

ITALIANS CAPTURE AUSTRIAN BASE

HAIG'S MEN IN SUCCESSFUL RAIDS IN FLANDERS; FRENCH TAKE VILLAGE

TAKE PRISONERS IN PATROL CLASH

120 Germans Fall Into British Hands in Vicinity of Merris, Flanders Front.

FRENCH CONTINUE GAINS

Capture Longpont, East of Villers-Cotterets, and Occupy Javage Farm.

(Associated Press) London, July 12.—Further operations were carried out by British troops last night, notably in the Flanders area near Merris and Meteren, the war office announced today.

Another British party raided the German lines near Hamel, south of the Somme. A patrol clash in the neighborhood of Gavrelle, northeast of Arras, also resulted in the taking of prisoners.

In their operation in the vicinity of Merris the British took 120 prisoners.

Raids Near Montdidier. (Associated Press.) Paris, July 12.—The Village of Longpont, on the Savieres river east of Villers-Cotterets, has been captured by the French, says the official statement from the war office today.

CHANGE OF OFFICIALS DOESN'T AFFECT POLICY

Von Hertling Declares Wilson's Utterances Force Germany to Continue Struggle.

(International News Service.) Copenhagen, July 12.—The change of foreign secretaries will not change the foreign or internal policies of the German government, Chancellor Von Hertling declared in a speech before the main committee of the reichstag, said a dispatch from Berlin today.

The utterances of President Wilson and foreign Secretary Balfour (of England) force Germany to continue the struggle.

Foreign Secretary Von Hintze has given a binding promise to follow every pledge made by the chancellor.

ONE OF ASSASSINS OF MIRBACH ARRESTED

German Ambassador to Russia Killed by Hand Grenade at Moscow Last Saturday.

(International News Service.) London, July 12.—One of the two assassins who murdered Gen. Count Von Mirbach, the German ambassador to Russia, at Moscow last Saturday, has been arrested, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

RUSSIAN RAILWAY MEN ON STRIKE IN MANY TOWNS

(Associated Press.) Paris, July 12.—(Havas Agency.)—Russian railway men are on strike in several districts, according to a Zurich dispatch quoting the Leipzig Neueste Nachrichten. The strike promises to be general, the dispatch says.

DELIVERING THE MAIL IN THE TRENCHES



Trench letter carrier delivering the daily mail to the Americans in the trenches.

NEW EXCUSE WHY U-BOATS DO NOT SINK TRANSPORTS

Prefer to Attack Unarmed Vessels, as Huns Think This Better Part of Valor. (International News Service.) Amsterdam, July 12.—A brand-new explanation why German submarines are not sinking American transports has just been put out by the semi-official Wolff bureau of Germany.

DRIVE BEGUN TO OFFSET ALLIED BOMBARDMENT

Germans Cry 'Kamerad' After but Taste of Aerial Attacks on Rhine Towns. (Associated Press.) Geneva, July 12.—Another campaign has been undertaken along the Rhine in order to prevent allied bombardment of Rhine towns.

FATHER'S CRIME PROMPTED BY FEARFUL APPREHENSION

Albany, N. Y., July 12.—Fearing that his 3 1/2-year-old child would be an imbecile for life, George Robinson, shipping clerk of the Corona Typewriter works, at Groton, eight miles from here, last night shot the child through the heart and mouth, killing it instantly, then committed suicide by shooting himself through the mouth.

HEAVY TAX MAY DESTROY MOTIVE POWER BUSINESS

(International News Service.) Washington, July 12.—A heavy tax on advertising in the new revenue bill will "destroy the motive power of American business," the ways and means committee was told today by Jesse H. Neal, executive secretary of the associated business papers organization, representing postponed trade papers.

FEDERAL PRISONERS TO MANUFACTURE SUPPLIES

(International News Service.) Washington, July 12.—Prisoners in United States penitentiaries will be compensated for the manufacture of supplies for the use of the government, according to the terms of an act signed today by President Wilson.

CHOLERA IN PETROGRAD CLAIMS VICTIMS DAILY

(Associated Press.) London, July 12.—Owing to the shortage of food, cholera is on the increase in Petrograd and hundreds of persons are daily falling victims to it, says a Russian wireless dispatch received today.

BRITISH DROP BOMBS ON CONSTANTINOPLE

One Hundred and Twenty Prisoners Captured in Operations Around Merris. (Associated Press.) London, July 12.—Air force contingents with the British navy dropped a half ton of bombs upon the city of Constantinople on July 7. It was announced by the admiralty today. All English planes returned safely.

POSTPONEMENT ON BONE-DRY CLAUSE REACHED

(International News Service.) Washington, July 12.—An agreement for postponement of a vote on wartime "bone dry" prohibition has virtually been reached with "dry" leaders in the senate, and plans for a congressional recess appeared this afternoon to be taking definite shape.

MOST 'GODMOTHERED' BOY IN ALL FRANCE

(Special to The News.) Bristol, July 12.—Gov. Tom Rye, in his senatorial candidacy, yesterday adopted a French orphan boy, five years old. He was introduced by Wm. R. Holler, a wealthy farmer.

WILL REDUCE CAR SERVICE TO A STRICTLY WAR BASIS

(International News Service.) Savannah, Ga., July 12.—Beginning next Monday, the Savannah Electric company will reduce street car service to a strictly war basis. Car schedules will be reduced, one-man crews installed and many other plans carried out to conserve labor, power and equipment.

FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

Fair, says Billy 'Possum. Now, listen, gentle reader: for you know I'm wordly wise; if you can't be good, be careful. Truth will penetrate delusive. But the hint I want to give you—let this sink well in your dome—who is guilty's not the question—Manture your nails at home.

FISHING STEAMER MAY HAVE HIT FLOATING MINE

(International News Service.) An Atlantic Port, July 12.—A rumor is in circulation here today that an unknown fishing steamer was sunk yesterday afternoon about ten miles off the coast, probably from contact with a floating mine. No information regarding the report could be secured from officials here.

TURKEY REPLIES TO U.S. DEMAND

For Explanation of Sacking of Hospital—Con't Ascertain Facts. (Associated Press.) Washington, July 12.—Turkey has informed the United States through the Swedish foreign office that so far the true facts as to the reported seizure of the American consulate and sacking of an American hospital at Tabriz by Turkish soldiers have not been ascertained, but that it will be done at the earliest possible moment.

GOV. RYE CARRIES ON CAMPAIGN IN SULLIVAN

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MILITARISM WILL EVER CLOSE DOOR FOR GERMANY

(Special to The News.) Paris, July 12.—Germany has excluded herself from the society of nations and will remain outside of it as long as she is embarrassed by militarism and the door will not be opened until she has changed, says Andre Lebey, who is writing a report on a league of nations for the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies.

ILLICIT DISTILLER TURNS OUT TO BE GERMAN ALIEN

(International News Service.) Atlanta, July 12.—Arrested under a charge of illicit distilling, it developed that A. E. Pickett is a German, born near Berlin; had never been naturalized and had not registered as an alien enemy. Pickett will be interned for the duration of the war. He was a well-to-do master mason.

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TRIPLE MYSTERY DEATH STILL PUZZLES POLICE

(Associated Press.) Waukesha, Wis., July 12.—Local and probate authorities are today seeking Elder Krause, a farm hand and probationer from South Milwaukee, in the hopes of clearing up the triple mystery death at the Wm. Mill farm near here yesterday, where Hille, Hulda Hille, his sister, and Ernest Fentze were found dead, under unusual circumstances.

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INFANTRY AND BIG GUNS ACTIVE IN 175-MILE ZONE

Austro-Hungarian Artillery Develops Intensity On East Wing of Balkan Front—Italians Advance Nineteen Miles and Take Important Base of Berat.

(International News Service.) London, July 12.—The important Austro-Hungarian base of Berat, in southern Albania, has been captured by the Italians, said a Central News dispatch from Rome today. (Berat is thirty miles northeast of Valona.) By the capture of Berat all danger of a successful Austro-Hungarian drive against Valona has been eliminated.

The Italian lines are being advanced thirty kilometers (about nineteen miles) in southern Albania and have been shortened more than thirty miles. The Italians took many Austro-Hungarian prisoners in the fighting around Berat.

Occupied Kosmita Crest. (International News Service.) Paris, July 12.—While the Italians and French have continued to advance in Southern Albania, on the western wing of the Balkan front, the Austro-Hungarian artillery has developed great activity further eastward and there is now mingled infantry actions and big gun duels over a zone of nearly 175 miles.

The French war office in a communique dealing with operations in the Balkans says: "South of the Devoll our troops, continuing their successful advance, have reached and occupied Kosmita crest as well as all the villages in the Tomorica valley as far as Dobrney. The enemy's artillery is displaying great activity especially west of the Vardar river and north of Monastir. British aviators successfully bombed enemy depots in the Struma valley."

The suggestions of the treasury department were for two groups of new taxes aimed at the elimination of expenditures for luxuries, and in their scope covering practically every non-essential. At the same time providing that expenditures for the more costly necessities should likewise be penalized.

There is proposed a tax of 20 per cent. on automobiles, trailers and truck units, motorcycles, bicycles and upon automobile, motorcycle and bicycle tires.

A 20 per cent. tax is suggested on all musical instruments. It is suggested that the following articles be taxed at the graduated scale based upon the price yet to be determined:

Men's Clothing—Men's suits selling for more than \$50, hats for over \$4, shirts for over \$5, pajamas for over \$2, hosiery for over \$5, coats a pair, shoes for over \$5, gloves for over \$2, underwear for over \$3 and upon all neckwear and walking sticks.

Women's Clothing—Suits selling for over \$40, coats for over \$30, shoes for over \$15, hats for over \$10, shoes for over \$5, lingerie for over \$5 per garment, corsets \$5, dress goods: Silk over \$1.50 a square yard, cotton over 50 cents a square yard and wool over \$2 a yard, and upon all fur, boas and furs.

Children's Clothing—Suits selling for over \$15, cotton dresses for over \$3, linen dresses for over \$5, silk and wool dresses over \$5, hats over \$5, shoes over \$2.

Under "house furnishings" it is suggested that the following articles be taxed at rates yet to be determined: All ornamental lamps and fixtures, all table linen, cutlery, silverware, china and cut glass, all furniture, sets for which more than \$5 is paid for each piece; on curtains at over \$2 per yard and on tapestry, rugs and carpets at over \$2 a square yard.

On all automobiles, motorcycles and handbags, brushes, combs and toilet articles and mirror at more than \$2. A tax of 10 per cent. upon gross collections from all vending machines is proposed.

The suggestion also includes a tax of 10 per cent. on all hotel bills amounting to more than \$2 a person per diem and in addition it is proposed that tax on cabaret bills shall be made to apply to the entire restaurant or cafe bill (the present tax on cabaret bills is 10 per cent.).

Under the second group of proposed extravagance taxes, it is provided, that gasoline shall be taxed 10 cents a gallon, the tax to be paid by the wholesaler.

A tax of 10 per cent. on all leased cars is proposed.

The following taxes on soft drinks are suggested:

Those now paying 5 cents a gallon to pay 20 cents; those now paying 10 cents to pay 30 cents. Those paying 10 cents a gallon to pay 40 cents; those now paying 20 cents a gallon to pay 50 cents. Mineral water now sold at 1 cent a gallon to pay 16 cents a gallon.

It is proposed to abolish the present tax on picture films and add to the rate of admission and rentals.

Doubling of existing internal revenue taxes on wines, liquors, beers and upon cigars, cigarettes and other goods.

An automobile license tax on passenger automobiles graduated under the following schedule is proposed: 20 horsepower less, \$1; 24 to 30 horsepower, \$25; 31 to 35 horsepower, \$40, and over 40 horsepower, \$50.

AUSTRIANS IN SERBIA IN SERIOUS MUTINIES

(Associated Press.) Confu, July 12.—A serious mutiny among the Austrian troops in one of the occupied districts of Serbia is announced by the Serbian press bureau today. The mutiny broke out in the town of Kragujevac, broke into rebellion because of bad food, the statement declares, and many of the officers were killed.

The mutiny was suppressed after a vicious battle in which machine guns and artillery were freely used.

EXTRAVAGANCE IN U.S. CONSIDERED CRIMINAL

(Associated Press.) A Washington special states that taxes are contemplated on practically