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HUN EFFECTIVE FORCES GREATLY DIMINISHED

AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS SHOW ONLY ONE MILLION GERMAN EFFECTIVE IN LINE

AUSTRIANS USING RESERVES AT METZ

By Fred S. Ferguson
(By United Press)

With the American armies in the field Sept. 20.—The diminishing German effective fighting forces this summer, is shown in authoritative information received at American headquarters.

The enemy now has eighty seven divisions, about one million men, not counting the Austrian divisions which are probably in the Metz region. Thirteen of the eighty seven divisions had four months rest and are regarded as fit for immediate service. Twenty divisions have rested for three months.

Of the total resting divisions three are first class fighting men six second class two third class and two fourth class while three are first class fighting men.

All the other divisions were engaged in the German attack of July 15 or in allied counter offensive.

IF WASHINGTON WERE ATTACKED

(By Associated News Service)

Washington Sept. 20.—“What would Washington do in the event of a German raid?

The foregoing question has been asked and discussed here repeatedly. The recent enemy submarine activities off the Atlantic coast increased interest in the query, and the suggestion was made that a Hun seaplane might attempt to drop bombs on the White House, the Capitol and other public buildings some serene September evening. These whispering have not caused any undue excitement as it is known that the authorities have surely prepared for such a dire contingency.

As a matter of fact a number of great searchlights have been installed at points in the city and its suburbs. Therefore, in the event of a visit of an aerial marauder the sky above Washington could be illuminated to an almost daylight degree of brightness. In addition, there are a number of our aeroplanes at Fort Myer, Va., on the heights overlooking the city from the west, at College Park Md., to the eastward, and in the hangars on the ellipse just south of the White House. Added to these birds of war, it is said several anti-aircraft guns have been installed which could be quickly brought in to play.

Shafts of electric light shooting upward into the heavens are an almost nightly spectacle here. They are located at different points and angles and demonstrate that the War Department has not overlooked the possibility of an aeroplane or seaplane, with its base in some isolated place, attempting a raid on the capital.

BULGARIANS ARE DEFEATED

(By United Press)

London Sept. 20.—The Bulgarians were completely beaten in the new Franco-Serbian offensive being pursued for days and nights by the victorious allied troops, the Serbian war office declares.

Several additional towns were captured in the allied advance which reached a depth of twelve and a half miles.

U. S. EMERGENCY ARMY RATION

(By United Press)

Wilmington Sept. 20.—The quartermaster corps has worked out a special reserve emergency ration for the Army consisting of hard bread, corn beef, corn beef hash, roast beef, salmon, sardines, soluble coffee, sugar and salt, to be packed in camouflaged galvanized iron tins and hermetically sealed against gas as well as moisture.

This announcement carries two important messages for the American people. It teaches the necessity for saving certain foods and it also emphasizes the necessity for building up a national reserve ration.

TWO N. C. MEN AMONG LOSSES

(By United Press)

Washington Sept. 20.—Lieutenant Lawrence S. Loughran, of Asheville was reported killed and Corporal John Robert Williams of Burgaw, seriously wounded, as North Carolina's contribution to the three casualty lists released today by the war and navy departments.

The total losses were 77 killed in action, 108 missing in action; 172 severely wounded 27 died of wounds, 10 died of accident; 13 died of disease; 3 wounded to a degree undetermined one aeroplane accident death and one killed accidentally.

FRANCE REFUSES AUSTRIAN PEACE

(By United Press)

Paris Sept. 20.—France's answer to the Austrian peace discussion proposal was handed to the Swiss minister and consisted of Premier Clemenceau's speech before the senate refusing the offer.

RUSSO-GERMAN AGREEMENT OF EVACUATION

(By United Press)

Stockholm, Sept. 20.—Agreements signed at Vilna by Russian and German delegates for German evacuation of occupied territories according to dispatches from Petrograd.

PEACE OFFER IS STILL OPEN

(By United Press)

Amsterdam Sept. 20.—“Austria-Hungary's peace offer is still open,” is the statement contained in the official dispatch from Vienna received here.

The dispatch further stated that Foreign secretary Balfour's speech contained rash conclusions regarding the central empires attitude toward peace which he could not have made if he had accepted the proposed discussion.

From reports from Austria and Hungary it is evident that the people of these countries have not been permitted to hear of the official replies of other allied nations, only Balfour's exhaustive discussion of the peace proposal being available.

BRITISH TAKE MOEUVRRES AFTER BIG FIGHT

GENERAL HAIG REPORTS STRONG RESISTANCE BY THE ENEMY WITH FIERCE ARTILLERY FIRE, BUT THE BRITISH PRESS ON REGARDLESS

ALLIES ADVANCE AT SEVERAL POINTS

(BY UNITED PRESS)

London Sept. 20.—British troops captured Moeuuvres, seven miles directly west of Cambrai, in an attack last night, according to official report from General Haig.

Fighting still continues in that region, and local engagements are also reported from other parts of the battlefield.

ENGLAND SAYS AMBASSADORS ARREST UNTRUE

(By United Press)

London Sept. 20.—The British foreign office reports the arrest of British, French and Italian ambassadors to Rumania at Petrograd to be untrue. All of these diplomatic officials are at Jassy.

BRIDGE MEETING TODAY AT 5:30

The Roanoke river bridge proposition has now taken definite shape inasmuch as Mr. W. B. Bandy, resident engineer for the State Highway Commission, has surveyed two crossings of the river, that at Norfolk's and at Edwards Ferry, his findings having been worked out in Raleigh and estimates of the cost of the bridge and approaches being ready to submit at the meeting to be held this afternoon at 5:30 in the Mayor's office.

The committee is very anxious for a full and interested attendance of the citizens, that the best possible conclusion can be come to and definite steps taken to advance the scheme toward the building of the bridge at as early a date as possible.

GERMAN AIRPLANE BROUGHT DOWN INTACT



Alan F Winslow of Chicago formerly of the Lafayette Escadrille now fighting with compatriots on the American front brought down a Hun airplane practically uninjured

BOLSHEVIKI FORCES AGAIN DEFEATED

RED GUARDS COMMANDED BY GERMAN OFFICERS SUFFERED HEAVILY AND WERE COMPELLED TO FLEE TO BORDER LEAVING MATERIAL

TRIPLE ALLIANCE OF SLAVS IS POSSIBLE

MUST CHARGE FOR BULLETINS

(By Associated News Service)

Washington D. C., Sept. 20.—In view of the government's demand upon newspaper publishers to restrict both the advertising and news departments of their publications for the purpose of conserving the paper only, Congress is quietly inaugurating an investigation of the waste of white print paper by the government itself. Details covering the expenditure of millions of reams of paper upon various government publications, not deemed essential to the winning of the war, will be given out in a few days. Speaking on this subject in the House, Representative Joseph Walsh of Massachusetts, says.

“The newspapers of America are patriotic and they ought not to be, by Federal decree, made the victims of demands on the ground of economy and conservation, while wastefulness and extravagance are given free hand in government boards and departments.”

Representative Walsh declared that it is unfair to the American public, about to pay a tax of eight billion dollars, besides buying twice that amount in Liberty Bond not counting Red Cross and other war donations, to be forced to pay such an enormous printing bill. It is estimated that the work at the government printing office this year will amount to \$12,000,000, which does not include the cost of contracts to private printers which many different departments of the government have made. Mr. Walsh said many of these bulletins, releases, summaries, news, documents, letters and magazines that have been issued by the various boards, commissions and departments, publish matter already published by the newspapers of country.

(By United Press)

London Sept. 20.—An overwhelming defeat of the Bolsheviki forces, commanded by German officers near Ukhtinskay is reported officially in a dispatch from the Murman coast.

The enemy suffered heavily and were pursued in disorder toward the frontier.

Over one thousand prisoners were taken and many machine guns and boats captured.

Washington Sept. 20.—The triple alliance of Poland, Czechoslovak and Jugo-Slavs for an united stand against Germany and Austria is held possible here by Dr. Thomas G. Mahary, chairman of the Czechoslovak national council and commander in chief of the Czechoslovaks for Siberia, Italy and France.

London Sept. 20.—Mme. Alexandra Bedshkak Euna, organizer of the Russian woman's battalion of death was executed at Vitebek on Sept 12 for participation in the counter revolution according to Berlin wireless dispatches made public here. The dispatches stated that the woman was shot.

BRISBANE GETS WORST OF TILT

(By United Press)

Washington Sept. 20.—Arthur Brisbane, known for years as the dean of editors, and for a decade associated with the Hearts Syndicate, came off second best in the title, with the alien property custodian, A. Mitchell Palmer, in the contention of the latter that the Washington Times was purchased by Brisbane with loaned money from the brewery interests, which latter was pro-german in its attitude.

Palmer produced proofs that the papers connected the names of Alexander Konta, Captain Hans Tauscher and Dr. Bernard Dernburg, all German agents, and the payments were made to A. Thursby for the Growing Circulation Corporation, Thursby apparently being Alice Brisbane Thursby, the corporation being controlled by Arthur Brisbane.

The whole affair is now with the senate judiciary committee which is now investigating the entire matter.

Mrs. B. W. Martin received a message last evening of the illness of her daughter, Miss Ada Martin, and she left on the night train for Columbia, Tenn., via Atlanta.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Oct	32.90	33.07	32.90	32.90
Dec	32.10	32.40	32.10	32.27
Jan	31.85	32.27	31.85	32.12
Mar	31.70	32.23	31.70	32.06
May	31.65	32.22	31.65	31.99

LOCAL MARKET NOMINAL

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