will leave this city August 5 for Augusta, Georgia, for training in preparation for fighting in France, a rousing send-off, were made at a meeting held last night by a committee made up of representatives of the City Grays Veterans' Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans.

The date of the send-off has not definitely been decided upon. It is expected that the city fire department will be in line as well as a number of organizations from the city, Steelton and vicinity.

Edwin C. Humer has been selected as chief marshal, and W. M. [Name] as [Name].

Prisoners in Jails May Be Employed on County or Almshouse Farms

The Baldwin bill providing that prisoners in county jails may be employed on county or almshouse farms was approved by Governor Brumbaugh to-day. The measure was drawn up by the State Board of Public Charities and the prisoners are to be amenable to the same discipline when working on farms as they are in prisons.

The Governor also approved the Eyre bill regulating qualifications of commissioners to divide wards in third class cities and the Nason bill authorizing the Public Service Commission to change location of roads to meet crossings already changed by its orders.

Big Aviation Program Rushed to the Senate

Washington, July 17.—Another speed record in considering the \$640,000,000 aviation program bill, passed last Saturday by the House in two hours, was made to-day when the Senate Military Committee at a forty-five minute session unanimously ordered a favorable report without amendment.

The committee decided not to hold hearings in order that the applications become available as soon as possible. Senate leaders hope to secure an agreement to set aside the food bill temporarily to-morrow and pass the aviation measure with brief debate.

Porto Rico Votes Two to One For Dry Island

San Juan, Porto Rico, July 17.—With sixty-two out of seventy-six municipalities completely reported, the returns of yesterday's election early to-day showed Porto Rico to have voted for prohibition by more than two to one.

THIRD-CLASS CITY LEAGUE TO MEET HERE

Asks Commissioners if Harrisburg Wants Convention in August

PARKING LAW PASSES Prohibits Storing Cars in Certain Districts; Ash Survey to Come Up

Because of unfavorable health conditions at Hazleton Fred H. Gates, of Wilkes-Barre, secretary of the League of Third Class Cities, has wired to City Council here asking if it will be possible to hold the business sessions of the organization here.

In the communication it was explained that the sessions would not be held at Hazleton August 28, 29 and 30 as planned, and that the executive committee will be consulted regarding the change in place, provided Council agrees.

The telegram was read at the session to-day, but the Commissioners decided to postpone action one week.

If the business sessions are held here it is anticipated that many of the prominent third class city officials from all parts of the State will attend.

At the regular business session of the Council to-day, Commissioner Dunlop asked for a special session to consider the ash survey report. This [Continued on Page 6]

Request of Slackers to Talk in His Church Is an Insult, Says Pastor

Alabama, July 17.—The Rev. E. E. Hastings, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, of this city, has refused the request of the American Liberty Defense League, of Chicago, several of whose members are Chicago clergymen, that it be allowed to furnish speakers for his pulpit to uphold the stand of the "conscientious objectors."

"What have I done to suffer the insult of such a proposal at this time?" wrote the Rev. Mr. Hastings to the organization to-day. "Why should my son offer himself to protect the man who will use his science to evade his duty? My son is at the front. He left Princeton University to enlist in the navy in recognition of the debt to his country."

Thought Bombardment by U-Boat Was Part of July 4th Celebration

An Atlantic Port, July 17.—The bombardment of St. Michaels, Azores, on July 4, by a German submarine, which was first thought to be a Fourth of July celebration by American naval ships in port, said the captain of a British steamship from Lisbon and St. Michaels, which arrived here to-day. The firing began early in the morning, he said, but as the shells began to explode over the city, the illusion that it was part of an Independence Day program was quickly dispelled.

An American colliery in port returned the submarine's fire with such precision and volume that the undersea craft soon submerged. The British steamship captain, who was an eyewitness of the fight, said the U-boat was 600 feet long and carried two guns. One girl and German were killed in St. Michaels by German shells.

Americans in British Armies Permitted to Wear U. S. Decorations

London, July 17.—King George to-day approved in a petition permission to officers and men of the British forces to wear on their uniforms decorations and ribbons given by the United States for war services.

Sixty-one per cent of the first unit of the American legion in the Canadian Army hold American decorations or ribbons for service in the United States for war services. Many of the men in the later units also have decorations.

Receivers of Central Iron and Steel File Petition For Payment

Receivers of the Central Iron and Steel Company, in a petition filed with the Dauphin county court to-day for payment for their services, state that during the five years the corporation managed its affairs in their capacity as receivers, they have received \$23,330,156 worth of iron and steel materials had been sold, and at the time the court discharged the receivers, the company's books were listed on the company's books. The receivers are Charles L. Bailey, Jr., James M. Cameron and J. V. W. Reynolds.

FOUR GERMAN STEAMERS TAKEN IN NORTH SEA

British Destroyers Damage Two Others Wrecked on Dutch Shore

CARRIED TEUTON TRADE Small Vessels Taken in Running Fight Useful Blockade Runners

London, July 17.—A Reuter dispatch from Ymuiden: Four German ships have been sunk by British destroyers in the North Sea, four captured, three stranded and three forced to return to Rotterdam.

London, July 17.—The Admiralty announces the capture of four German steamers by British destroyers in the North sea.

The steamers are the Pellworm, Breitzweig, Marie Horn and Helms Blumberg.

Two other German steamers were with the four vessels later captured when the group was signalled by the British warcraft. All six made for the Dutch coast and two of them reached the shore. These two were badly damaged by gunfire.

The captured steamers are small, the largest being the Breitzweig, of 1,490 tons gross, owned in Hamburg. The Pellworm, 1,375 tons gross, also was owned in Hamburg. The Marie Horn, 1,086 tons, is from Schleswig and the Heinz Blumberg, 1,226 tons, is registered from Hamburg.

Missouri Officials Probe Race Rioting

Flat River, Mo., July 17.—A special grand jury to inquire into the expulsion last week of foreigners from the lead belt of Southeastern Missouri, has been summoned to meet Monday and prosecuting officials have announced that a rigid investigation of the disorders is to be made.

Although there were no disturbances yesterday, as a precaution the guard about the lead belt was increased to-day. [Continued on Page 6]

TO USE GRAY BRICK FOR HOTEL

Harrisburg. — The directors of the Penn-Harris Hotel this afternoon decided to use a brick of grayish tone to harmonize with the granite base of the new hotel. The brick is exactly like that used in the Biltmore, New York City.

AMEND FOOD CONTROL BILL

Washington July 17 — Senate leaders to-day virtually concluded their task of drafting compromise amendments to the food control bill. Creation of a board of food administration of three members in lieu of a single individual is the principal change. A minimum price of \$1.75 a bushel for wheat is proposed.

RUSSIANS ABANDON KALUSZ

Petrograd, July 17. — The war office announces that Russian troops have abandoned Kalusz in Eastern Galicia, but have secured the crossing of the Lomnica river. The Russians drove the enemy from the village of Novica.

BRITISH GAIN GROUND

London, July 17. — "We gained ground slightly during the night northeast of Wimemom," says a statement of the British war office to-day. "In the Nieuport sector," the communication adds, "one of our raiding parties encountered a large party of the enemy in front of the German positions. After a sharp fight our troops drove back the enemy to their lines and bombarded them in their trenches."

REICHSTAG MAY OUTLINE PEACE PLAN THURSDAY

New Chancellor Works Day and Night to Mould New Government

SILENT AS TO POLICY

Berlin Looks Forward to Parliament's Adjourning Until September

Copenhagen, July 17.—The selection of a successor to Foreign Secretary Zimmermann was still unsettled yesterday. Pressure was being brought from two directions to block first, the proposed nomination of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German Minister at Copenhagen, and to substitute Admiral Von Hintze, Minister to Norway, or Count Von Bernstorff, former Ambassador to Washington. The present minister to Christiania is greatly desired by pan-Germans and advocates of a super-vigorous policy, not only on account of his high diplomatic qualifications, but chiefly on account of his antecedents.

Apparently it is felt that a former naval officer, particularly who played such a prominent role at Manila in the events of 1898, will offer the necessary guarantee that the German foreign policy in regard to [Continued on Page 6]

Another Russian Minister Quits

London, July 17. — A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says M. Stephanoff, acting minister of commerce also has resigned.

Bernstorff Given Post

Paris, July 17. — A Zurich dispatch to the Petit Parisien says Count Von Bernstorff has been appointed German Minister at Copenhagen in the place of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau.

Austrians Eager to Become U. S. Citizens

Declarants who have taken out their first naturalization papers during the last two months represent a large number of nationalities. Of the 100 who look out papers at the probatory office 20 were born in Austria, 18 in Hungary, 16 in Russia, 15 in Italy, 5 in Bulgaria and Croatia, 4 in Scotland, 3 in Wales, England and Greece; 1 each, in Sicily, Germany, Canada, Denmark, Rumania, Poland, Syria and Macedonia.

Marriage Licenses

Jacob H. Burkhardt and Lena May Ellenbach, Hines, Harrisburg; Leo Joe Grogan and Vera Ellen Hober, Harrisburg; Thomas A. Patterson, Superior, Wis., and Helen E. Haezler, Lykens; Myron W. Barrett, Berwick, and Ruth Hilman, Shafter, Bloomsburg; Harry Leonard Johnson and Anna Minerva Hilton, Harrisburg.