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GEN. SCOTT TELLS HOW RUSSIA FIGHTS

Finds Accuracy of Officers Remarkable and General Manner Good

Petrograd, July 8.—(Delayed.)—The Russian army is going to fight. The spirit among the troops everywhere is excellent. The advance so brilliantly begun has every chance for successful continuation.

This was the reassuring comment on the Russian military situation made by Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of the general staff of the United States army, on his return tonight from a ten day's tour along the southwestern front into Rumania. General Scott described in detail and with the greatest enthusiasm the Russian advance of June 30, which he personally observed at close range from a point near Brzezany.

"Few observers," said General Scott, "have had such opportunity of viewing the active operations of an European army since the war began. When we arrived at Tarnopol the Russian artillery preparation had been in progress nearly forty-eight hours, but we were in time to watch the brilliant climax.

"We journeyed from Tarnopol to the firing line in automobiles and were immediately escorted to the trenches. A tremendous bombardment was in progress and the Austrian lines were being battered by a continuous torrent of shells. The point that struck me most forcibly was the accuracy of the Russian fire and the effective concealment of their batteries. The Austrian artillery was good but noticeably weaker.

"The precision and exquisite working of the Russian machinery was a marvel to me. Every man was in his place and there was not the slightest sign of insubordination or reluctance among the men. Each officer and soldier did eagerly and unhesitatingly what he was told. The spirit of the men themselves was in favor of an advance.

"We spent the night at the headquarters of the Sixth corps on the morning of the battle. We were taken to the trenches into a wheat field on the summit of a ridge overlooking the Austrian positions, we watched the end of the battle.

"The artillery preparations ceased suddenly, the order to advance was given and the whole Russian line swept forward in perfect union. I was somewhat dismayed when, in a short time, I saw thousands of men pouring back again. But I soon discovered that these men were Austrian prisoners, who came running with all speed into the Russian lines, apparently with a single thought—that of surrendering as quickly as possible.

"The Russian casualties were comparatively slight, as it was possible to judge from the small number of ambulance wagons which the Russians sent forward."

General Scott said the spirit and discipline of the Russian troops during this engagement was merely a sample of that which he found at other points on the front. The soldiers were ready to advance whenever called upon and the morale of the army in general was infinitely better than he had been led to believe in Petrograd.

"We can count on these people to go on fighting," the general said in conclusion.

After a stop at Chernowitz, the capital of Rumania, the Scott party went direct to Passy, the seat of the Rumanian government, where a luncheon was given in their honor by the king and queen of Rumania, who expressed their appreciation of America's entrance into the war. The king told the general that Rumania would derive fresh courage from the fact that the United States had declared war on Germany. The party was received formally by members of the Rumanian government and General Scott delivered an address before the Rumanian parliament.

Expecting for a few days conference with the members of the Rumanian government, the work of the Scott commission has virtually been concluded.

Warren Devall, Butler, Pa. Lieutenant Company "B."

Warren Devall, the oldest son of W. F. Devall, was unanimously elected First Lieutenant of Company "B" at an election held for the purpose of filling a vacancy in that rank Monday night.

Grand Lodge of Colored Pythians in Session in This City.

The annual convention of the Colored Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Missouri is in session in this city. The convention was presided over by Grand Chancellor A. C. Vernon, of Kansas City.

At the same time the Ladies Auxiliary, the Sisters of Calanthe are also holding their annual convention. Grand Worthy Counsellor May Woods, of Kansas City, with her staff of officers is present.

The conventions which began Tuesday and will continue until Thursday are being held in the hall of the local colored lodge of Knights of Pythias. On Wednesday night the memorial services of the order were held at the A. M. E. church on East Pine street.

About the busiest man in town is John Mills, Grand Master at Arms of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, whose duty it is to see that the visiting brothers are properly entertained.

JULY 28 DESIGNATED AS "PATRIOTIC DAY"

Governor Also Suggests Registration of Women on That Date.

Jefferson City, July 8.—Governor Gardner today issued a proclamation designating July 28 as "Patriotic Day" in pursuance of a recommendation made by the state council of defense.

In his proclamation the governor also suggests that on the same day all Missouri women register for service and food conservation and agree to carry out the plans of the federal food commission so far as they are able to do so.

In his proclamation the governor says:

"I earnestly ask also that the mayors of the cities, towns and villages of Missouri issue proclamations calling attention to the importance of the celebration of Patriotic Day and request the help of the people of their community in making the celebration and the food registration a successful one."

PREDICTS REIGN OF BLACK TERROR

Secretary of Negro Aid League Says North May Experience "Jim Crowism."

New York, July 5.—Riots attended by a race war like that of East St. Louis will occur in the big cities of the North if they fail to solve intelligently the problem created by the influx of negroes from the South, according to Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, who has just returned from East St. Louis.

More than 350,000 negroes have come north since April, 1916, and that number will be tripled in another year, according to Mr. Jones. "Aided principally by the influx of negro labor," he said, "there will soon be enough nonunion labor to effect the situation here seriously. Unions will not be able to maintain their position as dictators of hours and prices of labor.

"The unions will strike, the thousands of negroes in the North will automatically become strikebreakers, race prejudice will be intensified and there will come a reign of terror which will make Jim Crowism and lynchings Northern institutions.

"There is trouble ahead in the North unless the American Federation of Labor acts now. The negro migration is gaining impetus every day and the industries will use comparatively cheap negro labor as a pretext for cutting down wages.

"The unions will kick and strike, the colored workers will, against their own violation, be placed in the light of strikebreakers and then mischief will be afoot."

Jones suggests as a solution that the negroes be taken into labor unions to prevent trouble.

Gray to be Oil Inspector, Knott Reclamation Agent.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 5.—In connection with the announcement that Gov. Gardner will appoint Omar D. Gray of Sturgeon, Boone County, to the office of State Inspector of

Oils, at the expiration of the term of Col. John A. Knott of Hannibal, is the talk among the Jefferson City politicians that Col. Knott is slated for the office of State Land Reclamation Agent. The latter place carries only \$2,500 salary, but the duties are not burdensome.

It has been an open secret in Jefferson City for some time that Gray would get the oil inspectorship, and that following the policy of the Governor, the office will be moved from Hannibal to Jefferson City. Senator James A. Reed and other influential friends made a strong fight for the reappointment of Col. Knott.

Gray will succeed Knott August 16. The term of John A. Nolen, the present Land Reclamation Agent, expired in April, and he has been holding on pending the appointment of a successor.

The office of State Oil Inspector carries a salary of \$3,500, and the appointment of nine field deputies at \$2,000 salary and traveling expenses and a stenographer at \$1,200.

Shipping Increases in Spite of U-Boats.

New York, July 7.—Despite German submarines, the movement of shipping between New York and foreign ports increased in June as compared with May, according to custom house statistics. Thirty-seven more ships arrived at this port in June than in May. The arrivals numbered 465, with a total tonnage of 1,252,599, as compared with 428 ships, with a total tonnage of 1,099,433, for May.

Thirty more ships sailed from New York in June, the total being 548, with a tonnage of 1,225,536, as compared with 428 and 1,155,508 tonnage in May. American ships reaching this port in June numbered 121, a decrease of 6, while 136 American ships departed, an increase of two over May.

Clearances for the year ended June 30 totalled, however, only 13,630,245 tons, compared with 16,541,482 tons for the year ended June 30, 1914. The clearances were in excess of those for the 12 months ended June 30, 1915, which were 12,944,075 tons.

HOLLWEG TO QUIT CHANCELLORSHIP?

Change May Mean End of War, as Count von Hertling, Possible Successor, Could Arrange Terms.

Amsterdam, July 9.—The German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, had another conference with Emperor William today.

The main committee of the reichstag continued its confidential discussion of internal and external political affairs. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the secretaries of state and many members of the bundsrath attended the meeting.

All the speakers, according to the report received here, expressed regret that a portion of the press had not respected the secrecy of the meetings, but had published erroneous reports concerning them.

The chancellor made a lengthy speech.

The Tageblatt of Berlin says it is rumored that a change in the chancellorship may be expected. Among those mentioned as the possible successor of Bethmann-Hollweg it names Prince von Buelow, former chancellor; Count von Hertling, Bavarian prime minister, and Count von Roedern, secretary of the imperial treasury.

Count von Hertling has had several conferences recently with Austro-Hungarian officials, presumably in regard to peace questions. He is said to favor peace without cash indemnity. During the war Prince von Buelow has spent most of his time in Switzerland. It has been reported that the German government has kept him in a detached position in the expectation of calling him back when the time came to arrange peace with the idea that he could render greater services on account of having no share in the conduct of the war.

For Sale.
4 Angus bull calves. Eligible to register.
McFarland & Sons,
Butler, Mo.
39-11

Mulberry and Western Bates.

Miss Irene Ewbank, of the El Dorado neighborhood, was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jennie E. Porter, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fail and daughter, Doris, of Butler, visited at the Claude Morwood home the first of the week and attended the celebration at Mulberry.

Ed Kruger, of Chicago, Ill., who has been spending his two weeks vacation with his uncle, Rev. A. E. Wheirmeister, returned home Saturday evening.

Deputy County Clerk, Miss Helen Braden, of Butler, celebrated the Fourth with old neighbors at Mulberry.

Rev. A. E. Wheirmeister is taking a three weeks' vacation and left Sunday afternoon for Chicago to visit his parents.

Mrs. John H. Braden and three children of Amsterdam visited at the Lizzie M. Braden home Tuesday.

Word was received by relatives Friday that Pearl Gray had been run over by a freight train at Junction City, Kansas, and killed. His sister, Mrs. J. H. Stilwell, and uncle, Cecil Pibbs, left for Kansas City Saturday to attend the funeral.

BIG CELEBRATION AT OLD MULBERRY

July 4th, 1917, was one of the days that will be long remembered by the sixty members of the Mulberry Farmers Co-Operative Club as the day was a "big success." There were some two thousand celebrated with this lot of progress, we farmers. Thomas J. Talbert of the State University was the principal speaker and soon found a warm spot in the hearts of his listeners and all will be glad to have him come again. The ball game between Amsterdam and Foster was won by the latter. Some eight hundred rooters saw the game. There were sixteen contests of various kinds during the day. The music by Prof. Ed A. Smiser and his band was enjoyed by all. The play at night had a full house. The stands did a big business and the Club has \$143.85 to start on another free entertainment. Some talk of a free Farmers Fair in September is being made. If so, we would like to see the faces of a few Butler people. Say Mulberry is on the map.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Goode and daughters, Marie and Hazel, of Garnet, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Goode and sons, Ernest, Stanley and Lewis, of Amsterdam, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Street of La Cynge, Kansas, ate dinner at the parental, R. L. Nichols home July 4th and celebrated at the Farmers Picnic in the afternoon and evening.

This is one neighborhood in which there are no "Slackers." There is not help enough to care for the crops. The women and girls are helping and they say that some of these best young men may soon be drafted.

The next meeting of the Farmers' Club will be held Saturday night, July 28. A good literary program free. Come out and see what a lot of live farmers can do when they are all pulling together.

The toot of the threshing machine can be heard as two outfits are starting today, Tuesday, July 10.

Hello, Sunny Jim, we missed your smiles July 4th. You missed a real ball game.

RAMBLER.

A. H. Culver Chairman of the Bates County Council of Defense.

A. H. Culver, of this city, received notice Tuesday that he had been appointed chairman of the Bates County Council of Defense, and a letter from B. F. Mumford, of Columbia, state chairman, asking him to call a meeting of the Bates county council for the purpose of organization. Mr. Culver, on account of the time that it would take, was at first very reluctant about accepting the appointment, but his friends soon convinced him that he was the man for the place. He accepted and called a meeting of the Bates County Council to meet at his store in this city the afternoon of Wednesday, July 18. The other members of the council are: W. G. Dillon, Butler; Riley Gilbert, Ulrich; H. O. Maxey, Butler; C. C. McGennis, Rich Hill; Lewis Moore, Hume; J. B. Walton, Butler; Clark Wix, Spruce.

The Appeal to Reason, the widely read Socialist weekly published at Girard, Kas., has been suppressed by the government under the provisions of the Espionage act, approved June 15. The paper has been opposed to war, and has bitterly attacked the government policies. The suppression took the form of a denial of the mails to the publication. A number of other journals which have sought to embarrass the government have been suppressed.

Our Cleaning-Up Sale

Means a saving on a good many articles that you have either a present or future need for. You know enough about the high cost of goods to realize that the items listed below cannot be bought at wholesale today at the prices we are selling them. We could carry them over and get twice as much easily but we have no left-overs. It is worth your while to investigate.

Ladies Ready-to-Wear Suits Entire stock Clean-up Sale \$7.95	Ladies Muslin Gowns \$1.25 value Clean-up Sale 79c	Fancy Silk Tussah 50c value Clean-up Sale 29c	Men's Work Shirts 65c value Clean-up Sale 50c
Ladies Ready-to-Wear Coats Entire stock Clean-up Sale \$5.00	Ladies Muslin Skirts 85c value Clean-up Sale 48c	Voile and Organdy 35c value Clean-up Sale 19c	Boys Mesh Unionsuits 35c value Clean-up Sale 25c
Ladies Ready-to-Wear Dress Shirts, \$3.98 value Clean-up Sale \$2.48	Ladies Knit Unionsuits 45c value Clean-up Sale 29c	Fancy Batiste, 40 inch 25c value Clean-up Sale 14c	Men's Dress Shirts \$1.00 value Clean-up Sale 75c
Shrink-Nome Wash Shirts \$6.00 value Clean-up Sale \$2.98	Ladies Muslin Skirts \$1.25 value Clean-up Sale 98c	Fancy Lawn 12 1/2c value Clean-up Sale 7 1/2c	Men's Oxfords \$4.00 value Clean-up Sale \$2.75
Shrink-Nome Wash Shirts \$2.50 value Clean-up Sale \$1.98	Children's Muslin Underwear Clean-up Sale 19c	Fancy Wash Goods 65c-75c value Clean-up Sale 35c	Men's Silk Shirts \$2.50 value Clean-up Sale \$1.48
House Dresses \$1.35 value Clean-up Sale 85c	Ladies Muslin Drawers and Gowns Clean-up Sale 48c	White Dimity 18c value Clean-up Sale 12 1/2c	Boys Nainsook Unionsuits 35c value Clean-up Sale 25c
Shirton Petticoats \$2.00 value Clean-up Sale 98c	Children's Rompers Clean-up Sale 35c	Organdy Flouncing 75c value Clean-up Sale 48c	Men's Fast Color Sport Shirts 75c value Clean-up Sale 48c
Ladies Crpe de Chine Waists \$3.00-\$3.50 value Clean-up Sale \$1.98	Ladies Sport Hats \$1.00 value Clean-up Sale 75c	Embroidery Flouncing 39c value Clean-up Sale 24c	Men's Wash Pants \$1.25 value Clean-up Sale 98c
Children's Dresses 60c value Clean-up Sale 39c	Children's Dresses \$1.00 value Clean-up Sale 80c	Ladies Waists, slightly soiled, \$1.00 value Clean-up Sale 39c	Ladies Oxfords Sizes 2-4 Clean-up Sale \$1.00

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