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Russian Deserters Executed by Wholesale

Korniloff Carrying Out a Stern Policy

KARENENSKY WOUNDED?

Enemy Report Says—French Again Beat Back Crown Prince's Forces—Quiet Night on the British Front

London, July 30.—The Times' correspondent at the Russian southwest headquarters, after describing the desertions and panic of the Russian troops, says General Korniloff's measures have been approved and that he is executing deserters by wholesale.

Roumanian Press On

London, July 30.—The Roumanian war office statement reads: "On the 27th, between the valleys of Cash and Putna, we again advanced some kilometers and occupied the villages of Sloveca, Dragoslav, Negriesti, Topesti, Valceasca and Cotacul. We took prisoners and some motor batteries and war material."

Kerenky Wounded?

Geneva, July 31.—The correspondent of a Budapest paper telegraphs under date of July 22:

"On the Bzsanay front for the first time we came in contact with 'death regiments' composed entirely of Russian women flying the red flag. They fought with extraordinary bravery, frequently counter-attacking ferociously, led by women officers. Near Bzsanay, near Kovilovo, near Kerenky, a Russian infantry division refused to fight and began retreating. The Russian artillery, however, as the deserter, turned their guns on the infantry. Thereupon Kerenky, in his automobile, drove to the front and succeeded in stopping the fratricidal slaughter, though wounded himself."

In Austria.

Vienna, July 29, via Copenhagen.—Heterizing that Austria-Hungary was ready to accept an honorable peace, but that the Dual Monarchy, in conjunction with the Entente Powers, had decided to enter negotiations on the basis of a peace by understanding, as recently outlined by the German imperial chancellor and the Reichstag, Count Ottokar Czernin.

The Bavarian statesman took occasion to reply to the speech made by David Lloyd George in London on July 21, when the British premier characterized the address delivered in the Reichstag by Dr. Michaelis, the German chancellor, as a sham.

London, July 30.—The text of the official British statement issued today says:

"There was nothing of special importance last night on the British front. There were small encounters between our own and the enemy's patrols in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and Achelle."

DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF BELGIUM

Some Berlin Papers Say Germans Must Hold it; Others Say Allies Can Have it and Peace

Copenhagen, July 30.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, commenting on recent proceedings in the British House of Commons, says: "Mr. Asquith's inquiry as to whether we were ready to restore Belgium's full freedom can only be meant as a rhetorical question for Mr. Asquith must know that, aside from a handful of dreamers, nobody thinks of handing Belgium again to England and France."

The Catholic organ, the Cologne Volkszeitung, attempts to prove that the retention of Belgium and the annexation of regions in the east are indispensable to that protection of the German frontiers which Chancellor Michaelis specified.

Some of the radical newspapers on the other hand, seek to give the impression that the government is so bound by the Reichstag that the Entente Allies have only to propose peace without annexations or indemnities to obtain it.

SIGNS OF WEAKNESS IN STATEMENTS BY ENEMY MINISTERS

London Comment on Words of Michaelis and Count Czernin

THEY LACK SOLIDITY

Austro-German Peace Talk But Play For Time Unless Accompanied by Undertaking to Evacuate and Restore Conquered Territory

London, July 30.—State notes by Dr. Michaelis, German imperial chancellor, and Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, which are regarded here as obviously made in collusion, dominate the news columns of the morning papers.

They are generally regarded as a sign of weakness, while the absence of reference to the future of Belgium and Serbia is considered to exclude all credence in the desire for peace by understanding. Austro-German peace talks, unless accompanied by an undertaking to evacuate and restore conquered territories, is declared merely to be aimed at delaying America's preparations for war.

Herr Michaelis' accusation against France is dismissed by some commentators as best left for refutation by our French allies, but discussed by others, one of which says the story is too thin to warrant belief.

The Daily News, however, maintains that, although the chancellor's statements are vague, as evidence they cannot be left unanswered and insists that a statement of war aims to be formulated at the coming conference of allies must include an explicit disavowal of all thought of conquest for conquest's sake.

The paper denounces the general statement of Sir Edward Carson's threat to force Germany behind the Rhine, which it says, has given Herr Michaelis a weapon which he was swift to use.

"It is in the power of the Allies to reject the weapon innocuously and to let it fall against himself, but the republication of his charge must come quickly and in a form leaving no loophole for misinterpretation."

A JOINT RAID WAS EFFECTIVE

New Brunswick and Maine Officials Swooped Down Upon Border Place and Proprietor Was Caught

Since the introduction of the provincial prohibition law there has been considerable trouble in enforcing the law along the boundary between New Brunswick and the State of Maine. One of the worst problems to deal with has been that arising from the illicit business in liquor carried on in houses situated directly on the boundary line.

If the provincial authorities raided such a place, by the time they gained access to the house, which was in the State of Maine, if the Maine officers appeared, they would find the stock on the New Brunswick side of the house.

It was to overcome this difficulty that the chief inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson, recently arranged for co-operation with the Maine authorities, and a recent incident showed how effective this co-operation has proved.

On his last trip to the northern part of the province, Mr. Wilson arranged a raid on the premises of one of the law-breakers. A party of several men visited the house and found a liberal supply of wet goods on hand. Their visit did not worry the proprietor, however, as he is well informed that the goods were in the State of Maine and that they would not touch them.

"We will take charge of them, then," remarked one of two men who had been in the background, as they stepped forward and displayed their U. S. badges. Under the circumstances there was no difficulty in securing a conviction, and the proprietor is now entering upon a long sentence in jail across the border.

Mr. Wilson reports that the provincial law is being remarkably well observed all over the province, where it is in force, the enforcement being just as thorough as in St. John. With regard to the counties not under the provincial act, he said that the enforcement was not nearly so strict under the Scott Act, and this was the chief argument in favor of the repeal of the Scott Act, so that the provincial legislation might become operative.

BROWN-GOULD

The wedding of Gunner Frank Brown and Miss Mamie Anna Gould, both of this city, was solemnized on Saturday evening at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. John Hardwick, 42 Douglas avenue.

GERMANS HAVE TROUBLE WITH POLISH TROOPS

Whole Regiments Refuse To Take Military Oath

THE OUTLOOK IS SERIOUS

Indication of Friction Between Berlin and Vienna—Soldiers Demand Release of General Pilsudski, Who Organized Legion

London, July 29.—A Zurich despatch to Reuters Ltd. says that telegrams from Cracow report that not merely single units of the Polish legionaries refused to take the military oath, but whole regiments including four infantry, one cavalry, one artillery and parts of other regiments aggregating a majority of all the forces.

Unless General Pilsudski is released immediately, it is believed that serious consequences will ensue. The Polish party intends to bring up the question at the next sitting of the Reichstag. It is significant and indicates a certain amount of friction between Germany and Austria, that the Austrian censor permitted the publication of these reports in Cracow papers and also abroad.

A Copenhagen despatch on July 26 stated that Gen. Pilsudski, organizer and former commander of the Polish legion, had been arrested by 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, and the German authorities, who insist that the Polish forces be under German control.

ST. JOHN NAMES IN THE CASUALTY LIST ISSUED LAST NIGHT

Ottawa, July 30.—Sunday night's casualty list includes:

INFANTRY
Killed in Action
M. R. McNutt, Truro, N.S.; S. T. Crose, Chelsea, N.S.

Died of Wounds
R. G. Everett, Burnt Land Brook, N.B.; G. Cusack, St. John.

Presumed to Have Died
T. E. Costa, Harecourt, N.B.; W. S. Hamilton, St. John; G. A. Lowther, Craupaud, P.E.I.

Wounded
W. R. McKinnon, Fairview, P.E.I.; J. Nelson, Tatamagouche, N.S.; W. S. Hamilton, St. John; G. A. Lowther, Craupaud, P.E.I.

SERVICES
III Cameron, River Dennis, N.S.

ARTILLERY
Killed in Action
Gunner H. G. Lewis, Woodstock, N.B.

Died of Wounds
Gunner G. A. Perry, Plussville, P.E.I.; Corp. T. J. Stone, St. John.

Wounded
Corp. J. W. Pilley, Oak Point, N.B.

KARENENSKY PUTS BAN ON TWO NEWSPAPERS

Petrograd, July 30.—Premier and Minister of War Kerenky has suppressed the newspapers Justice (Pravda) and Liberty for the Struggle (Boj), Germanophile organs of the socialist-democratic workers' party.

The order will be allotted to the ministry of the interior 7,000,000 rubles to meet the expense of elections to the constituent assembly.

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE ENDED

Chicago, July 30.—The strike of switchmen belonging to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, involving more than 2,500 men in the Chicago switching district, which began on Saturday at 6 o'clock this morning, after an all night conference between representatives of the switchmen and the nineteen railroad involved. The work will return to work at once.

NEW MILITARY ORDER IN IRELAND

Dublin, July 30.—Lieut-General Bryan Thorneycroft, commander-in-chief of the British forces in Ireland, has issued an order under the defense of uniforms of a military character except by state forces and the carrying of weapons except for lawful employment or pastime.

The order will immediately affect volunteer bodies formed in recent years.

The British Cruiser Ariadne, 11,000 Tons, Torpedoed and Sunk

London, July 30.—The British cruiser Ariadne, of 11,000 tons has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official statement issued today by the British admiralty.

CANADIANS PUSHED NEARER TO LENS TODAY

Germans Outwitted and Daylight Attack Found Them Off Guard

(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press in France)—Canadian Army Headquarters, July 30.—By a minor operation last night the Canadian front was advanced in the region east of the Reservoir Hill into the Cite-du-Moulin, the only suburb lying between Reservoir Hill and Lens.

The losses of the Canadians were considerable and the advance gives them possession of a stretch of difficult country extending about 1,000 yards north and south with a depth of more than 400 yards easterly from our former front.

The gain this morning was made as a result of careful scouting. By close observation it was learned that to lessen the heavy losses from our artillery, which has been pounding Cite-du-Moulin steadily for the last two weeks the enemy withdrew men holding the line among its ruined houses during the night and manned the position only at night when he believed, from former experience of Canadian methods, any attack in force was likely to be made.

That was good tactics, but the obvious method of catching the enemy napping was to send an attacking party in daylight while our bombardment was still in progress. This was done. The range of our guns was increased as the men went over and fought the enemy out of their supports.

With ample equipment of machine guns our men captured the western part of Cite-du-Moulin and reconstructed the enemy positions so that they will afford fairly good shelter. There has been no serious counter-attack on the north sector of our line.

Early this morning a large quantity of gas was projected into the enemy's trenches between Hill 70 and Cite St. Laurent.

Heavy thunderstorms have interfered with the progress of trench destruction by our artillery.

COURT ARRANGES MATTER

"A wife has the right to go into her husband's pockets and take all the money she can find for buying purposes" was the decision that Police Magistrate Hicche reached this morning while trying the case of Perry O'Toole charged with abandoning his five-months-old babe, Mrs. O'Toole, Mrs. Margaret Young and Detective Biddiscombe testified.

The defendant said that he and his wife had decided to start things anew on Friday night. His wife, he said, left him on Saturday. He gave a long sketch of his actions on Friday and Saturday and he said that he always looked after the child. He said that the baby was well wrapped up during his absence when he was out looking for his mother. He denied striking his wife.

The court outlined the seriousness of the charge and suggested a settlement. The husband and wife left the court together to start life over again. The baby will be returned by the Children's Aid Society to the parents.

RELAYING TRACKS

The renewal of the water main in Prince William street has been completed from the corner of Princess to below Duke street. The street railway company started this morning to relay their party tracks which had been taken up to allow the department to get at the main which was renewed. The tracks are being laid in the same method as formerly, with the ties resting on the earth without other foundation. As the excavation re-fill has not completely settled, it was declared impossible to put in a satisfactory foundation and the rails may have to be taken up again within the next year if the street is to be repaved.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Edith Clark, although reported to be as comfortable as possible in the General Public Hospital, is still in a serious condition with very little hopes for her recovery.

Boy Leads In Grade 9

Wallace Willard Captures the Alumnae Gold Medal This Year in High School

The marking of the papers of the students of Grade IX, High school, has been completed and the figures of the seven students making the highest averages are here given. There is a special competition for the examinations of Grade IX, the St. John High School Alumnae offers a medal for the student making the highest average. The medal this year goes to Wallace Willard, son of Eugene W. Willard of the U. S. immigration office. Although not actually a St. John boy, young Willard has made his school course here. His real home is in Quebec. His father makes his home here in the winter months and is attached to the Quebec office in the summer. A boy leads in Grade IX and first honors also went to a boy in the entrance papers from Grade VIII. The standing of the seven highest scholars, and the names of the examiners, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Wallace Willard 88, Greta Lingley 88, Louise Bartsch 76, Florence Henry 79, Murray Lawson 78, Israel Cohen 78, Stanley Clarke 55.

The highest mark possible was 900.

ARCHBISHOP BEGINS SPEAKS ON CONSCRIPTION

Statement in Catholic Paper Relative to Effect as Applying to Clergy

Quebec, July 30.—In an interview on conscription given yesterday to L'Action Catholique the official organ of the Catholic church in Quebec, Cardinal Beign says: "As regards the clergy only, this conscription law is a menace which causes the Canadian clergy the worst apprehensions."

"This military service, as it is proposed, or at least as we are able to judge from the speeches and statements exempt the clergy and that class of the Church of Christ, independent in its domain and whose laws and practice exempt the clergy and that class of the society which that name designates from the service under arms, but also to that of the staff of clerical teachers and, through this very fact, it creates in our society an evil much worse than that which it is alleged to attempt to remedy."

"The clause as it is written might lose some of its ill if it were interpreted in the spirit of the Church. But what guarantee have we that members of the special tribunals will be all Catholics, enlightened and good-willed, capable of pronouncing with sincerity and knowledge on a question of this importance? If we judge by the very crude knowledge revealed by certain speeches made in the commons, one may indeed fear that some legislators, so little enlightened and may be also somewhat ill-willed, may make a choice that we would approve. And here is what legitimates all the fears."

"On the other hand, the treaties assure the Canadian Catholics the free practice of their religion. The legislation under way may strike the liberty a mortal blow. I like to believe that political wisdom will in the end overcome, in the hearts of our statesmen, the urgings and counsel of certain elements liable to trouble forever the peace of this country and that no one will dare on a matter so important and delicate, to hurt the sentiments of the whole Catholic population of the dominion and imprudently sow on this side of the Atlantic the seed of the fatal religious discord that have divided the old world."

PRESENTATION TO CAPT. W. B. McVEY

The members of No. 8 Field Ambulance Train on Saturday presented to their commanding officer, Captain W. B. McVey, a wrist watch beautifully engraved. The presentation was made in honor of his birthday. Sergeant-Major Instructor Redfern, of Halifax, who is at present attached to No. 8 Field Ambulance made the presentation. Captain McVey was greatly taken by surprise, but in a few well chosen words heartily thanked the members of his unit for the manner in which they had remembered him.

Fifty-two members of the overseas draft of the No. 8 Field Ambulance, left on Saturday for Boston on a few days' leave.

NEWFOUNDLAND LAW TO TAX EXCESS PROFITS OF BUSINESS CONCERNS

St. Johns, Nfld., July 30.—A bill imposing a tax on excess business profits has been passed by the Newfoundland legislature. The bill is expected to have been passed by the Newfoundland legislature. He said that he always looked after the child. He said that the baby was well wrapped up during his absence when he was out looking for his mother. He denied striking his wife.

THE IRISH CONVENTION

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FATAL COLLISION IN QUEBEC

Quebec, July 30.—A freight train in collision early today on the C. N. R. near Quebec, and one man is reported killed and several injured.

LIQUOR CASES LIKELY

It is understood that with information secured this morning from some of the prisoners before the police court that at least two charges of liquor violation will be laid within a very short period. One man was summoned, it is said, to appear in court this afternoon and in the case of another a search will have to be made.

ON SHIPBUILDING BUSINESS

E. Chisholm of London, is in the city on business connected with the Imperial Munitions Board contract with Grant & Home for the construction of wooden vessels. He represents the imperial board.

AT PUBLIC LANDING

The dance in the pavilion at Public Landing on Saturday evening attracted many young people from other points along the river. Woodman's Point contributed a happy group that filled a hayrick, and others arrived in motor boats and motor cars. The weather was delightful. The pavilion, unfortunately, stands directly on the railroad right of way, and must be moved at once. Men are at work today and it is hoped that at least the floor will be laid in the new site, before next Saturday evening. A committee of ladies have the matter in hand.

WEATHER REPORT

Mostly Fair. Maritime—Moderate to fresh south-west winds with thunder showers in some localities, but mostly fair today and on Tuesday. New England—Fair and warm tonight and Tuesday, moderate winds, mostly southwest.