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BULGARIANS GETTING WISE

It is a pretty late day for the Bulgarians to have their eyes opened to the nature of the compact they entered into when they betrayed the other Balkan states for the few pieces of silver offered by the Kaiser. They sold their heritage for a mess of sour pottage. The report that several hundred have been executed by order of German officers demonstrates to the satisfaction of any observer that the Bulgarian's usefulness as an adjunct of imperialism has ceased. The Bulgarians are beginning to doubt the wisdom of the course they pursued in the war. So did Judas but that repentance did not prevent him from ending his life as a suicide. The Bulgarians resemble the Prussians from whom they take their policy. Neither gratitude to Russia for their liberation nor the memory of help received from the allies in difficult moments availed to deter them from following a policy which they thought likely to secure for them the greatest material advantage. But, latterly they appear to have felt misgivings—not indeed in regard to the cynicism of their predatory enterprise, but in regard to the possible consequence to themselves. They wonder whether, after all, they have backed the winner. The trouble first became acute at the Bucharest "peace" conference when they found Germany disinclined to satisfy their appetite in the Dobrudja, and Turkey more than inclined to claim territory ceded to them in the Maritza valley as part price of their treason to the Balkan cause. Since then there has been friction with the Turks and even some slight unpleasantness with the Germans. The spectacle of disagreement between comrades so well assorted as the Prussian, the Bulgar and the Turk will draw no tear from the eyes of the allies. It would affect the allies only should it lead the Bulgarians to imagine that it is possible to drive a turncoat bargain with them at the expense of the Serbians or Greece. The allied governments will not betray their friends to pay their enemies. If the Bulgarians wish to escape from the wrath to come they must begin by making a clean sweep of the men and the methods they have hitherto followed and they must give such positive proof of contrition as to place their sincerity beyond all doubt. They have to atone for a very black record. Until they have urged it they will find no hearing in any allied camp.

CLEANING UP RUSSIA

The free handed boys of the golden west are going to have the job of cleaning up Russia. The order has not been issued but the signs on the horizon all portend a move in this direction for the quartermasters have been instructed to outfit the boys at Camp Lewis and Camp Kearny with the heaviest kind of winter apparel. The training of the men has taken on a new phase with partiality shown for field maneuvers and open fighting instead of the trench system which has become identified with movements on the western front in France. Instead of finding themselves on the northeastern front of the Gallic republic our western boys will probably find themselves eventually engaged on the western front of Russia advancing on Berlin from where the offensive of the Muscovites was abandoned three years ago. Action cannot be delayed much longer for the western camps must be cleared of their early students to make room for the tens of thousands who will be poured in from the next draft. This diversion of troops will effect a great saving in transportation by relieving the eastern lines of the long haul across the continent and placing at the disposal of Major General Graves an army of something more than potential strength. The allies in the Far East are operating at immense risk, trusting to native support rather than to physical superiority and any slight reverse might entail the loss of all that has been staked on this enterprise. Another object sought is to keep the war board at Berlin busy watching another front where they will have the same aggressive gang of woolly Americans to tackle that they fought shy of in Lorraine. By delivering a strong blow in this quarter may carry with it another one of those masterly evacuations for which the Kaiser's war board has become famous. It is not begging the question to forecast the day when the allied troops operating in the Balkans will find themselves in Ukraine and in possession of the golden harvests coveted by the central powers.

It is consoling to know that the Kaiser is giving his personal attention to the situation around Metz which appears as though it required the master mind to patch up and to brace up the fighting force which does not show any great enthusiasm about beginning an offensive.

Just when we are getting the twist of the French lingo it begins to look like a mistake and that we will have to switch off to Russian. By the time we get through whipping all creation the United States will have developed a race of linguists.

Secretary Tumulty has subsided since he was asked to explain what he meant by misrepresenting Chairman Hays, of the Republican national committee in trying to brand him with disloyalty.

Labor is still with the old party which built up the industries of the United States by protection. This was demonstrated in the Maine election where the labor vote was cast solid against the administration candidate.

Senator Thomas of Colorado is another one of those stalwart Democrats who does not believe the acts of the administration are immune from criticism. No one dares impugn the patriotism of the tall sequoia of the Rockies.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels is obstinate in denying medicinal values of alcohol and in refusing a quantity seized in Seattle which would not have cost the navy a penny.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON DECEIVING THE ENEMY IN TAKING POSITION

(Correspondence Associated Press) WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Sept. 8.—"Deceive the enemy by false tracks leading in woods."

This sentence is from the latest German document on camouflage to reach American intelligence officers, having been found on a captured lieutenant. More than a thousand words are devoted to the science of camouflage, the article being dated at army headquarters and signed by Lieutenant Colonel Faupel, "by order of the general commanding the army."

Every form of camouflage has been worked out in minute detail by the Germans, one part of the article saying: "Do not make a heap of earth removed at any time but scatter it immediately. There must be no fresh cuts visible, as marked contrasts result from it between the light and dark surfaces, the latter appearing as deep shadows on the ground. Do not change natural shapes. Positions in hills and embankments must not change the form of hill or embankment. Use the roads, hills, embankments, slopes, sunken roads, edges of woods, to greater extent."

Regarding resting of troops, location and nature of halting places for troops on march the document sets forth: "It is best to distribute the columns irregularly under trees. In villages keep close to the houses, walls, enclosures of gardens and hedges, but if possible, with irregular distribution. The best side is always the north side of houses and walls on account of the shadows. In small courtyards, the wagons are lined up one beside the other and tarpaulins joined in order to make a roof. This appears as a smooth and very natural surface on the photograph, which does not attract the enemy's attention."

"In broken country seek the protection of the ground; the north side of embankments, hollow roads, hedges, etc. When there is no cover, irregular distribution is required. "Even at night make more use of tracks which are generally dark; the

columns can then with difficulty be observed by airplanes. On the other hand columns on roads which appear light can be seen even at night. Infantry columns will be divided into small groups distributed in depth and advance along the shady side of roads. When airplanes use light projectors at night, keep in the shade of trees or buildings."

The article ends with this general note: "When surprised by airplanes either by day or by night use all natural shade provided by trees, embankments, houses, etc., and remain motionless."

HORVATH'S POLICY IN REORGANIZING

(By Associated Press) VLADIVOSTOK, Sept. 24.—General Horvath, leader of one of the anti-Bolshevik factions in Siberia, announced to the newspapers on a recent visit to this city that his first effort would be directed toward clearing away from Siberia and afterwards from Russia of the Bolsheviki and their coadjutors, the Germans and Hungarians:

"I do not desire to limit the freedom which the people have won by the revolution, but it is possible that the circumstances of the times may render some abridgement expedient necessary. My attitude toward the Siberian government is conciliatory. I shall not take any decisive action against it, but shall endeavor to realize my program as if it did not exist, and the people shall themselves judge which side to take. The Siberian government here wrongly considers the western Siberian army theirs."

Dr. Isabella Gray of St. Louis, Ill., is the first woman admitted to the United States army service with the rank of lieutenant. She has been assigned as an anaesthetist.

Female membership in British trade unions increased 120,252 in 1914.

TOMATO PLANTS WILL ERADICATE MORNING GLORY PEST ON FARMS

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—Relief for western ranches from the "morning glory pest" which menaces beans and other crops, is found in the discovery that the tomato will drive it from the land, according to Mrs. Minnie Agnes Avery, of Ojai, Cal., who announced that she had just given the information to the United States department of agriculture, so that all could profit by it.

Mrs. Avery said that she and her husband, Dr. Ralph W. Avery, experimented for five years on their

Ojai ranch before learning the answer to the riddle of the "morning-glory pest." "We have a theory," she said, "that there is a natural law of antagonism among plants and that where one is a pest, there can be found another which will eradicate it."

"Our experiments show that if a tract of land is planted in tomatoes, the morning glory will not grow there again. So, if bean growers, or other agriculturists, will give up sections of their acreage each year to tomatoes, they can get rid of the pest and, at the same time, raise valuable crops."

"Naturally, our intention had been to use this discovery for our own profit, but in view of the great need for increased food production we decided that it should be given to the government for the benefit agriculturists in general."

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