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RECORD ADVANCE FOR PRESENT WAR IS SET

Two Days' of Fighting Through Plains of Sharon Covers 50 Miles.

BY J. W. T. MARSON.
 (United Press War Expert.)
 NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—General Allenby's remarkable advance through the plains of Sharon to Nazareth has covered 50 miles in two days' fighting which is the record for the present war. The British are now within 25 miles of Damascus, the capture of which is certain if the present disintegration of Turkish forces is continued. Once at Damascus Allenby can begin to make plans for uniting his own forces with those of the British army in Mesopotamia, which is working its way northwestward along the Euphrates river. This army has as its objective the capture of Aleppo, where the Constantinople railway joins the Bagdad and Damascus lines.

From Damascus Allenby too will advance toward Aleppo. It will be possible for him to get in touch with the British Mesopotamian operations immediately at Damascus by the use of cavalry. The Arabian desert, which now separates Allenby's forces from the Mesopotamian expedition loses its density north of Damascus, permitting the two British armies to unite under a single strategic direction for approach at Aleppo. Allenby is now less than 200 miles from Aleppo and has covered half the distance from Suez to that major Turkish railway center.

With the British armies in possession of Aleppo the nearest port of Alexandria will certainly be seized. Thereafter a major campaign may begin for the capture of Constantinople.

KAISER IS LIBERAL, IRON CROSS GIVEN OUT IS JOB LOTS

PARIS, Sept. 24.—According to L'Éclair, Emperor Wilhelm of Germany has been extremely profuse in his bestowal of the Iron Cross. L'Éclair points out that he has found 153 grinces to honor with the highest German decoration; 987 generals, twenty six other high dignitaries and 11,284 Germans of the general staff. The number of private soldiers honored with the decoration is but 4,742. Besides, 12,645 non-commissioned officers have received it. The number in the aviation service reaches 3,924; in the navy, 4,842; in the medical service, 1,052; chaplains, eighty four, and members of the army service units, 472.

All these were of the first class. The number of iron crosses of the second class reaches many hundred thousands.

BERWICK FORGOT TO DECLARE WAR ON HUNS

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(By mail.)—One town in the British Isles is technically still at peace with the Central powers. It is Berwick-on-Tweed, a city on the North Sea coast half in England, half in Scotland, through which runs the boundary line of the River Tweed.

Under the British constitution, Berwick must issue a separate declaration when the British government announces hostilities. It has just been discovered that Berwick was overlooked in the declaration of August 4, 1914. At the same time it was realized that Berwick is, technically, still at war with Russia, having forgotten to proclaim peace at the end of the Crimean war in 1856.

BARON DUJAN SAYS WILSON WAS HASTY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 27.—Baron Dujan, Austrian foreign minister, in a statement to the Berlin newspapers, declared he was not surprised at the allied reception of the Austrian proposal, but that nothing should be neglected to bring peace nearer.

"The rapidity with which President Wilson replied is remarkable," he

said. "He clearly wanted to anticipate the other members of the cabinet."

"He always wanted to be the arbiter of the world. Even his neutrality was an assumed role, and he is now striving to keep up the pole. I do not say he is insincere, but there are cases in American history in which America herself violates the 14 points by formalities."

Says Lane Willard.

"Proof that the cabinet fears the effects of the proposal on the pacifists is shown by the speed with which Premier Clemenceau and Daladier spoke. It would serve no purpose to reply to their speeches."

"There was complete agreement between Germany and Austria-Hungary in regard to the dispatch of the note."

"The Hindenburg line will hold, but we must neglect nothing that will bring peace nearer."

BOILERMAKERS AT VANCOUVER VOTE FOR FULL SHIFT

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—Boilermakers of Vancouver, Wash., unanimously voted to work a full shift Saturday under the Massey agreement despite any action that may be taken by the Portland local of the union. This affects between 250 and 300 men, most of whom are employed in the steel ship yards of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation.

Joe Reed, international organizer of the Boilermakers union, informed the Vancouver local that it could take action as it pleased in the matter of its charter last night's session. From that of the Portland organization. Accordingly the men voted to stay on the job all day Saturday.

According to Reed, word has been sent from the international headquarters of the boilermakers that the Saturday half day walkout is in violation of the Massey agreement. At the Portland headquarters of the Boilermakers it was said no such word had been received there.

As regards Portland, the situation remains unchanged. Boilermakers will not work Saturday afternoon, according to present plans. No word has been received by Federal Wage Examiner Richard W. Montague as to action that may be taken by the Massey board or by the government.

SOLDIERS' LETTERS TO CATCH FIRST TRAIN TO "FOLKS AT HOME"

PARIS, Aug. 18.—(By mail.)—Hereafter American soldiers' letters will catch the first train out of "an Atlantic port" that's headed toward the "folks back home."

Instead of lying hours or days in the American port while being sorted and distributed into sacks and trains, expeditionary force mail now goes direct from the ship to the right trains. To eliminate every minute of unnecessary delay to soldiers' mail from the time it is dropped into the mailbox in France until it is placed in the eager hands of the "folks," the postal service has just inaugurated a new method of handling soldiers' mail.

Previously the letters were stacked up in a base port in France and put upon the first outgoing ship, and sorted in New York. Now the mail is sorted, distributed, thrown into the right sacks and routed while waiting for a sailing.

Perfecting of this system follows completion of a base port of a big mail terminal similar to those in the greater American cities. To this terminal is sent nearly all of the mail from the expedition. Eighty experienced mail clerks from the United States sort the letters, each clerk handling the mail for a section of the country with which he is familiar. The postal service expects to save from five to twenty hours on each letter by the innovation.

SON OF ROBERT BARR, NOVELIST, IS KILLED

TORONTO, Sept. 25.—Lieut. Robert Barr, only son of the late Robert Barr, Canadian novelist, who wrote under the name "John Bayne," was killed in action in France, August 27, according to word received here.

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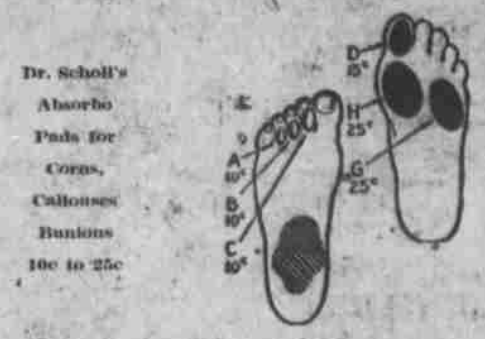
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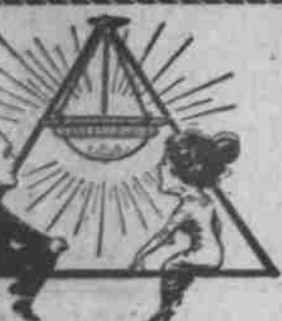
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Assistant Secretary of Navy Ill of Pneumonia Developed on Ship With Other Cases.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose return from Europe, where he was several weeks on official business, was announced yesterday afternoon, came home ill. He was taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. James Roosevelt, No. 47 East 64th street. Mrs. Roosevelt said last evening his physicians pronounced the ailment a light attack of pneumonia but his condition was favorable for early recovery.

It was learned from government officials that Mr. Roosevelt contracted Spanish influenza on the voyage home and it developed into pneumonia. They agreed his condition was not serious. Several other cases of influenza developed on the same ship. Mr. Roosevelt was reported last night as resting comfortably by Dr. Albert H. Ely and John W. Zemper.

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