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HUNS GET ORDERS TO HALT DRIVE

Germans Receive Orders to Stop Advance Into Russia, Says Petrograd Correspondent; Teutons Meet With More Resistance and Have Been Unable to Make Any Headway in March on Petrograd

By Associated Press

London, Feb. 28.—The German army has received orders to stop its advance into Russia, says the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Germany's military operations on the Northern Russian front are taking their normal course, the German general staff announced to-day. Another Estonian regiment has placed itself under command of the German staff. In Minsk the Germans captured 50,000 rifles and 2,000 machine guns.

When the Bolshevik government agreed to accept German peace terms last week the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies inquired of the Germans if the previous armistice would be renewed and the German invasion halted. He did not receive an immediate reply and the German advance continued. A dispatch from Petrograd Wednesday said General Hoffman, the German military representative at Brest-Litovsk, had replied to the Bolshevik communication by declaring the German advance would continue until a treaty of peace was signed and carried out along lines laid down in the German peace terms.

In their advance into Russia the Germans are meeting with more resistance and apparently they have been unable to make much headway toward Petrograd from Pskov. The Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says the German army has received orders to stay its advance into Russia.

Petrograd was declared to be the Teuton objective in the north. Tuesday the Germans made no progress there or, at least, Berlin reports none, while in the south the greatest gains were made in the Ukraine. A German attempt to take Vitolsk, near the center of the front, failed before Russian resistance which forced the enemy to retire, Petrograd says.

People's Council Scores German Socialists For Permitting War to Go On

London, Feb. 28.—The Council of People's Commissioners, says a Reuters dispatch, has today issued a resolution calling for arms in the course of which it is declared the German invaders are arresting the workers' movement in Russia and shooting captured Red Guards and

arming German and Austrian prisoners in the Ukraine. The proclamation asserts the troops at the front now have pulled themselves together and are resisting the invasion. It concludes: "The blood spilled in this unequal struggle falls on the heads of the German Socialists who are allowing the German workmen to be massacred among the Cains and Judases."

Enrollment of the new army is proceeding successfully an Exchange Telegraph dispatch says. Cossack regiments in Petrograd are being sent in the direction of Pskov and other regiments formed of mixed detachments are marching to the front. Several detachments of sailors have arrived in the capital from Finland. Women, children and invalids have been given permission to leave the city.

American Military Band Given an Ovation While Honoring Italy's Patriot

Rome, Wednesday, Feb. 27.—The American military band which came here from France with the American military mission to Italy, paraded through the main thoroughfares of Rome to-day and received an enthusiastic reception. The band went to the top of the Janiculum to pay homage to the memory of Garibaldi, whose monument adorns the hill. The band's appearance, stirring speeches were delivered by American Ambassador Page and General Riccio Garibaldi, son of the Italian hero. The American and Italian anthems were played by the American band.

Five More Americans Dead From Effect of Hun Gas Shells in Late Raids

With the American Army in France, Feb. 27.—Two more American soldiers died in hospital today from the effects of the German gas shells, making five dead in all. Sixty others were affected by the poisonous gas. The enemy to-day heavily shelled the American battery positions with gas and high explosive shells, while the American artillerists secured a direct hit on a large enemy dugout. The American shells also reached numerous working parties.

Halifax Property Owners Must Pay Taxes on Homes Which No Longer Exist

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 28.—Owners of property destroyed by fire which swept over an area of two and a-half square miles after the explosion on a munition ship in the harbor here on December 6, must pay taxes on homes which no longer exist, under a ruling by the court of tax appeals. In dismissing petitions for remission of taxes the court held that as the American character had been aided before the fire, there was no legal way pointed out that the magnitude of the disaster did not make the case any different from one which might arise from the destruction of a single building and that the city was in no position to assume an attitude of generosity.

U. S. Takes Industry; Eight-Hour Day Effective

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28.—Beginning March 1, the logging camps and lumber mills of Washington and Oregon will go on a basic eight-hour day because of the announcement from Washington that the Government would take over the production of spruce timber which is used largely in aircraft construction.

THE ANSWER THE KAISER UNDERSTANDS



VICTORY LOAF OF TWELVE OUNCES TO BE SOLD HERE

Bread to Sell at Seven Cents in Retail Grocery Stores

Monday morning the new 12-ounce war loaf of Victory Bread will be put on sale in Harrisburg. The new bread ration will wholesale at six cents a loaf, according to one baker who proposes to place it on the market.

Donald McCormick, food administrator for Dauphin county, urged upon the makers of the city the necessity as a patriotic duty for the bakers to place the small loaf on the market. Mr. McCormick received a telegram from the Federal administration last night, urging that he especially request the bakers of the city to make the 12-ounce loaf for small families where a 16-ounce loaf grows stale before it is eaten.

Graupner's Standard Bakery took the initiative in the matter, saying this morning they will bake their first consignment of the new size bread Saturday. The bakery will have to secure necessary pans of the proper size, which will curtail the output of the new loaf at first. The bakery manager conferred with the local food administrator this morning on the matter. The company wholesales its 16-ounce loaf at eight cents and will wholesale its three-quarter pound loaf at six cents.

Bernard Schmidt, of the Schmidt Baking Company, said that he can put out the 12-ounce loaf, but that

Seven Nurses Missing From Hospital Ship; 182 Persons Were Aboard

London, Feb. 28.—The British hospital ship Glenart Castle had 182 persons on board, it is stated unofficially, when she went down Tuesday in the Bristol channel. Three parties, aggregating 38, have been landed at Swansea, Milford and Pembroke. None of the others have been heard from. The missing include about seven female nurses.

W. S. Allen, Indicted For Embezzlement From Preachers' Aid, Is Dead

Boston, Feb. 28.—The death of Santa Fe, N. M., of Willard S. Allen, indicted here fifteen years ago for the embezzlement of \$110,000 from the Preachers' Aid Society, a corporation formed to aid sick, infirm and aged members of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was announced in a letter received here to-day by Robert Cushman, a lawyer, of this city, from a lawyer at Santa Fe, who asked that an effort be made to locate relatives.

JAPANESE ASK SIBERIAN MOVE BY THE ALLIES

Seek to Protect From Enemy Vast Stores of Munitions

London, Feb. 28.—A speech made Sunday by Viscount Motono and reports from Paris as to Japan's possible activities in view of the German advance into Russia are given prominence by the morning newspapers. The Times says it understands the statement of the Japanese foreign minister is regarded in well-informed quarters as an authoritative declaration of Japan's policy.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Japan has directed inquiries to the Entente Powers and the United States to test their feeling toward a proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of war supplies stored at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad.

PORKLESS SATURDAYS EFFECT BIG SAVINGS

Washington, Feb. 28.—Porkless Saturdays are effecting vast savings of pork. Cold storage holdings of all classes increased during January, the Department of Agriculture to-day announced. Lard stocks were increased about 10 per cent. Frozen beef in storage and cured beef holdings also increased.

ITALIAN SHIPPING IMMUNE DURING THE PAST WEEK

Rome, Feb. 28.—Italian shipping was immune from German submarine and mines in the week ending February 23. One steamer attacked and beat off a submarine which menaced it. During the week 419 ships entered Italian ports and 338 cleared, exclusive of fishing and other small vessels.

HAS TWO DOGS AND A CAT; SEEKS EXEMPTION FROM ARMY

Certainly He Has Livestock on His Farm, Says Dauphin County Agriculturist Who Provides Food For the Army

Claims for exemption on the grounds of agricultural occupation continue to pour into the district draft appeal board and some registrants are hard pressed for adequate excuse. The other day a solemn-looking chap entered and dropped into a fat leather chair with a sigh of weariness. He was engaged in agricultural enterprise; he claimed exemption, and was asked to state the kind of farm.

RECOGNIZE NEED FOR REBUILDING MAIN HIGHWAY

Representatives of Lebanon and Dauphin Counties Confer With State Official

Delegations representing Lebanon and Dauphin counties had a conference with State Highway Commissioner O'Neil to-day in the hope of reaching some conclusion regarding the permanent improvement of the Berks and Dauphin turnpike through the three counties. The approximate cost of this improvement will be about \$50,000 a mile and as it is an important highway and must be utilized for national war needs there is a strong effort being made to provide for the work. Highway Commis-

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English Take Prisoners and Machine Gun in Greenland Hill Raid

London, Feb. 28.—"English troops carried out a successful raid last night against the enemy's trenches on Greenland Hill, north of the Scarpe river," says to-day's war office report. "Twelve prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. English and Scottish troops also raided enemy positions in the southern portion of Houtholst forest and brought back twelve prisoners and three machine guns.

GERMANS INTERNED COPENHAGEN, FEB. 28.—The German crew and a Spanish officer have been landed from the German converted ruder Igotz Mendt, which sought refuge in Danish waters. The Spanish flag now is flying from the vessel. A detachment of Danish soldiers escorted the Germans to Skagen, where they have been interned.

AUSTRO-GERMAN BREACH WIDENS, DISPATCHES SAY

Dual Monarchy's Refusal to Push War Into Russia Strains Relations

AUSTRIA WITHHOLDS AID

Kaisers Are Cool at Meeting; Hun Would Compel Assistance

Washington, Feb. 28.—An official dispatch received here to-day from France emphasizes as further evidence of the growing strain in Austro-German relations the declaration by the Austrian Premier on February 22 that Austria-Hungary would take no part in military action against Russia and would not send troops into the Ukraine.

The dispatch refers to the meeting between the Emperors Charles and Wil-

Schneidmann Protests in the Reichstag Against 'Peace' Forced on Russia

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.—In the debate on Chancellor von Hertling's speech, Philip Schneidmann, the Socialist leader, said: "We fought for the defense of the fatherland against barbarism and against the Entente's plans of conquest. We did not, however, fight for the dismemberment of Russia, or the subjugation of Belgium. The government's policy toward Russia is not true.

"True, the Bolshevik played into the hands of all disintegrating tendencies in Russia; but we do not desire a peace with the Entente like that which is being concluded with Russia. The government must remain ready for real peace by understanding.

"The independence of Belgium must be secured and the Flemings and Walloons must settle their differences among themselves. We do not desire the humiliation of the enemy or peace by force."

Peace Discussion Might Begin at Once, Says Editor, Following Hertling Speech

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.—Chancellor von Hertling's speech, which was received by Germany to establish herself in Estonia and Livonia, says the Frankfurter Zeitung, excludes misunderstanding. It adds: "It now must be assumed there is no fundamental difference of opinion between the chancellor and President Wilson and peace discussion based on President Wilson's principles might begin immediately. It is important however, for the president to induce his allies to recognize his principles.

Money on Deposit Here For Purchase of Paper, Senator Humbert Says

Paris, Feb. 28.—Senator Charles Humbert, owner of the Journal, who was arrested last week in connection with the investigation of German propaganda in France, has written to Captain Bouchardon, of the Paris military court a letter saying he has been placed in a false light by the cable dispatches from New York regarding funds on deposit to his credit with J. P. Morgan and Company.

(An investigation made at the request of the French Government by Attorney General Lewis of New York State, showed Senator Humbert had cash and bonds to the value of \$324,000 in his credit.)

The senator asked a hearing on this subject engaging to produce complete documentary proofs of his assertions.

Part of the money in question, he writes, came from his personal fortune, deposited in August, 1915, for the purpose of purchasing print paper for the Journal. Another account was opened with the Central Bank of Norway for the same purpose. As a matter of fact, he says, no paper was bought in America, better terms having been obtained in Norway.

The remainder of the money, consisting of \$170,000 placed to his credit by Bolo Pasha, recently sentenced to death for treason, was paid over, the senator asserts, to enable him to reimburse Madame Lenoir.

Mexican Officers Executed For Kidnaping Girls

Juarez, Mex., Feb. 28.—Eight Mexican federal officers were executed at Chihuahua City recently after having been convicted of being members of a gang which had been kidnaping young girls, carrying them away in automobiles and detaining them for days, according to information received here last night.

NO FRENCH VESSELS LOST DURING WEEK

Paris, Feb. 28.—No French vessel of more than 1,600 tons was sunk by the enemy mines or submarines during the week ending February 23. One vessel under that tonnage was lost but no fishermen were sunk. Four merchantmen fought off submarine attacks. Entries into French ports aggregated 916 and departures 901.

MACE WRITES HIS MOTHER HOW TUSCANIA SANK

Harrisburg Boy on Transport Treated "Like KKing" in England, He Writes

WAS U-BOAT'S LAST SHOT

Aviator Praises Hospitality of British Allies After Rescue

In his first letter home since he was saved from the transport Tuscania, Merle Mace, aviator, discusses the incident that sent scores of American soldiers to the sea's bottom with a few words to his mother, Mrs. William K. Crozier, 1523 Swatara street.

The voyage which ended so tragically is described as having been "quite exciting." The U-boat, he says, was "caught." He and the other soldiers saved are being treated like kings in England.

A Wonderful Country

Young Mace, who fell 1,800 feet at Mineola when his airplane tumbled, writes as follows: "Dear Mother, I am well, safe and sound and hope this may find you all the same. We had quite an exciting voyage over here. We were on the boat Tuscania. Everything was going fine when on the thirtieth day out which was February 5, at exactly 5:45 p. m. we were struck by a torpedo. The Tuscania went to the bottom at 9:55 p. m. Submarine caught. Two hundred and ten men lost.

"This (England) is sure some wonderful country and there is plenty of beautiful scenery. The people treat us like kings. If every thing goes right I will see you all soon.

"Well, mother dear, I must bring this to a close, but will write soon again. Hoping this finds you all well and happy, I am closing with love for you all. I think of you constantly. Your loving son, Merle."

FORMER TEACHER OF GERMAN HELD AS NATION'S FOE

Prof. Liebig Detained by U. S. Marshal For Further Investigation

FACES A PRISON CAMP

Dismissed Instructor Arrested as He Was About to Leave City

H. A. Liebig, the ex-instructor of German who was dismissed from the Technical High School faculty for his pro-German sentiments, two weeks ago, is being detained by Deputy Marshal Harvey T. Smith, while an investigation is made to determine whether or not his pro-German leanings will make it necessary to intern him for the duration of the war.

An extensive investigation into Liebig's past life and future intentions is being made, and proceedings against him will be delayed through to-day and to-morrow, while the extent of his pro-German leanings is determined. If he is found

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Sleeping Soldiers Get Death Sentence; Case Up to War Department

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Four American soldiers, caught asleep while doing sentry duty in the first-line trenches, have been sentenced to death, but General Pershing, although he has authority to carry out the sentences, has referred their cases to the War Department for review.

"SAVE FOOD," URGES GOVERNOR

Harrisburg—Governor Brumbaugh to-day issued a proclamation calling on the people of Pennsylvania to conserve food as a patriotic duty. "Let it never be said," he concluded, "that any one in Pennsylvania has by prodigality given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Republic."

41 CASES OF TYPHOID

Harrisburg—Forty-one cases of typhoid fever have been reported to the State Department of Health from Ford City, Armstrong County. All indications are that the epidemic is waterborne in character.

BOMB KILLS ONE; INJURES SEVERAL

Honolulu—Corporal John Simmons, Piedmont, S. C. was instantly killed, Captain Peter Sorenson and Lieut. W. Hanna were injured seriously and three other officers received slight injuries from the explosion of a grenade at the School of Fire, Schofield barracks, to-day. The explosion was said to be due to the presence of a live bomb in a box supposed to contain dummies.

HOUSE AMENDS CONTROL BILL

Washington—The House to-day amended the railway control bill to place the rate making power in the Interstate Commerce Commission. The vote was 164 to 137. As reported by the House Interstate Commerce Committee the bill reposed that power in the President. The Senate made a similar amendment.

\$100,000 LOST IN CRASH

Rochester, N. Y.—Merchandise of an estimated value of \$100,000, was destroyed at Clyde to-day when a fast freight on the West Shore crashed into the rear end of a coal train. Twenty cars were demolished.

ROBERT CARTER, FAMOUS CARTOONIST DEAD

Philadelphia—Robert Carter, cartoonist of the Philadelphia Press, whose work was familiar to newspaper readers all over the country, died suddenly to-day in a hospital to which he was hurriedly taken last night when he became suddenly ill from an arterial ailment. Mr. Carter was forty-four years old.

JOHN F. DAPP says people don't know what a bargain

THRIFT STAMPS really are

They're the best yet

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably rain to-night and Friday; lowest temperature to-night about 35 degrees; colder Friday.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably rain late to-night and on Friday; colder to-night in north portion; colder Friday; moderate northeast winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall to-night and probably Friday, although some branches may rise somewhat Friday, as a result of rains. The River at Harrisburg reached a stage of 12.9 feet at 6:45 p. m., Wednesday, and has since been slowly falling; a gauge reading of about 10.5 feet is indicated for Friday morning.

General Conditions The cyclonic disturbance that was centered over New Mexico, Wednesday morning, is now centered over Arkansas, moving slowly northward. It has, in conjunction with an area of high pressure to the northward, caused general rains in the South-west and some snow and sleet over the southern portion of the Lake Region, and to the east for the 24th degrees; over the rest of the country, except in the northwest border states, where it is somewhat warmer, there has been a general fall of 2 to 25 degrees in temperatures, the most decided minus changes occurring in the Southwest.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 60. Sun: Rises, 6:25 a. m.; sets, 5:35 p. m. Moon: Rises, 9:23 p. m. River Stage: 12.7 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 49. Lowest temperature, 35. Normal temperature, 32.