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GREENE PROTESTS REMOVAL

FLOOD TRAPS TEUTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE ITALIAN ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 20.—The elements are aiding the Italians.
Heavy rains in the mountain regions have changed the Piave from a sluggish stream to a rushing flood, destroying bridges and cutting off Austrian forces on this side of the river from their source of supplies and reinforcements.
British airmen report that 12 of the 14 bridges flung across the Piave by the enemy have been carried away. Trapped on the west bank, Austrian detachments are subjected to almost constant mauling by the Italian artillery and bombs dropped by allied airmen, with no avenue of escape.
The Austrians thus caged in have an advantage in defensive positions and are yet too well supplied with ammunition to warrant a frontal assault.
There is every possibility, however, that exhaustion of their ammunition and food supplies, together with the pounding they are undergoing, will eventually force them to lay down their arms or sacrifice themselves in desperate assaults on the Italian lines.
Frantic efforts to restore the pontoons so far have been frustrated by the swollen current and accuracy of the Italian artillery.
The enemy's losses on all parts of the front in the first three days of the offensive are now estimated at 150,000.
The heaviest fighting is still around the bridgehead the Austrians have established in the lower Piave, from where they are trying to push westward towards Venice. The enemy now holds the west bank of the river from Maserada to Possatta and San Doni di Piave, a front of 18 kilometers (about 12 miles).
Austrian artillery is pouring thousands of poison, tear, emetic and mustard gas shells into the rear areas. Schio, Bassano, Asolo and Treviso have thus been rendered practically uninhabitable.

SAMMIES CAPTURE SALIENT

Dispatch From Lowell Mellett.
By United Press Leased Wire.
WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE MARNE, June 20.—(4 p. m.)—The Americans squeezed the Germans out of a salient, a gilemeter (two-thirds of a mile) deep and the same distance in width, west of Torcy (six miles north-west of Chateau Thierry, early this morning).
The Germans did not remain to fight after they were struck by a barrage, beginning at 1 o'clock and when the infantry went forward, there was no one to oppose them.
German casualties in the fighting in this sector are now estimated at 800 killed and 5,000 wounded.
Pvt. James A. Donohue, who was taken prisoner eight days ago, escaped and rejoined his company last night. He declared that a few other American prisoners are compelled by the Huns to work in the front lines.
Donohue also said he saw Germans burying their dead, 20 to a grave, in crosswise layers.

BRAZIL TO PARADE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
RIO DE JANEIRO, June 20.—The military and naval forces of Brazil will parade July 4, in honor of America's independence day.

Today's War Summary, by United Press

Italian Front

The situation becomes daily more favorable to the Italians. Added to desperate resistance, which has prevented the Austrians attaining a single major objective, heavy rains have swollen the Piave river and cut off large forces of the enemy.

Picardy Front

Raiding and artillery activity increased from the Somme northward to the Lens sector.
The situation is assuming the same aspect as that which always has preceded a German drive.

Flanders Front

Same conditions prevail as on the Picardy front, leading to the belief that a gigantic drive is imminent, which may include both areas.

Oise Front

French detachments penetrated German positions and took prisoners at various points between Montdidier and Oise.

Germany

Peace demonstrations in Berlin, Cologne and Hamburg resulted in several civilians being killed and others arrested by the military police, according to heavily censored dispatches received in Stockholm.

Austria-Hungary

Various organizations openly oppose reduction of the bread ration and demand peace.

Ukraine

The anti-German revolution in Kiev is spreading into the provinces to the eastward.

United States

The state department formally asked the Spanish embassy to investigate the reported Turkish attack on the American consulate and hospital at Tabriz, Persia. This is believed to presage a declaration of war.

HELP CITY GIVE M.P.'S SEND-OFF

It is disclosing no military secret to say that the battalion of Camp Lewis military police, who have worked in and about Tacoma for a good many months, are soon leaving for service elsewhere.
It has been urged on the Times by Tacomans who have observed closely the faithful work of those men that they should not be permitted to go without taking along some concrete evidence of this city's appreciation.
A handsome Victrola, overseas model, has been selected as the gift which would be most greatly enjoyed by all the M. P.'s in their future quarters.
The Times has been asked to receive subscriptions for such an instrument, and has agreed to do so.
Send in your money or your check and it will be turned over promptly to the camp U. M. C. A., which has the undertaking in charge.
And one word more. You must HURRY. There are only a few days left.
If you want to show your appreciation of the man in khaki who helped Tacoma maintain its high reputation for moral and cleanliness—and who did it without making more than the minimum number of arrests—give generously and quickly.

Draft Drawing About July 1

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Drawing for the 2-year-old registrants numbers will be held at an early date, it was announced at Provost Marshal General Crowder's office today.
The date, although not announced, is understood to be around July 1. The drawing will be held in the same manner as the original one, with a few slight variations.

W. U. IS RAIDED BY U. S.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Raids were carried out today by the government on the Western Union offices at Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Washington and Boston to secure evidence upholding charges that the Western Union is operating in competition with the postoffice department by delivering "night letters" via train.
Five Western Union messengers were arrested by postoffice department inspectors for carrying telegrams and night letters on trains between the cities in which the raids were conducted. The men were released on bond.
Charges of "defrauding the public and infringing on the government's monopoly of carrying first class matter," will be brought against the Western Union Telegraph company thru United States district attorneys, the postoffice department announced.
The penalty for each offense involves a fine of \$500.
The postoffice inspection department announced that it has "abundant evidence and has been keeping watch on these movements for some time back." This is taken to mean that the department has sufficient proof to run the Western Union company's fines, if guilt is established, into many thousands of dollars.

CITY MAY TAKE SIDE OF GREENE

The city of Tacoma will officially ask that Gen. Greene be reinstated in command at Camp Lewis.
At the Thursday meeting of the council it was agreed to adopt a resolution, to be drafted later in the day, eulogizing the work of Gen. Greene in this community and asking the war department if means cannot be found for retaining his services here.
Commissioner Shoemaker, Police Chief Smith and Mayor Ridgell all spoke in high terms of the departing commanding officer. His co-operation with the city in handling health matters was especially lauded.
May Change Plan.
This afternoon it was that at the city hall that possibly the plan might be changed, and resolutions be sent to Greene himself rather than to the war department.
It was felt that inasmuch as the step had been taken, it might be late to have it recalled, but that the community owed the officer an expression of gratitude.
Labor Interested.
Much excitement prevailed at the Labor temple this morning when the news of Gen. Greene's removal became known, and it is understood that the Central Labor Council will draft a resolution eulogizing his work here and asking that he be retained in command.
A. L. Dickson, secretary, said: "I deeply regret to hear that Gen. Greene has been removed from the cantonment. I always found him to be a generous, broadminded man and a thoroughly efficient for the position he held. Especially did he appeal to organized laboring men as he was easily approachable and fair in his dealings."
JUNE 28TH

CLASS 2 MEN ARE PUT INTO CLASS 1

(United Press Leased Wire.)
EUREKA, Cal., June 20.—All men classified for the draft in Class 2 B here have been ordered transferred to Class 1, the local board announced.
And now Ellis, who has been working night and day (losing

To the Merchants of Tacoma:

The Times has postponed until July 15 the advance in its advertising rates scheduled to become effective July 1. Until that date (July 15) The Times will sign advertising contracts for one year only at its present rates.
The Times has increased its circulation during the last six months by more than SIXTY PER CENT.
The elimination of one afternoon paper assures The Times of an even greater and an immediate growth in circulation.
It is not the purpose of this paper to unnecessarily boost its prices either to the reading public or to the advertisers.
The Times played no part in the wasteful and illegitimate newspaper game which certain publishers indulged in so recklessly for several years in Tacoma.
Consequently, The Times has no extravagant methods that it expects its patrons to pay for. Neither has The Times any financial burdens, nor enormous overhead charges that its patrons—readers and advertisers—must carry.
The Times because of its association with and its membership in the biggest newspaper organization of the United States, is so organized and so equipped that it can produce a paper more efficiently than any single publisher can hope to do.
The Times is financially strong enough to meet any requirements or emergency. It need not ask and never has asked favors from banks or other interests.
It does business with advertisers on a straight, above-board basis, asking no special concessions and promising in return to PLAY NO FAVORITES.
The Times today offers the merchants of Tacoma the best advertising buy in the history of the city—an enormous increase in circulation, INCREASING NOW FASTER THAN EVER, at advertising rates established before the day of "war prices."

SCHOOL CENSUS INCREASE 3408

A gain of 3,408 school pupils in Tacoma over last year is shown in the school census for 1918, made public Thursday by Alfred Lister, secretary of the school board.
This gain includes 1,335 four-year-old children, the enumeration of whom has not been required before this year.
The net gain over 1917 is 2,073. The gain a year ago was only 530. The increase this year is greater than the city made during the eight previous years from 1909 to 1917. The enumeration in 1909 was 18,513.
"This would indicate an increase in the population of the city of at least 15,000 over that of a year ago," Lister declared.
A summary of the school census by buildings follows:
SCHOOL CENSUS—MAY, 1918

School District	Boys	Girls	Total	Increase year-olds over 1917 olds 1918
Bryant	655	756	1,411	135
Central	1,088	1,092	2,100	321
Dash Point	69	66	125	35
Edison	820	931	1,651	312
Fern Hill	361	381	742	123
Franklin	481	489	970	116
Grant	509	555	1,064	144
Hawthorne	224	251	475	85
Irving	358	400	758	140
Jefferson	178	153	331	34
Lincoln	546	620	1,166	247
Logan	529	532	1,061	155
Longfellow	380	399	779	93
Lowell	751	796	1,547	149
Lyon	98	83	181	15
Manitou	122	101	223	7
Mann	616	605	1,221	134
McKinley	526	540	1,066	191
Oakland	226	198	424	105
Park Avenue	187	183	370	56
Point Defiance	140	143	283	39
Regents Park	30	25	55	8
Rogers	448	445	893	104
Roosevelt	163	154	317	31
Sheridan	284	280	564	61
Sherman	349	364	713	96
Washington	522	512	1,034	143
Whitman	669	638	1,307	70
Willard	419	417	836	95
Totals	11,658	11,989	23,647	3,408

APPEAL TO WILSON FOR RENTAL RELIEF

By Fred'k M. Kerby
Special Staff Dispatch.
NEW LONDON, Conn., June 20.—"The government must do something, and that damned quick!"
John C. Ellis, machinist, war worker, president of his union, president of the New London branch of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, known in New London as the most public spirited citizen in town, said today as he concluded a two-hour talk with me on rent profiteering conditions, in New London.
Ellis is chairman of a committee of business men, professional men and workmen trying to stop rent profiteering in New London by holding profiteers up to public scorn. The government's war work is being seriously interfered with.
And now Ellis, who has been working night and day (losing

FOLTZ HEADS CAMP

Brig. Gen. Frederick S. Foltz is in temporary command of Camp Lewis today.
H. A. Greene, until yesterday morning major general in the national army and commander of camp and 91st division, is on his way "somewhere," reduced to his old grade of brigadier general in the regular army, and understood to be slated for service in the Philippines instead of in France.
And while thousands of tongues wag over this latest army sensation, not one word of explanation as to why it all happened is forthcoming.
All anybody at Camp Lewis will admit knowing is this:
That about 9 o'clock yesterday morning Gen. Greene received a telegram.
Terse Wire Message.
It was a terse war department message saying that on orders of the president he was relieved of his national army position and for him to acknowledge receipt of the message by wire.
This action automatically restored him to his old regular army grade of brigadier general but did not take from him command of the 91st.
Some hours later, in accordance with plans previously made, he was on his way east. Mrs. Greene had preceded him by 24 hours.
It was anticipated by members of his staff that before he had gone very far another message would overtake him depriving him of command in the 91st. That, at least, would be the usual military sequence of events, it was explained.
Sensation at Camp.
The news of what had happened was withheld until Gen. Greene was on his way east.
When it was made known it came as the greatest sensation Camp Lewis ever has known. Officers refused to discuss the matter for publication and for the most part would not discuss it at all, other than to express astonishment.
Gen. Greene was the first commander of the camp. He came to Tacoma last September when Maj. (now lieutenant colonel) David Stone was whipping the cantonment construction thru its finishing period.
It was under his direction that the 91st was organized and trained, that military regulations were put into force in Tacoma, Seattle and other nearby communities, that Greene park was developed and that plans for going overseas were perfected.
Had Been in France.
During midwinter he was temporarily absent in France. With two staff members he, like other division commanders, put in several weeks studying trench conditions. On his return to this country he underwent the rigid overseas examination at Washington, and passed.
Up to the hour of his reduction he was confidently laying his plans to lead the Wild West division in battle over there.

Man Who Loses One Silver Star



GEN. GREENE

CAMP PARK MIXUP MAY BE CAUSE

Among prominent Tacoma men who have been in close touch with Camp Lewis affairs, the prevailing opinion Thursday was that conditions in connection with Greene park and its concessions were responsible for the demotion of Maj. Gen. Greene.
At the same time these same men expressed the highest opinion of Gen. Greene, declaring they believed he had been imposed on by a group of business men who have been directly in charge of the camp amusement park.
Something Wrong.
All agreed that there has been "something wrong" in the running of Greene park for some time.
Also, the "row" in the Tacoma war recreation committee several months ago, when there were veiled charges that the steam roller was used in placing certain men in important positions in connection with the recreation park, was recalled.
At that time W. W. Seymour offered his resignation as head of the committee, but later headed the committee in charge of recreation work inside the city.
In High Esteem.
That there has been a small group of business men—chiefly from other cities—on the "inside track" at the cantonment, and that there has been much dissatisfaction in the way the concessions at Greene park have been handled, was intimated.
Everywhere in Tacoma there were expressions of highest esteem for Gen. Greene, and confidence in his honesty and integrity.
The government investigation of war contracts further strengthened the belief that Greene park may have been directly responsible for the change in command.
June 28 is the day.
Poker chips, says the War Industries Board, are nonessential. They are so long as you can find matches or buttons.
Somebody says we're having an early fall this year.
Meby. Or a late winter.
Anyway, it ought to remind you to fill the coal bin.

TO ASK A NEW ORDER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Maj. Gen. H. A. Greene, who has been in command of the 91st division at Camp Lewis, has been assigned to command the Philippine department after demotion to the rank of brigadier general.
It is understood Gen. Greene has protested against the order and is coming to Washington to make an effort to have it rescinded.
Army officers here are at a loss to understand the reason for Gen. Greene's demotion.
Army inspectors, it is said, have found his work with the Camp Lewis division highly efficient and his personal record above reproach.

THEY CALL IT SECOND WOOD CASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—"Another Leonard Wood case," is the way the critics of the war department today are referring here to the side-tracking of Maj. Gen. Greene from command of the 91st division at Camp Lewis, Wash., and his reduction to his old grade of brigadier.
And the war department and its partisans are saying very little that is authoritative—nothing official.
But of gossip there is no end. It is known that there have been a flood of complaints from Tacoma, Olympia and Seattle, most of them unofficial, in regard to Greene park.
There are persons here inclined to believe that the conduct of it, the cantonment's amusement zone, has a connection with Greene's troubles.
Still there is still another group which professes to see in Gen. Greene's Philippine assignment some anticipated step toward organizing the previously discussed American expedition to Russia.
Who will succeed Gen. Greene permanently at Camp Lewis is another open subject, the there are again well-defined rumors that the man will be Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell.



TALK O' THE TIMES

Greetings, what's your theory about the Camp Lewis shake-up?

As if there wasn't more than enough talking in congress already, an Ohio fellow named Speaks announces his candidacy.
Have you noticed how proudly his father says, "My son is 'over there'?" And don't you envy them both?
Henry Ford will carry a lot of common sense to the senate, including his opinion that the foundation, walls and roof of this republic are the common people.
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BUY TRIP STAMPS