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## THE FRENCH FOURTH OF JULY

SINGULARLY enough the loyal citizens of Tonopah have been unconsciously preparing for a fitting celebration of one of the most important events in history when they arranged to turn out Sunday with music, flags and regalia to applaud the departure of the volunteers who are going to the front line of defense. The day is the fourteenth of July, the day on which the bastille was captured and the signal for the beginning of the revolution which dated the downfall of the monarchy in France. The fourteenth of July is synonymous with our Fourth of July and the circumstances attending the institution of both anniversaries are somewhat analogous. Consequently it is fitting, without the special urging of the president, that every good American and every good ally should do something more than mention the fact that this is the glorious anniversary which causes the blood of every Frenchman to beat with patriotic impulse. Therefore it would be eminently proper for the band in marching to the depot Sunday morning to commemorate the holiday by playing the inspiring strains of the Marseillaise. At the same time every house and every building in Tonopah should throw to the breeze the flag of our country as a timely recognition of the events so pregnant of importance to the valiant nation that is now holding the Hun horde at bay.

The story of the bastille may be epitomized in a few sentences. Originally the name "bastille" was applied to every fortress defended by bastions, but the famous prison to which the name is particularly applied was built by the order of Charles V, between 1370 and 1383, by Hugo Aubriot, provost of Paris, at the Porte St. Antoine as a defense against the English. From the first it was used as a state prison. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it was greatly extended and provided with strong bulwarks. The bastille was capable of containing seventy to eighty prisoners. At the beginning of the French revolution on July 14, 1789, the garrison consisted of forty-two pensioners and thirty-two Swiss. The fortress was taken by the people and destroyed. Though of itself not an important post, its capture finally broke the spirit of the court party and changed the current of events in France. The bastille had long been regarded as the stronghold and symbol of tyranny, and its destruction was everywhere hailed as the downfall of an evil system. "But," said the king when the news was brought him, "that is a revolt." "Sire," said De Liancourt, "it is not a revolt, it is a revolution."

Therefore, next Sunday will be honored throughout every one of the allied countries as the first step in Europe to encompass the defeat of monarchical government and should be regarded as nothing less significant than the present war for the perpetuation of democratic principles in the world at large. Therefore, hang out your flag and turn out in the Sunday morning parade, for you will then kill two birds with one stone by making one demonstration answer a double purpose.

## NOTHING FOR NEVADA

THE Bonanza had the distinction of filing the first protest against the present system of levying contributions for various war activities and therefore this paper accepts unctious at the flattering acknowledgement of the justice of its protest when it observes that the Nevada State Bankers' Association has taken the suggestion seriously and is trying to evolve some different method from the inane cry of going over the top on every proposition. In some quarters the editorial in the Bonanza was taken as a radical, if not seditious, thought, and the fact that the bankers of the state fall into the suggestion and begin devising means of overcoming it is a well seasoned testimonial. Take the war savings stamps, for instance, the quota of Nye county was predicated on a population of 10,000, which is several thousand in excess of our real census credit, and the assessed valuation, which includes the mines and the bullion they produce. This is another erroneous method of arriving at what the county should contribute, especially in the sale of thrift stamps, which are supposed to represent the savings of individuals and promoted largely with the object of inculcating thrift habits among a people who have never been taught the necessity for saving the pennies or conserving the dimes. The operation of this levy absolved the mining companies from contributing, but the fact that they were included in the assessed valuation on which the Nye county quota was based resulted in making an excessive demand on the citizens of this county.

Every dollar taken out of Nevada is a dollar removed from circulation for not a cent of it ever returns and it is timely that the Reno bankers woke up to the necessity for interesting the government in doing something for this state whose advantages are deserving of some substantial recognition. If there was any return of the money subscribed by Tonopah or Nevada the loss would not be felt so seriously and therefore it is to be hoped that the committee appointed to invite the attention of the government to the physical advantages of the state will not permit any dust to gather on their garments as they pursue the investigation for which the members have been appointed.

"Big Sam," who scored a knockout when a blatant seditionist began airing his opinions at Manhattan, remarked "there are 50,000 kaisers in Germany and there are fifty in Manhattan." However, the council of defense in that town is not bothering itself about the nuisance as it may be left to Sam to dispose of in his own muscular manner.

The long and short haul is still occupying the public printer at Washington who is turning out whole tomes of reports which do not speak of any attempt at conservation of the people's money. The latest addition to this circulating library is a book of 733 pages which has just reached this office.

If the kaiser fears the Spanish gripe what will he do when he gets the American squeeze?

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Considering that Foch has no reserves and there is no American army, the allies, are holding well. The Berliners must wonder how they do it.—Chicago Tribune.

More food riots in Austria! What's the matter with the people? Always thinking of their stomachs when the fate of the German emperor is at stake.—Pittsburg Gazette Times.

A captured German officer says Germany has just got to have peace. Well, well, he needn't worry any more; we are going to see that she gets it.—Kansas City Times.

Foch says the way to win is to attack. The kaiser tries Foch's strategy and loses half a million men. The real strategy seems to be in giving the advice to an enemy fool enough to act upon it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"There will be a revolution in Germany, but it will be after the war," says Ambassador Gerard. Everybody hopes it will be soon after, so that the American boys can see it before they leave Berlin.—Kansas City Star.

# CEREMONY CROSSING THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, June 28.—(By the Associated Press Correspondent recently in Rumania)—On the trains running northward across north Russia, the crossing of the Arctic circle is made the occasion for a festival similar to that which tourists used to enjoy on shipboard when crossing the equator. The train makes a stop of several hours in the midst of a snow-covered waste on the shores of the White sea. The passengers stretch their legs and take a constitutional out over the frozen surface of the White sea while a picnic dinner is being prepared.

The exact spot where the railroad crosses the circle is probably not determined with scientific accuracy, but the men who built the railroad apparently agreed on an approximate location, and this is marked with a suitable inscription. At this point also the railroad builders have left a slight gap, probably not more than a quarter of an inch, between the rails, so that, as passengers often notice, "when the train passes over the circle, there is a distinct jolt and jar."

The American Red Cross mission to Rumania began to prepare for the festival of the Arctic circle crossing several days in advance. The event was celebrated with a dinner of Lapland turkey and wild cranberries, with an entree of roast reindeer. The turkeys were secured a few days previous by Colonel Henry W. Anderson, the commanding officer of the American unit, who stopped the train for an afternoon in order to launch a game-hunting expedition along the southern shores of the frozen White sea.

The evening was marked by a particularly brilliant display of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights, which most of the members of the party witnessed for the first time. The aurora appeared at dusk and illuminated the sky in fantastic streaks and circles across the whole northern horizon.

It was on this day also that the southward bound train passed, bearing among its passengers Major Wardwell of the American Red Cross mission to Russia, who presented to the members of the mission to Rumania a bundle of American newspapers only seven weeks old. The eagerness with which these papers were passed from hand to hand and read line by line, even to the obituary columns and "want ads," showed how highly this gift was appreciated.

# Making Explosives From Kitchen Scraps

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, July 12.—Save the unedible scraps from the table for making explosive charges for the seventy-five millimeter guns.

The food administration here has issued this appeal to housewives for increased efficiency. Kitchen and table refuse, it is urged, should be kept in a separate container from other house refuse and free from foreign matter.

Statistics furnished by the food administration show that one ton of garbage supplies enough glycerine to make the explosive charge for fourteen seventy-five millimeter shells, enough "fatty acid" to manufacture seventy-five pounds of soap, fertiliz-

er to grow eight bushels of wheat and scores of other materials essential in the manufacture of munitions. The garbage wasted in twenty-four large cities not utilizing garbage is estimated to be equal to about four and a half millions of pounds of nitro glycerine in a year, or about \$5,000,000.

Jack Johnson, the colored fighter, has offered his services to the country. He says he is an American. But Jess Willard is not saying a word. He is too busy counting his money.

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## MEXICANS HAVE TO ADOPT SUGAR RATION

(By Associated Press)

JUAREZ, Mex. July 12.—Mexican residents of this little border town are now on a sugar rationing plan the same as Americans across the border. As practically all the sugar used here comes from El Paso, the American food administrator's orders are law. He limits the amount of sugar each person can purchase to two pounds and the consumers gladly comply with this order in order to have sugar at all. At intervals Sonora sugar is shipped here in bond but it is of inferior quality and does not have the snowy whiteness that delights the eye of the native Mexican and causes him to pay more for the American refined sugar.

Hindenburg is about to go down for the third and last time.



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