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U. S. NAMES PROFITEERS

BREAK-UP OF NATION POSSIBLE

(Special to The Times.)
LONDON, June 29.—Kaiser Wilhelm seems about to add "King of Austria" to his long list of royal titles.

It looks as if Austria will disappear, not by action of the allies or the rebellious peoples held subject to the Hapsburgs, but by that of the Hohenzollern ruler over the senior partner in the Teutonic alliance.

This will mean the break-up of Austria-Hungary and probably the end of the pan-German dream.

While Austria's Germans probably would submit willingly to the Kaiser's rule, there is little chance that Hungarians, Yugoslavs, Czechoslovaks, Rumanians, Poles and Italians would do so.

Refuses Food
Germany would come out of the squabble with an united German nation, for the first time in modern history, but with a southern fringe of rebellious provinces which she could not permanently control.

Karl Hapsburg would take his place on the shelf with Nick Romanoff, ex-emperor of Russia.

Already Germany has refused to supply starving Austrians with food.

Dispatches from Switzerland have reported outbreaks in Austrian Tyrol against the Hapsburgs.
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The Happy Hunting Ground



Just because the Tacoma W. S. S. formally ended Friday night, don't imagine you are not to buy any more stamps. As Sat's Bear remarks there's "no closed season on these birds."

FOE DRIVE CHECKED BY FRENCH

(United Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, June 29.—German attempts to recapture positions taken by the French south of the Aisne were repulsed after a stubborn battle, the war office announced today.

Southwest of Rheims there was also sharp fighting.

Italians hurled the Germans from advanced positions temporarily occupied, it was reported.

Northwest of Montdidier an American raid in which 40 prisoners, including one officer, were taken, was announced.

"South of the Aisne, the Germans attempted to eject the French from positions taken yesterday," the communique said.

"Several battalions attacked between the Fosses-En-Bas and Cury ravine. They were repulsed and the French front was integrally maintained."

"Southwest of Rheims there was sharp fighting in the sector between Montagne and Blikny (about half way between Rheims and the Marne). Italian troops ejected the Germans who obtained a momentary footing in advanced elements."

"Northwest of Montdidier (in the Cantigny region) the Americans conducted a successful raid, taking 40 prisoners, including one officer."

"In the forest of Apremont (on the left wing of the American Toul sector) in Lorraine, French troops took prisoners and material in a raid."

SOLDIER RETURNS JUST IN TIME TO RETAIN HIS WIFE
(Special to The Times.)
LONDON, June 29.—John Mauners of Twickenham returned home after three years at the front just in time to prevent his wife from remarrying.

She had been informed by the war office that he was killed in action, and had accepted an offer of marriage. But he was badly wounded and left for dead on the field.

TACOMA IS PROBABLY OVER TOP

"I am confident Tacoma is over the top," said Campaign Manager Louis Burnett Saturday morning in reference to the War Savings Stamp drive which closed here Friday night.

"Altho it will be about three or four days until the final total can be reached, there is practically no doubt in my mind that the result will be satisfactorily and that we shall be proud of it."

By noon Saturday the Tacoma pledges had been checked up to the amount of \$1,130,000, with hundreds of pledges coming in.

"The drive shall not stop here," said Chairman Burnett Saturday. "If Tacoma is not over the top, and I believe she is, this drive will continue as long as necessary, even up to January 1 of next year."

"Pledges may still be made and the sale of the stamps will be continued at the banks and post office and wherever they have previously been on sale."

"I wish to state that I am very grateful to the public for the splendid co-operation which they have given to the workers in this drive, and I am more than grateful to the workers themselves who have devoted so much of their time and labor to making this campaign a success," Burnett concluded.

The city's pledges amounted to about 20,000, with the largest subscription coming from the Todd shipyards, whose total amounted to a trifling over \$172,735.

In the country a large number of the districts have exceeded their quota, each district having been made to correspond with the regular school division and each pupil being allotted \$100, on the basis that there are five members in each home.

Today's War Summary, by United Press

Marne Front
French repulsed a desperate German attempt to retake the positions west of Soissons, captured from the enemy yesterday.

Picardy Front
The French war office reported a successful American raid northwest of Montdidier in the Cantigny region in which 40 German prisoners were taken.

Lorraine Front
French troops took prisoners in a raid in Apremont forest, on the left flank of the American Toul sector.

Italy
Latest official reports showed comparatively minor engagements in mountain region.

England
British casualties lists for the last week showed a total of 32,178.

France
The Germans made their third air raid on Paris in three days around midnight. No casualties reported.

Germany
Gen. von Liebert, in an interview, declared that another surprise blow against the allies is imminent. He admitted that the Austrian offensive was a "painful failure."

Germany is preparing for military intervention in Russia to restore order, according to the German press.

Austria-Hungary
German reports said the general strike in Buda Pest has ended.

Russia
The murder of the former czar is confirmed by the German embassy at Moscow, according to a Stockholm dispatch.

Helsingfors reported red guards terrorized Petrograd and hundreds of persons dying daily from hunger.

Miss Elizabeth Massing, age 85, of Attleboro, Mass., has been teaching for 69 consecutive years.

KILLING OF EX-CZAR IS CONFIRMED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
STOCKHOLM, June 29.—The German embassy at Moscow confirms the murder of Nicholas Romanoff, former czar, according to a dispatch received here.

The Nasse-Slovo declares that persons arriving in Moscow from Ekaterinburg state that when the Czech-Slovaks advanced on the latter city, red guards went to the former emperor's mansion and ordered the whole family to prepare to leave on a special train.

While en route to the station, Nicholas heatedly protested against transfer to an unknown place, whereupon the red guard escort bayoneted him.

The former empress and her daughters were not molested. The former czarovitch was taken to a separate, unknown place.

The perilous bolshevik alliance with Germany will be greater than ever if the allies invade Siberia.

"If forced to choose between the evils of German and Japanese orientation, we prefer the former, because there is a chance of a revolution in Germany," War Minister Trotsky declared in a speech at Moscow this week.

WEATHER FORECAST
The con will have some job making change with a 7-cent fare, thinks Sat's Bear. Tonight and Sunday fair and warmer. Temperatures Friday: Maximum 68; minimum 50.

7-CENT CARFARE IS LIKELY

All that prevented a vote Friday afternoon on the proposal to permit the T. R. & P. to temporarily increase carfares in the city to seven cents was the refusal of Frank Day, member of the citizens' investigating committee of 25, to remain at the meeting in the council chambers.

Pleading urgent business, Day left the meeting just as the proposal was to be put to a vote, and the question now has to hang fire until next Monday afternoon, the time for the next session.

The proposal was offered in the form of a resolution by Joseph H. Lyons, former secretary of the Central Labor Council and secretary of the committee of 25.

He stated that it was an emergency measure and only a means of providing temporary relief for the city, and that it was fair and square to both the people and the T. R. & P. Co.

Should the agreement be violated by the T. R. & P. it is understood that the city's contract shall be immediately terminated. And should the committee of 25 see fit to end the agreement for any reason it may do so.

Must Give Service.
The substance of the resolution is that the T. R. & P. pay the union scale of wage which is from 50 to 60 cents an hour for a 10 hour day and proceed immediately to give adequate and safe street

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U. S. AIRMAN IS WOUNDED

Dispatch From Frank J. Taylor.
By United Press Leased Wire.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, June 28.—Lieut. Jack Chambers, piloting a British bombing plane over the German lines yesterday, was severely wounded by a machine gun bullet but stuck it out and brought his machine safely to the American airbase.

Chambers and a British gunner went out to strafe a German troop train, reported to be moving some distance from the front.

As they sailed over the enemy's position, the latter cut loose with their "archies" and machine guns. Chambers was struck in the right arm.

He calmly steered the plane over the train, while his companion showered it with bombs.

Then he darted down thru the enemy barrage, so the Britisher might spray the train with machine gun fire. After their object was thoroughly accomplished, Chambers returned home, growing fainter all the time. He spotted the American airbase and glided down in a perfect landing. Then he keeled over, unconscious. When seen in an American hospital today, Chambers grinned and said:

"It is worth a wound to get the care of these American girls, believe me!"

Private Jos. Leitzan of the American field artillery has been awarded a posthumous distinguished service cross. The citation says that "on May 27, while under heavy bombardment, he voluntarily assisted other soldiers who were buried in a dugout. He was killed."

The medal goes to his mother, Mrs. Annie Leitzan of Hammond, Ind.

NEW U. S. MARSHAL IS NAMED

Frank M. Harshberger, deputy clerk of the U. S. district court for Western Washington in Tacoma, was appointed chief clerk for the district Saturday by Federal Judge E. E. Cushman.

The appointment followed the resignation of Chief Clerk Frank L. Crosby, on account of ill health.

It may mean that the head of office may be transferred from Seattle to Tacoma.

Harshberger has served as clerk of the court in Tacoma since 1912. He came here in 1887 and was at first associated with the Allen C. Mason Co. in real estate. Later he became chief law clerk in the legal department of the N. P. railway.

He is married and has four children, and his home is at North 29th and Lawrence. He has one son in the U. S. service.

Crosby, a native of this state, has been in the government service for 28 years, having first served as a U. S. deputy marshal. He was appointed clerk in 1912. He will retire to his farm in Thurston county.

He has three sons in active service—Lieut. Lloyd L. Crosby, with the government spruce division at Astoria; Sergt. Frank L. Crosby, in an officers' training school in France; Frank Runyan, on the U. S. S. Rainbow, chasing U-boats on the Atlantic. His daughter, Flora, is a deputy clerk in Tacoma.

FAT STOMACHS IN GERMANY NO MORE

(Special to The Times.)
BERNE, June 29.—The age of fat stomachs in Germany is over, says the Cologne Gazette, not only because "the intellectual appreciation of the fat belly no longer exists."

President Will Curb Practices!

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—Some American business is gorging in war profits. Profiteering exists—some of it due to inordinate greed, some to "barefaced fraud" and some to advantages taken of war time needs for production.

The federal trade commission so reported to the senate today, showing among other astounding figures that four of the big five packers reaped a \$140,000,000 profit in the war years 1915-1917, of which \$121,000,000 represented an excess over pre-war profits.

The packers particularly came in for heavy scoring, but other lines, including flour milling and basic industries, were shown to be realizing vast sums above peace time profits.

As Soon Will Fall.
"However delicate a definition is framed for 'profiteering,'" said the report, "these packers have preyed upon the people unconsciously."

They are soon to come under further governmental regulations approved by executive order.

The report, intended as an exhibit whereon the senate could base new legislation, showed among other things that government fixation of prices in some basic industries had had an evil tendency in that it gave a great advantage to low cost concerns.

310 Per Cent.
In one instance 319.67 per cent profit had been made, while many others averaged over 100 per cent.

In the period prior to the government's price fixing, abnormal profit was made by the U. S. Steel corporation, whose profits rose from 2.8 per cent in 1914 to 24.9 per cent in 1917.

The copper industry more than doubled its average earnings. Twenty-one companies made profits in 1917 which ranged from 1 to 107 per cent on their investment.

No unusual profits were found by the commission in the zinc industry, with the exception of the New Jersey Zinc Co., with a 56 per cent profit.

Leather industry profits increased as high as five times over those of pre-war years.

The flour millers have had unusual profits and their average earnings are said to be 38 per cent of the investment.

The Helvetia Milk Condensing Co. made over 20 per cent on cost and 65 per cent on investment.

Salmon canners' profits were approximately 52.8 per cent on the net investment. This average does not reveal that some of the low cost companies included in the average made over 200 per cent.

"The commission has reason to know that profiteering exists," said the message.

"Much of it is due to advantages of the times as evidenced in the war pressure for heavy production. Some of it is attributable to inordinate greed and barefaced fraud."

Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy were designated as the leaders in meat profits; the Wilson company's profits were large, but not comparable to those of the remainder of the big five.

The profits of Morris & Co. for the fiscal year ending Nov. 1917, is equal to the net worth of the company (capital and surplus) and 263.7 per cent on the \$3,000,000 capital stock outstanding.

In the cases of the other four companies the earned rate is from 27 to 47 per cent.

The International Nickel Co. made profits in 1916 of \$13,557,000, 40 per cent.

Information of the commission does not indicate excessive profits on lumber on the western coast.

Forty-eight southern pine producers made an average profit on the net investment in 1917 of 17 per cent.

Margins on the coal industry in many cases were two or three times normal.

Armour's Reply

(United Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, June 29.—"These charges, like previous ones from this commission, are designed to impress the headline readers," J. Ogden Armour said today, referring to accusations of profiteering in the federal trade commission's report.

"It is a fact known to government auditors that our company's profit on each pound of product in the meat food lines is only one-fourth of a cent. We have developed our business to a point where those quarter pennies are brought in fast enough to make millions of dollars. The return on our investment is now less than nine per cent."

"History will show that in order to feed the American people, the packers have had to find \$2 of outside capital for every \$1 provided from earnings of the business," Armour asserted.

Will Tell of Atrocities
German war atrocities as they really exist will be pictured to Tacoma on an illustrated lecture Sunday evening at the Plymouth church, 45th and Park ave., by Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis of the Plymouth church of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has just returned from the battlefields of Europe.

U. S. NOT TO BUY BARLEY
(United Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—This year's barley crop will not be regulated or handled by the United States food administration, it was announced today. According to reports here, many farmers are holding their barley hoping to get the price they received last year.

DIVISIONS BATTERED FOR GAIN

Dispatch From Wm. Phillips Simms.
By United Press Leased Wire.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, June 29.—The German army put down a barrage on the new British positions east of Nieppe forest, lasting from 10:30 last night until 2:30 this morning, but up to 7 o'clock this morning there was no infantry attack.

The rest of the British front remains normal.

British and French forces today held more advantageous positions in Flanders and the Champagne region, the result of successful attacks carried out yesterday morning.

The British, in a surprise attack east of Nieppe forest, advanced their lines an average depth of a mile on a front of three and a half miles between Vieux Berquin and Pont Tournai.

They attained all their objectives, including the villages of L'Espinet, Verrie Rue and La Boeque. They also cut up two German divisions.

Field Marshal Haig in his night report said more than 300 prisoners and 22 machine guns were captured.

Simultaneously, australian troops attacked west of Merris, a mile north of Vieux Berquin, capturing several enemy posts and taking 43 prisoners and six machine guns.

While these operations were under way, the French advanced on a front of nearly four and a half miles west of Soissons, between Ambleny and Montgobert. They took 1,060 prisoners, the French war office announced.

HUNS PLAN RAIDS IN GREEK WATERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, June 29.—Germany is fitting out Russian vessels captured in the Black sea for raids thru the Dardanelles on allied shipping in the Aegean sea, says a Venice dispatch.

TALK O' THE TIMES
Greetings, are you ready to pay a seven-cent carfare?
Dear Talko: A Non-Essential Industries club wouldn't do any harm. For prey I nominate the man who sells balloons.
TACKS.
Many a slacker has this alibi: "It takes brains to be a lighting man."
Instead of forcibly feeding it to the world, Germany will have to swallow that kultur herself. And on an empty stomach at that.
We can't win the war waiting for Austria to lick herself with a revolution. What she needs most is a throlo licking by democracy. On with the war!
While we're Hooverizing on men's clothes, why not cut the pants off just below the knee? The wimpy folks have shown the way—with their gowns.
It was very careless of the packers to forget to embalm those hams.
Carnivals and circuses are coming as thick as tag days.