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## RUSSIA ON BRINK OF ANARCHY

Results Of U-Boat Warfare Steadily Falling Off; French Losses For Week Nil

Greece the Champion of Balkan Integrity, Venizelos Speaks on War

### Kerensky Government Facing Grave Situation

#### Crisis in Russia One of Grave Danger, Brought About by Insubordination in Army and Spreading of Teuton Propaganda.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, July 26.—The situation in Russia, according to a despatch to The Times, is declared to be gravely dangerous and is attributed to the indiscipline of the army and German propaganda, "the impudence of which is almost past belief." Petrograd, the writer says, is exhausted by the continued political excitement and the people are craving a stable government. Decisive and swift action is necessary above everything else.

Trial of persons proved to have connection with German propaganda with immediate death penalty of those guilty of the more severe offences would have an immeasurable affect. The government's declaration of itself as a committee of public safety has caused a feeling of relief and a strong handling of the outbreak in Petrograd caused the extremists to vanish but the cancer is uncured. The roots are still there and a further operation is necessary.

The masses are too much out of hand to be deterred by anything but a reintroduction of the death penalty. "The problem before the government is immense," concludes the correspondent. "They stand on the brink of a precipice. If they can hold back the country the situation is saved. If not the country will rush into chaos and anarchy."

#### Resigns Post

Petrograd, July 26.—General Polovtseff, military governor of Petrograd, who recently was severely attacked by Minister of War Kerensky for failing to put down rioting in the capital, has resigned. General Erdelli, commander of the Eleventh Army, has been appointed his successor.

#### Pole Leader Arrested.

Copenhagen, July 25.—General Pilsudski, organizer and former commander of the Polish legions, has been arrested by the German authorities while attempting to leave Poland on a false passport.

General Pilsudski's flight marks the culmination of the differences between the Poles who desire to form an independent Polish army upon the nucleus of the legions and the German authorities, who insist that the Polish forces must be under German control. General Pilsudski had hitherto been hailed as a Polish patriot and the Polish legions held up as a symbol of the national movement against Russia. Both the legions and their commander were assigned to prominent roles in the proclamation of the Polish kingdom.

The Germans now discover that General Pilsudski is a republic conspirator, with leanings toward Russia.

#### Capital Punishment

Petrograd, July 26.—The commander-in-chief and the commanders of the various armies at the front have insisted that restoration of discipline in the army inevitably would necessitate infliction of the death penalty, the government has agreed unanimously to restore capital punishment. The measure is of temporary character, to have effect until the end of the military operations. The inquiry into the recent

#### WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto July 26.—Fairly heavy showers have occurred in Manitoba while in other parts of Dominion the weather has been fine and in Ontario and Quebec it has been very warm.

Forecasts: Light to moderate winds, mostly south and southwest, fair and very warm to-day and in Friday.

Reader

#### DEFENDER OF BALKAN INTEGRITY

Greece Aligned With Entente Against the Central Powers

#### VENIZELOS SPEAKS

Greek Troops Actually Fighting Against Bulgars in Macedonia

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Athens, Tuesday, July 24.—On the eve of the assembling of parliament, Premier Venizelos received a correspondent of the Associated Press and made the following statement: "The reassembling of parliament, which was dismissed by the arbitrary action of Constantine, is the formal resumption of democratic government and the rule of the people in line with the ideals and principles of which the United States gives a conspicuous example. No longer have we a royal autocratic ruling by the divine right of kings and not responsible to the people, but rather a constitutional monarchy in which authority is exercised within strict limits.

Greece is now aligned with the Entente Allies. Relations with the Central Powers have been broken, and a state of war actually exists, as Greek troops are fighting against the Central Powers in Macedonia. A formal declaration of war was made by the provisional government and it is unnecessary to renew it. "The increase of the Greek army and co-operation with Serbia will restore the Balkan forces to their proper role of defenders of the integrity of the Balkans. France and the other protecting powers are leaving us a free hand and all the allies recognize Greece's position as a sovereign and independent nation."

#### Chamber of Deputies

Athens, July 26.—The chamber of deputies convened yesterday, heard Premier Venizelos read the decree of convocation and then adjourned for a few days for the election of officers.

#### Entire Division of Mutinous Troops in Eleventh Army is Blown to Pieces by Korniloff's Order.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, July 26.—A despatch to The Post from Petrograd says that under General Korniloff's drastic measures to restore order in the Eleventh army, one whole division thereof was blown to pieces by their own artillery to avenge the insults which all loyal troops, especially the artillery, have been silently enduring for the past four months from these traitorous rascals.

#### BRITISH TANKS USED.

London, July 26.—Special dispatches from Petrograd ascribe to British armoured cars a gallant part in covering the Russian retreat in Galicia. The infantry deserted them, hence their stand was unavailing, but the German advance was held up sometime. The commander-in-chief personally congratulated the British commander, Locker Lampson, and presented twenty six crosses of St. George to his men. The British casualties were only five wounded, and the cars later co-operated with the Russian cavalry in front of Tarnopol.

#### ARTILLERY SAVED.

London, July 26.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen says German correspondents of Galicia report that although the German and Austrian troops captured great quantities of munitions, armoured cars and wagonloads of food, the Russians saved their large artillery. Many of the heavy guns captured by the Germans had previously been destroyed. The correspondents said that the conquered territory is of the greatest importance, the corn in most places being ready for harvesting.

#### PRUSSIAN PIRACY IS PICAYUNE

Sub Campaign Rapidly Failing; No French Ships Sunk in Week

#### ITALY'S LOSS LIGHT

Austro-German Ships Seized by Siam Found to be Damaged

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, July 26.—For the week ending midnight July 22, not a single French vessel, either over or under 1,600 tons was lost, according to an official statement issued yesterday. Six French merchantmen were attacked unsuccessfully during that time by submarines. Ships of all nationalities, numbering 1,063, entered port, and 937 departed.

#### Italian Losses

Rome, July 26.—Two Italian steamers were sunk and one small sailing vessel was damaged during the week ending midnight July 22, says an official announcement issued yesterday. Five hundred and ninety-three vessels with a gross tonnage of 389,815, arrived and 550 of a tonnage of 483,456 left port.

#### U. S. Ship Sunk

London, July 26.—The American sailing vessel Augustus Welt was sunk last Saturday. The crew was saved. No details of the sinking have been received.

The Augustus Welt was a wooden vessel of 1,221 tons. She was owned by A. R. Reed of Waldoboro, Maine. Its port of registry was Boston.

Bangkok, July 26.—The machinery of Austro-German steamers, which were seized by Siam, who declared war against the Central Powers July 22, was found to be damaged. All male subjects of enemy countries have been interned and all enemy business will be wound up.

Nine steamers, aggregating 19,000 tons were seized by the Siamese government with its entrance into the war. They were owned chiefly by the North German Lloyd Co.

### Tremendous Losses For Germans On Aisne Front

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Paris, July 26.—German assaults were repelled last night along a front of about two miles on the Aisne front, from a point east of Hurethise to La Boverie. The French official statement issued this afternoon says that at the cost of tremendous losses the Germans were able to penetrate into certain elements of the French first line trenches.

North of Auberville, in the Champagne, the French penetrated the German trenches, the statement says, and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans. On other parts of the Champagne front the artillery bombardment was intense. Fighting lasted all night, the French repelling every attack made by the Germans.

The Germans also renewed their assaults on the French position at Hurethise Farm, but the attack broke down under the trench fire of the French.

The reciprocal artillery on the left bank of the River Meuse, in the Verdun region, was maintained with the usual excellence.

#### Post Attacks Vain.

London, July 26.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters writes: "In the last battle for the plateau the best German troops were thrown in against the same French division holding the ground which repulsed the boches on July 19. The Germans attacked with the Fifth division guards, preceded by detachments of shock troops. They had the advantage of attacking on ground

where the French artillery could not be effectively used owing to the cliff-like steepness of the plateau, while their own artillery was able to cut off the French first line on the slope of California—Casemates from their support trenches.

"The Germans have nothing to show except thousands of casualties for their great effort.

"In another engagement between first rate French troops and the very pick of the German army, the latter were clearly and unmistakably defeated. The news will be read with feelings of pride and relief in every French household."

British Headquarters in Franco, July 26. (By the Associated Press)—The German and British lines in France and Belgium, which have been comparatively dormant for several weeks, so far as any large offensive is concerned, have tensed perceptibly in the last few days. Out of the stiffening have grown numerous fierce artillery duels, especially in Flanders. The Germans have developed what is known among the British as "nerves"; that is, they have become exceptionally sensitive to any movement of their opponents which deviates from the routine and (Continued on Page Six.)

#### INCOME TAX AND HOW IT WORKS OUT.

Four per cent. upon incomes exceeding \$2,000 per annum in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children.	Where income exceeds \$100,000, 25 per cent.
The same tax on incomes exceeding \$3,000 in the case of other persons.	A tax of 4 per cent. on incomes exceeding \$3,000 in the case of corporations or joint stock companies.
In addition the following super-tax is to be imposed:	The plan will work out as follows:
Where income exceeds \$6,000 and does not exceed \$10,000, 2 per cent.	Income Unmarried Married
Where income exceeds \$9,000 and does not exceed \$20,000, 5 per cent.	\$ 4,000 \$ 80 \$ 40
Where income exceeds \$20,000 and does not exceed \$30,000, 8 per cent.	5,000 120 80
Where income exceeds \$30,000 and does not exceed \$50,000, 10 per cent.	7,000 220 180
Where income exceeds \$50,000 and does not exceed \$100,000, 15 per cent.	10,000 400 360
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#### Appalling Blow to Allies is Collapse of Russian Army --Troops Demoralized, Gunners Shot Down by the Infantry Forces

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, July 26.—An appalling blow is the description of the Russian collapse given in a despatch from Petrograd to The Post. Never in the war has Russia put afield such enormous armies. British and French guns and gunners, flying machines, aviators and British armored cars were added to the unprecedented technical strength of the Russians themselves to make this particular front equal to anything. The artillery was planted in such admirable natural prepared positions as amounted to the ideal. There were places where the artillery lay in absolutely dead ground not 300 yards from the enemy trenches. Big guns were ideally placed thanks to the character of the terrain.

In formation regarding the guns of the Eleventh Army almost staggers belief. It appears that the infantry shot down their own gunners in order to get their horses or shot down the gun horses in revenge as they retreated leaving practically all the artillery of the Eleventh Army in enemy hands.

As far as the artillery and technical appliances of the Seventh and Eighth armies are concerned there is also no hope of their being saved. The Germans were already a couple of days ago across the best road on the shortest line of retreat. The rate of the enemy's advance on the western wing has accelerated and the gun positions are behind the line now occupied by the Germans. It is becoming an exceedingly anxious question whether the Eighth Army will succeed in getting away at all, but it is making the best haste eastwards.

#### Balkan Conference.

Paris, July 26.—"There must be no confusion in to-day's Balkan conference with that proposed by Russia for the revision of war aims," says The Journal des Debats discussing the session which opened yesterday. "If any such question were to be under discussion the United States would not have been content to send only one admiral to the deliberations," the newspaper adds. It hopes the eventualities will not make such a conference urgent in the eyes of the Russians to whom the enemy has spoken vaguely of peace, without, however, saying a word about the future of the conquered Russian people.

The Journal des Debats lays great stress on examining the new situation created by Greece's changed attitude, including the new military situation due to Greece's army of 200,000 and new methods of provisioning Greece, which are largely an affair of tonnage, introducing naval problems.

Dismissing again rumors that the conference would take up peace aims, the newspaper concludes: "For the moment it is necessary to win. The Paris conference has for its program the better arranging of ways and means on the Balkan front. That is all and that is not enough." The Temps points out that the conference falls on the third anniversary of Austria's breach with Serbia, which upset all Balkan affairs and unleashed a war that cost the lives of millions of men. The paper then sketches in detail events at the outbreak of the war, their far-reaching consequences and responsibility of such men. Emperor Tisza and Emperor William, and the unchanged attitude of nearly all of Germany toward war.

#### TAX PROFITS

Melbourne, July 26.—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The government on the second reading of the war-time profits tax bill announced that the tax would be fifty per cent for the year ending 30th June, 1916, and 75 per cent after that date. The tax would be levied on excess profits during the war, compared with profits before the war. Exemptions include agriculture, fruit growing, dairy and allied businesses.

#### AGITATION PLANNED BY SINN FEIN

Disturbance in House of Commons Planned When Ginnell Spoke

#### DETECTIVES CALLED

Reported That Government Has Unearthed Bombing Conspiracy

By Courier Leased Wire.  
New York, July 26.—An Associated Press cable dispatch from London says: According to the lobby correspondents of the newspapers, the action in having secret service men placed in the parliament buildings was to counteract a demonstration by Sinn Feiners who, it is reported, had come to London especially to make a disturbance in the House of Commons when Laurence Ginnell, Nationalist, announces his resignation of his seat as a Nationalist and his adhesion to the Sinn Feiners.

#### Plot Discovered

According to one version, the government has been informed of an alleged Sinn Fein plot to throw bombs or discharge revolvers from the strangers' gallery in the House of Commons, or blow up the House. Hence the Speaker's reference yesterday to physical violence and his promise to ascertain whether the continued presence of secret service men in the building was necessary.

#### FREIGHT INCREASE.

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Washington, July 26.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today in accordance with its findings in the fifteen per cent rate case, granted the railroads' application for an increase of ten cents a ton in freight rates on bituminous coal from mines in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, to points in Mississippi Valley territory.