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REPORT FROM GEN. HAIG SHOWS GAIN

Fifteen British Vessels Sunk the Week Ending Last Night

(Associated Press) LONDON, Sept. 27.—General Haig's report to the war office this morning says that despite the most powerful resistance offered by the German forces, the British operations on the Ypres region continue to be most successful and the drive is being kept up with telling effects.

The admiralty announce today that fifteen British vessels had been sunk during the week ending last night. Most of them being small boats.

LADY MAYORESS RESIGNS

(Associated Press) PENDLETON, Oregon, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Laura Starcher has resigned as mayor of Umatilla, Ore., near here and has left to make her home in Parma, Idaho. The city council, composed of women, has elected Mrs. Helen T. Duncan to take her place. Umatilla is said to be the only city in the nation governed by women.

ANACONDA, Montana, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Mabel McLoughlin is declared to be the first woman rural mail carrier in this state. She has contracted to carry the mail three times a week over a route of 32 miles long out of this city.

BRITISH NAVY TO ATTACK ZEEBRUGGE

Monitors Will Attack German U-Boat Base

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—The British navy is preparing to take Zeebrugge, the submarine base of the Belgian coast, in the opinion of naval experts here.

For this purpose a large number of monitors will be used. England is reported to have supplied the design for these ships to Italy, as well as a number of the ships themselves.

They are so heavily armored under water, as well as above, they are declared to be impervious to submarine attack.

The administration has received information in regard to the plan from an American military expert just returned from abroad. It has also received a complete description of the defenses of Heligoland. These, it is declared, are impregnable.

Because of this fact, the British navy has abandoned all idea of an attack on Heligoland to smash the U-boat fleet at Wilhelmshaven, and will concentrate its forces on Zeebrugge. Heligoland is described as a "sky-scraper fortress." It is an island of red sandstone rising to a height of 230 feet. The Germans have hollowed out the inside, and from frequent loopholes great guns poke their muzzles.

At the elevations at which they are placed these cannon would outrange those of any warship. The sea for miles has been blocked off for gun-fighting, and the Germans could destroy a hostile fleet without seeing it. Both channels around the island and the waters back of them are a Saragossa of mines. There one narrow channel known only to a few pilots, the submarines come and go.

ASKS REMOVAL COMM. O'CONNOR AT MCCARTHY

Chris Tjosev, the well known mining man, who is heavily interested in mining property near Chitina, today filed charges against United States Commissioner William O'Connor, of McCarthy, for malfeasance in office, and particularly shown in the trial of the United States vs. Nels Tjosev, and petitioning for the removal of Mr. O'Connor from office.—Valdez Miner.

In a new electric photograph printing machine an automatic switch shuts off the light at a set time, insuring even prints.

The Jefferson arrived at eight o'clock this morning sailing at 10 for the north after discharging 30 tons of freight at the Ketchikan dock. Arrivals for this port were Miss Agnes Leahy, O. Larson, A. Tanssone, while leaving northbound were A. Boppas, Miss M. Lovett, and F. J. Comeau.

MOVEMENTS OF BOATS

SOUTHBOUND.
Evans 8 p. m. tonight.
Princess Alice Saturday.

NORTHBOUND.
Watson tonight.

DANISH ARMY REDUCED FINANCIAL REASONS

(Associated Press) COPENHAGEN, Sept. 27.—The Danish government has ordered another reduction in the size of the standing army. The step is taken, it is stated, "mainly for financial reasons, but also because discipline in the army has been weakened and its quality deteriorated under protracted service."

At the beginning of the European war, Denmark called up 45,000 men in addition to the 12,500 who are always under training. This force was gradually reduced to 25,000, and a further reduction of about 25 percent has now been decided upon. All the parties, except the Conservative group, have approved of the Government's decision. The Conservatives declined acquiescence on the ground that they could not admit that "the danger of a violation of Denmark's neutrality has been essentially diminished."

TO SEE HOW YOU LOOK IN A U. S. UNIFORM

(Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—A device to show a passerby how he looks in a United States uniform, may be introduced here after having been successfully tried the east in recruiting campaigns. It is a figure in khaki, stuffed with excelsior. Between the collar and the cap is placed a shaving mirror. The person peering into the mirror is given the impression that he is a regular soldier or sailor. If he has a coat of tan the effect is greatly heightened.

A LIFT FOR SOLDIERS

(Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—"When an auto passes a soldier on the road he should give him a lift. You may thereby hasten an important errand for the government. At least you will be showing your patriotism. Don't make the boys walk while you have a vacant seat."

This is the advice given to automobile owners by Percy E. Towne, president of the San Francisco branch of the American Automobile Association. Towne declares that such service has been an active policy of the association for some time, and he wants all automobile owners to provide like service.

CANNERYMEN ANNUAL BALL TO TAKE PLACE TOMORROW, WEEK

Whole Moose Hall Building Club Rooms, Billiard and Pool Rooms Open to Public

The huge Moose Hall with its large dancing floor, its numerous club rooms, billiard and pool rooms, card rooms and lounge rooms will be opened from cellar to garret in a blaze of light next Friday evening, October 5, by the Ketchikan District Cannerymen's Annual Ball Association, under whose auspices the Second Annual Ball will be given.

For those who dance, the best music obtainable, the biggest and best floor in town will be thrown open at nine o'clock sharp. For those who would play cards, the card rooms will be opened on the second floor and billiard and pool tables will be there also for the convenience and amusement of the guests. Everything will be free to the public in celebration of the close of another successful canning season.

The Chairmen of the various working committees are as follows:—Decorating Committee, Geo. D. Rounsefell, Floor, J. R. Heckman, Refreshment, H. E. Simonds, Finance, Fremont King, Music, Dale W. Hunt. The Chairman will be at liberty to select their own helpers from the superintendents and men of the various canneries. The reception Committee has not as yet been fully selected and will be announced later.

Work and plans for the decorations of the big floor are now being mapped out, and if the forthcoming event is to be "Bigger and Better" than last year, there will be some hustling and bustling done next week.

BABY GIRL ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jensen, of Newtown at 10 o'clock last evening, a seven lb. baby girl arrived, who under the care of Dr. Beatrice Dickinson is doing very well.

RAILWAYS MUST MOVE A MILLION MEN IN MONTH

Enormous Task of Transporting Troops to Various Camps

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—In moving the National Guard and the national selective service Army to the various cantonments the railroad of America will make history.

That is the view of the soldier transportation problem taken by Fairfax Harrison, formerly president of the Southern road and now chairman of the Railroad War Board directing troop movements.

Task is Without Precedent. "The War Department," said Harrison "has called upon the railroads to perform a task which is unprecedented, not only because of the number of troops to move but because of the long hauls. Between Aug. 20 and Oct. 20 approximately 1,000,000 men must be moved from nearly 5,000 different points to the thirty-two camps prepared to receive them."

BAD WEATHER DOES MUCH DAMAGE TO GERMAN CROP

(Associated Press) LONDON, Sept. 27.—An official statement from the Food Production Department gives a reassuring view of the harvest prospects in the British Isles, and by way of contrast, a summary of the gloomy situation in enemy countries.

In England, it is stated, recent reports of damage from rain and storm were heavily exaggerated. "While the recent storms damaged crops in some areas, there is, speaking generally, not the slightest ground for public anxiety or alarm," says the statement.

In Germany, on the other hand, the information received by the British agricultural authorities is that "the crops are not only exceedingly bad in the best areas of the Empire, but the whole harvest of the Central Powers will in all probability prove disastrous in consequence of the violent weather which has prevailed over Western Europe."

UNITED STATES TO FINANCE THE WAR

British Minister of Ammunition Says England is Drained of Gold

(Associated Press) ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 27.—R. H. Brand, the British minister of Ammunition, addressing the American bankers' convention here last night, said that England had drained her gold resources to help her Allies and for that reason, the future peace of the world rested in the ability of the United States to finance the war, and he added "I am confident that the interest of the United States is such that every effort will be made to that end."

NOME BAKERS DECIDE TO RAISE PRICES

NOME, Sept. 27.—Owing, it is said, to the present high cost of flour and other supplies, the bakery proprietors of the city have decided to increase the present price of bread to ten cents per loaf straight and will also advance the prices for pastries and other bakers' commodities. It is claimed that one firm of bread purveyors has been losing one cent a loaf for some time. The agreement for an advance of bread prices has been entered into by the following: The Nome Bakery, Anvil Bakery, North Pole Bakery and Arctic Bakery. The new price will take effect today.—Nome Nugget.

The pupils of the Cordova schools are certainly a patriotic lot of youngsters, says the Cordova Times when given the word Germany to write, one of the scholars inquired whether it should be spelled with a capital or lower case g. The teacher replied that if spelled the latter way it would be marked against the pupil, but in the face of this every one of the class wrote it thus: germany.

BADLY INJURED

Fred Nelson, of Metlakatla, who had his foot severely cut when he got it caught in the circular saw at the Metlakatla mill last Saturday is reported as doing much better today by Dr. George Dickinson, under whose care he was placed at the native hospital here. He was brought to town immediately after the accident.

EXEMPTION WITH STRING ATTACHED

Assessment Work Must be Done on Claims When Not Producing

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The senate conferees on the assessment work bill at a meeting yesterday positively declined to yield to the house conferees to make out an exemption report in accordance with the house amendment. A report will be filed today which will recommend the exemption of assessment work on mining claims during the years of 1917 and 1918, only where the owner of a mining claim has expended not less than one hundred dollars in producing or manufacturing products necessary and useful for the maintenance and support of the army and navy or the people of the United States. The committee refused to agree on a blanket exemption.

KAISER AIN'T WORTH MUCH

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 27.—By a resolution that was unanimously adopted, the Labor's Loyal Legion, recently organized here, voted to pay \$1,000 to the American soldier who might succeed in capturing, dead or alive, the Kaiser or the Crown Prince. The resolution was framed a few days ago at a meeting of the executive committee. In addition the Legion will offer \$500 to the first American soldier to take prisoner, dead or alive, a member of the general staff of the German army and \$200 for the first German soldier captured.

WIND STORM DEMOLISHES NEW APARTMENT B'LD'G.

CORDOVA, Sept. 18.—One of the worst rain and wind storms of the season visited Cordova last night and caused sleepers in many buildings considerable uneasiness. The storm set in early in the evening and continued throughout the night. About 2:30 o'clock this morning the wind attained its greatest velocity, and blew in the south side of the new apartment house on First street which is being erected by John Strigve, resulting in the collapse of the entire building, and entailing a loss of about \$3,000 to the owner. This is the only serious damage reported in the town, although a number of chimneys were blown off of buildings.—Cordova Times.

WILL PUBLISH ARMY PAPER IN TRENCHES FOR U. S. SOLDIERS

(Associated Press) STEVENSVILLE, Mont., Sept. 27.—Willis Medcalf, whose parents reside here is to be permitted to follow his trade as a printer behind the battle front in France, according to a letter received here.

He enlisted last Spring in a hospital company, but he has been commissioned by the government to purchase a small printing plant, in this country to issue a newspaper for American soldiers and print official reports for the army.

GRAND TRUNK MAKES EARLY CHANGE OF WINTER SCHEDULE

Prince John Will Make Trips Fortnightly, Alternating Queen Charlotte Run
Mr. J. J. Raleigh, local agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific, who returned yesterday on the Tillamook, from a three-day trip to Port Walter, where 1,200 barrels of salt herring were loaded, as well as 4,000 cases of salmon at Lake Bay, announced today that the winter schedule of the southeastern Alaska run had commenced. It was thought that the Prince Rupert would make the last trip arriving yesterday as usual, beginning the new schedule on October 1, but on account of the big falling off of trade, it was decided to inaugurate the new schedule a week sooner.

The Prince John which made the winter run last season will begin the new semi-monthly trips next Wednesday, making alternate trips to the Queen Charlotte Island ports and southeastern Alaska. The Prince Rupert and Prince George will connect with the Prince John at Prince Rupert making the run between that port and Vancouver, B. C.

COMPENSATION FOR ALASKANS RAISED AT MORNINGSIDE

At Request of Governor Strong Increase from \$330 to \$420 Per Patient is Made

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 27.—As Alaska has no insane asylums all the insane of the northern territory are committed to the Morningside Hospital at Portland, Ore., Recently Secretary of the Interior Lane, at the request of Governor Strong of Alaska recommended to Congress that the compensation paid by the government to the hospital be increased from \$330 to \$420 a year per patient, to meet the increased cost of living.

RETIRED SKIPPER 97 AGAIN AT THE HELM

ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 7.—A British schooner in command of a skipper 97 years old and a crew comprising men under military draft age, is on her way to this port, according to advice received by the vessel's agents. The skipper, Capt. James Moore of Pahrshboro, Nova Scotia, retired from active service some years ago, but because of the pressing demand for mariners, he recently notified the owners of the vessel that he was ready to take out a vessel. He is probably the oldest master of a ship on active duty today.

SCANDINAVIAN FISHING RUINED BY SUBMARINES

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 27.—Scandinavian coast fisheries are faced with absolute ruin, on account of the impossibility of plying their trade this year in the face of mines and U-boats. This is the more to be regretted as fish are more plentiful in the North Sea than ever before in the history of the fishing industry. Meanwhile the German trawlers, under government protection, are making great preparations for the season. A large new fishing port at the mouth of the Elbe is in course of construction.

MILITARY PRISONERS MAKE ESCAPE

Commandeer Automobile; Rob Driver and Made Getaway

PORT LAWTON, Sept. 27.—Four military prisoners at Fort Lawton made their escape from their guards last evening, commandeered an automobile, robbed the driver and fled toward Mount Vernon. A detachment of soldiers has been sent after them, but it is thought they will succeed in evading capture for some time.

RED CROSS TO SEND 72 MOTOR TRUCK DRIVERS TO FRANCE

Eleven experienced American motor truck drivers are about to enter the Red Cross transportation service in France. Sixty-one more men are being trained for this work by the Red Cross motor-car factories at Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo. The 72 men have been recruited in response to a cablegram from Maj. Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the Red Cross commission to France, asking for expert motor-truck drivers without delay.

Owing to the congestion of the railroads in France large quantities of Red Cross supplies are being transported by motor truck from seaports to Paris and other distribution centers.

Organized into Crews. Drivers are being organized into crews, and will be handled on a military basis, working as a part of the Red Cross transportation service, under the command of Maj. James H. Perkins. Maj. Perkins went over as deputy commissioner with the Red Cross commission to France, and was commissioned in the Quartermaster's Corps attached to Gen. Pershing's staff. He is vice president of the National City Bank, New York City, and is an authority on industrial organization. To meet the salaries and transportation expenses of the men now being added to its foreign motor transportation service the Red Cross was counseled has voted an appropriation of \$17,300.

TO COMMANDEER AMERICAN VESSELS OVERSEA SERVICE

WANT RAILROAD TO HELP MARKET GRAIN

(Associated Press) HELENA, Montana, Sept. 27.—Assistance of the government in building railroads in Dawson county as a war time measure to aid in marketing the grain crop is to be asked by wheat farmers there, many of whom are 35 to 75 miles from a railroad. A committee is canvassing the country, gathering figures for presentation to the government and railroad companies.

FIVE BROTHERS OFFICERS

NEW HAVEN, Mo., Sept. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bagby are perhaps the only father and mother in the nation who have given five officers to the Army. Two sons, graduates of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, are with the Atlantic fleet; two others, graduates of West Point Military Academy, are in the Army. The fifth son recently won a commission at the officers training camp at Fort Riley and is now a second lieutenant of artillery in the regular Army.

WINNIPEG GOES INTO THE COAL BUSINESS

WINNIPEG, Sept. 27.—Following Vancouver's lead, Winnipeg citizens have forced the city council to establish a coal and wood yard. Following the advance of fifty cents a ton, by local dealers in defiance of the fuel controller's orders, a big row developed. A showing was made that hard Pennsylvania coal is brought into this territory actually cheaper than in other years because of the increased tonnage secured for Canadian ports from U. S. cities over last year. Reports from American cities, which have established civic fuel yards show a heavy reduction to consumers. Kalamazoo, for instance, is reducing each ton by \$2.50 and still leaving a fair margin of profit to dealers if they desire to compete. Winnipeg will ascertain the cost of delivering coal in Winnipeg and charge a profit of fifty cents per ton. If the dealers don't like it they can retire from business.

CABLE DOWN BETWEEN SEATTLE AND SITKA

Late yesterday afternoon the local cable office received notification of a breakdown in the cable connection between Seattle and Sitka. Luckily, the cable ship Burnside which sailed for the westward from here, yesterday will be put on the job at once and it is anticipated that it will be repaired in two or three days at the most. All press news however, for the entire territory will pass thru the hands of the local Wireless station, who will be working overtime during the repairing of the cable connection.

FLOATING CANNERY PUTS UP GOOD PACK

Professor Beattie, of Metlakatla Government school, paid a visit to the Progressive-Miner yesterday and gave out the information that the floating cannery operated by the Northland Fish Company, of Seattle, had closed for the season with 18,000 cases to its credit. Professor Beattie also stated that Ernest Purvance, who arrived about a month ago to build the new cottage for Professor and Mrs. Beattie, and to superintend the completion of the school building, is to remain as manual training teacher at the school and will be on the staff, making five teachers in all. School will open next Monday, Oct. 1st, the Misses Kendall and Danford having arrived from the south on the Jefferson today, which stopped at Metlakatla.

Reports coming up from Bluff announce that the new quartz mill installed by the Meeghan brother on their quartz properties in that locality is working in an excellent manner and handling a large quantity of rock. The quartz is said to be running much better than expected and there is an excellent prospect that the mine will develop into a good producer. The outlook is so good that the bluffs have doubled the number of men employed and are working day and night.—Nome Nugget.

The Government Announces The Price Which Will Be Paid for Their Use

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The department announces this morning that the government will pay six dollars and seventy-five cents a ton per month for the vessels commandeered; and that every American vessel afloat fit for overseas service, will be taken. The date when the order will go into effect will be determined later, and as the necessity requires.

GERMANS ARE DYING OF HUNGER IN BERLIN

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 27.—The Daily News correspondent at Athens sent the following: "Hestia publishes a letter from a well known Greek physician, who lives in Berlin. It was handed to a member of the Greek legation in Berlin when he was leaving Berlin and thus succeeded in escaping German censorship. "The writer says: 'The situation in Berlin is beyond description and unbearable starvation has made people unrecognizable. As many men perish of hunger at the home as die on the battle fields. The bread is of a miserable quality and very scarce. Instead of coffee we drink ground barley. The commonest soap is considered a luxury.'"

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—It is expected that the gate receipts for the first three games of the world series will exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

PROMINENT PASSENGERS TRAVELING ON MARIPOSA SOUTH

List of Two Hundred and Eighty From Anchorage and Seward Going Out

The Mariposa arrived from the north this afternoon at two o'clock and loaded 100 boxes of fresh fish at the Northland Dock. Passengers leaving for the south were Ruth Bradley, Mrs. Tasjamina, Mrs. Hirligta, Mrs. Susuki, Mrs. Hine, H. Anderson, W. P. Farima, F. Salarduel, M. Harada, J. P. Smith, J. M. Seromos, R. Comstock, John Viaco, John H. Stanley, Lee H. Wakefield, Frank McGee, J. D. Mooney, C. E. Black, and 30 steerage. While the Mariposa, southbound was in port, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sawyer, Jr., and two children made a call at the office and gave out the true facts in the Seward recent flood, which Mr. Sawyer says the loss of \$100,000 is no exaggeration.

Mr. Sawyer, for a year or more prior to the flood on the tenth instant, was editor of the Seward Gateway, and had acquired considerable property including two houses and lots; all of which was washed away, houses and lots. He explained that the townsite of Seward is merely the result of a slide of crushed slates from the mountain back of the town and when the rush of water came down, washed buildings and lots out into the bay. Mr. Sawyer and family are going to spend the winter in Seattle.

Mr. Flye and wife were among the passengers. Mr. Flye, is the general manager of the Admiral Line and stopped over for a few days. "Dad" Tolman, former United States commissioner and now licensed guide for the Kenai peninsula, is going south for a trip. Mr. Hanley, manager of the Port Nelson Juan Packing company, and Mrs. Hanley were also among the passengers.

Otto Kanitz, wife and four children are quitting Alaska and will locate in the state of Washington. Kanitz, it will be remembered was the man who was tried in Valdez charged with having set fire to the town last winter. He was acquitted. Volney Richmond, head of the N. C. Company of Fairbanks, was a thru passenger for the outside, on a vacation and business trip. According to Mr. Sawyer, there were two hundred and eighty passengers on board going south. These include several cannery crews from the westward. The Mariposa, according to the passengers, escaped the storm that the Alameda encountered and had a pleasant trip from Anchorage.