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KING GEORGE PAYS SECRET VISIT FRANCE

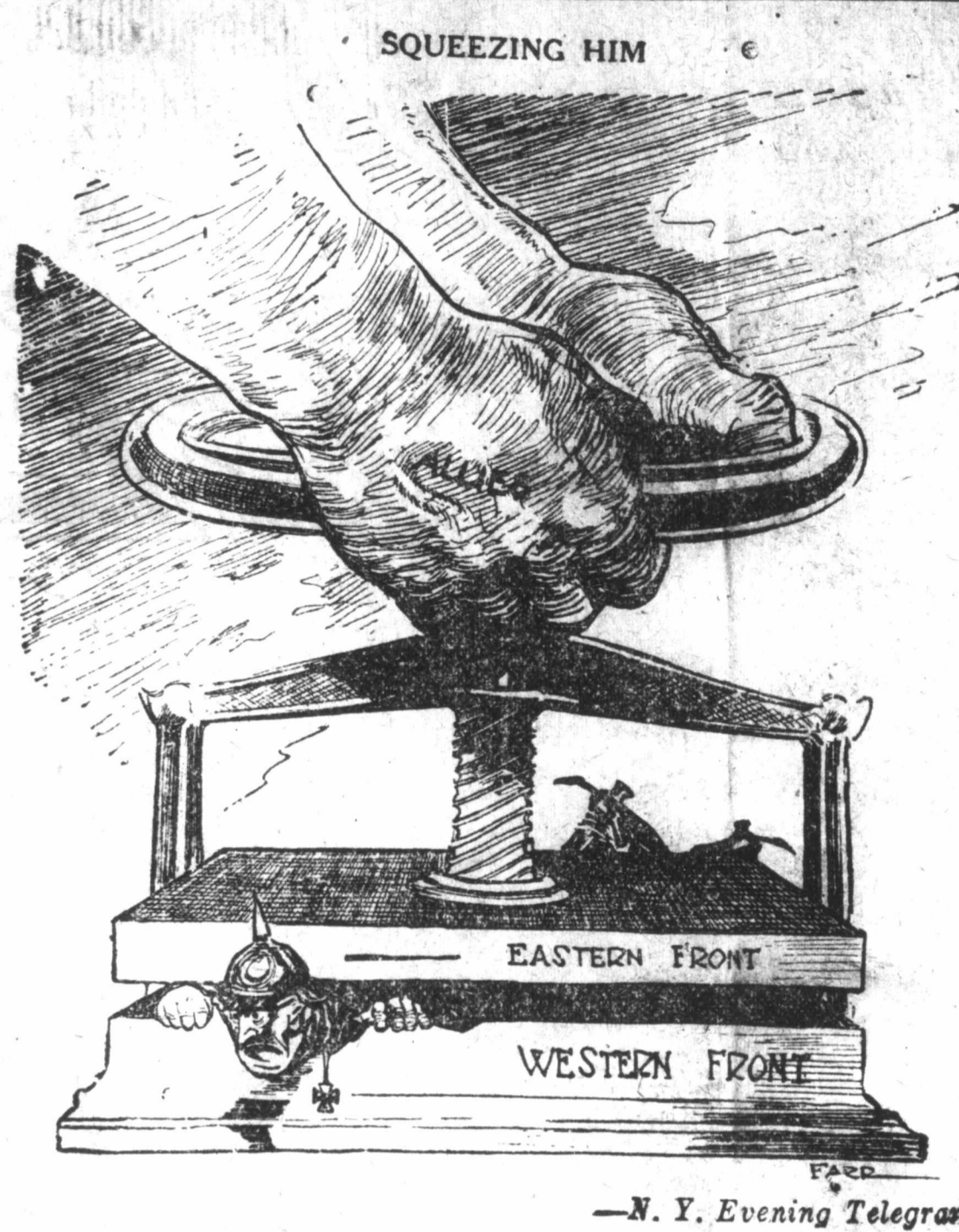
As a Matter of Precaution His Visit Was Kept Secret—Sees For Himself Scene of Late Desperate Struggle—Is More Than Ever Proud of His Army

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, via London, Aug. 15—King George has been at the front for a week. He left today for England. His departure was the first information the majority of the troops had of his presence.

BRITAIN NOW WELL SUPPLIED WITH MUNITIONS

Minister of Munitions Reviews Work of Munitions Department—Shows How Britain Has Adjusted the Shortage—Production Heavy Shells Now 91 per cent Greater Than in 1914

LONDON, Aug. 15—Reviewing the work of the Munitions Department of the government in the Commons today, Edwin Samuel Montagu, Minister of Munitions, after telling of the immense increase in the output of all kinds of guns and munitions by the department, informed the House that all kinds of machine guns for the armies in the field are being supplied entirely from home sources.



SQUEEZING HIM

—N. Y. Evening Telegram.

MAY GRANT DEMAND FOR 8 HOUR DAY

WASHINGTON, August 16.—President Wilson's effort to bring the railroad managers and Brotherhood leaders together in some form of settlement of the differences which threaten the nation by a wide railway strike has after two days conference progressed only to a point where the ground work for further negotiations has been laid in the hope of arbitration.

Wants Guarantees Before Accepting Office

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Count Julius Andrássy has refused to succeed Baron Von Burian as Austrian Foreign Minister without guarantees from the Emperor that the political integrity of Hungary shall be respected, according to a Rome despatch here.

Storages Destroy Banana Plantation

KINGSTON, Jan. Aug. 16—Great damage has been done to the banana plantation on this island by a storm which has been raging since midnight last night.

Britain Raises New Loan in States

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—An official announcement of a new \$250,000,000 loan to Great Britain, the negotiations for which have been in progress for some time, will probably be made within a few days, it is stated in financial circles here.

France's War Expenditure

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The war bill of France to the end of July was 29,000,000,000 francs according to figures available to-day, and the miscellaneous expenses of the government 14,000,000,000 francs.

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LONDON, Aug. 15.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the 2,500-ton Italian steamer Toti in the Mediterranean.

THE REASON FOR SLOW PROGRESS ON WEST FRONT

French and British Forces on Western Front Face a Very Different Task Than the Russians on the Eastern Front—Slow Progress Justified by Smaller Losses

PARIS, August 15.—The apparent slow rate of progress by the French and British forces on the western front since July 1, compared with that of the Russians on the Eastern front, is explained in military circles here, is due to the methodical nature of the entente offensive against a line of strongly fortified positions, extending virtually from the North Sea to Salonika, and the fact that the infantry must wait till the artillery has done its work.

BRITAIN FACES A NEW WAR

Sir Rider Haggard Says Germany Defeated Once Will Fight Again—Great Novelist Says Britain Must Be Prepared—All Males Will Be Kept Within British Empire Ready For Next Struggle

Sir Rider Haggard arrived in Montreal and left for London on the American liner St. Louis Saturday night. Before leaving he gave out a statement of his success as the emissary of the Royal Colonial Institute.

The Balkan Front

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The day passed without any event of significance. Another report of fighting on the Balkan front comes from the Berlin War Office, which states small engagements occurred south of Lake Dorian.

Another Conference

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Premier Romanones of Spain conferred today with the French, Italian, Ambassadors and Portuguese Minister, says a despatch to the Temps from San Sebastian.

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The Story of Grave Blunder

Error Which Presented to Huns Brand New Aeroplane of Latest British Type—Explanation Demanded in British House of Lords—Pilot Lost His Way and Also One of the Latest British Flying Machines

The story of a blunder which made the Germans a present of a brand-new aeroplane of our latest and best type was recently revealed in the House of Lords.

"The incident," said Lord Montagu, "is a serious one, and I hope the House will receive an assurance that steps will be taken as far as possible to prevent any such incident occurring again.

There is a possibility of a mistake being made in distinguishing between St. Omer and Lille, for pilots are very often guided by two canals which are to a certain extent similar, but in this case there is no question of a mistake in the two canals because I am sorry to tell your lordships, the pilot who flew his machine had never flown to France before and had no knowledge whatever of the geography of France.

"That is what makes it a very serious incident. The pilot's name is Lieut. Littlewood, originally of the North Lincolnshire Regiment, and the observer was Lieut. Grant, who was attached as a flying officer in the R.F.C. nine days after he was in the hands of the enemy."

Proceeding, Lord Montagu read the following extracts from a letter from me who was at the aerodrome at Farnborough at the time the start for France was made:

"The War Office sent down and asked for two F. E. pilots, the machines being F. E. in which the engines were placed to fly them overseas. Owing to an error in the delivery of the message it was understood that the pilots were to fly ordinary F. E. machines, with the result that a case an inexperienced pilot was sent. I saw the pilot, who complained that he was not an experienced F. E. pilot, also that he had never been overseas and was not sure of the way.

"The authorities, who heard all this, took no notice of his complaints and told him to take the machine. Later a report came through that F. E. had crossed the lines at Armentieres and disappeared in the direction of Lille. That evening a German wireless communication stated that the F. E. had landed at southwest of Lille, the pilot having lost his way. (In the sarcastic terms of the communique, said Lord Montagu, the Germans said same welcome they will give to their own troops.)"

Three weeks ago he landed at Vancouver, and he has been meeting officials rapidly in St. Rupert, Calgary, Winnipeg and Ottawa, and other Canadian cities. Everywhere he has been met by melancholy prominent citizens—"Leading citizens are nearly always long faced," he chuckled.

"Other parts of Australia," said Sir Rider, happily, "and all of Canada and Grand Encampment, the opening have shown true empire spirit. They sessions of both Orders were held this morning. Grand Master W. B. Bell-Englishmen on equal terms with their own colonials."

"Anything to put white men back on the land. Even before the war Englishmen were leaving the soil, which is the immediate root of all strength and wealth. Only 13,400,000 Englishmen were engaged in agriculture, as against 20,000,000 of Germany's population. It is not alone Archibald presided at the opening session of the Grand Encampment.

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Persian Cabinet Has Resigned

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The fall of the Persian Ministry is announced by a State Department despatch today, which said, the former Foreign Minister Wessough El Dau Leh was ordered to organize a new Ministry.

Premier Botha Will See Last Operation

LONDON, Aug. 14.—General Louis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, has arrived in German East Africa to witness what is believed here to be the last phase of the operations against Germany's one remaining colony. General Botha was present at the recent fighting north of the German Central Railway which resulted in a British advance to and occupation of the lines at Kilimatide and other points.

Rapid progress in the southward drive of the British through German East Africa is reported in an official statement issued to-day. The Germans have been driven from the line of the Central Railway at Kilimatide and other points, says the report from General Jan Christian Smuts, commanding the British expedition, and are being pursued by the British forces.

General Smuts states that the minor port of Sadani (on the Indian Ocean) was occupied by our naval forces on August 1, slight opposition on

S.S. Meigle sails for the Labrador ports at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

Spanish Steamer Sunk BILBAO, Spain, Aug. 16.—The Spanish steamer Raga Sarri was sunk by a submarine. The crew are saved; The Raga Sarri was 3287 tons.

Oddfellows in Session At Fredericton FREDERICTON, Aug. 10.—With over 300 delegates to attend Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces Grand and Grand Encampment, the opening sessions of both Orders were held this morning. Grand Master W. B. Bell-Englishmen on equal terms with their own colonials.

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