

THE ROUTED ARMY OF RUSSIA LOST A WEALTH OF ARTILLERY

Eleventh Army Completely Demoralized and Killed Own Comrades in Rush

London Fears That the Seventh and Eight Army of Russia Have Met the Same Fate as the Eleventh--The Only Bright Spot is on the Roumanian Border, Where the Roumanian and Russian Troops Are Making a Gallant Stand Against the Enemy

London, July 26.—Russia's routed army in Galicia may have lost to the Germans all the wealth of artillery and military supplies which the Allies concentrated for General Brussiloff's great offensive.

Premier Kerensky Has a Gigantic Task Before Him to Induce the Panic-Stricken Troops to Stand

Despatches today served to increase the realization here of the gigantic task undertaken by the new democracy, that of reforming apparently a panic-stricken, spy-infested troops with a new spirit, that would imbue them to make a stand against any increasing encroachment of the Teutonic armies.

One Russian Army Abandoned Their Guns and Even Shot Down Artillerymen to Obtain Horses

They told of the wild confusion with which the Russian eleventh army turned tail and ran, some of its soldiers shooting down their own comrades of the artillery, that they might flee on the horses attached to the gun limbers.

London Sees the Work of the German Agents Who Had Carefully Planned the Big Coup

Through all the story London detected the work of the German secret agents "planted" in Russian regiments. The Germans apparently waited until the offensive had attained its height, with a great concentration of forces and supplies, and then acted concertedly, so that the greatest possible booty might fall into the hands of the Germans.

It is Doubtful if Other Russian Armies Can Save Their Equipment in Their Retreat

Great fear was felt here today for supplies of the seventh and eighth Russian army, also on the Galician front. The panic of fear fostered by German agents apparently had not totally unseated the reason of those troops, but the rate of the German advance has been so rapid that it is doubtful if the two armies can save all their equipment.

The Only Bright Spot is in South Carpathians Where Roumanians and Russians Make a Stand

One encouraging feature was the loyalty of Russian and Roumanian troops in the southeast Carpathians, where they have vigorously attacked the Teutonic forces. The fighting on the far northern front, around Vilna, however, has practically ceased.

Russians Had Been Placed in Ideal Position to Carry on Offensive, but Traitors Ruined Project

London, July 26.—An appalling blow to the description of the Russian collapse given in a despatch from Petrograd to the Post. Never in the war has Russia put ahead 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 planned where 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 and big guns ideally placed, thanks to the character of the terrain.

Information 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 post.

For the First Time in the Present War A Regiment of Women Fight in Trenches On Russian Front and Some Were Killed

PETROGRAD, July 26.—Russian women have laid down their lives on the battlefield of democracy. Against the reports of traitorous retreat of some of the Russian male divisions before the Austro-Germans, came the story today of how the women's "Legion of Death" on the Vilna front fought and died in repulsing an enemy attack.

For the first time in the history of the great world war, casualty reports today chronicled the death and injury of women in the trenches.

Five women of the "Legion of Death" were killed and wounded in their first engagement, in which they were called upon to resist with arms the invasion of their country.

The "Legion of Death" left Petrograd barely two weeks ago, its girl soldiers garbed in trousers, caps and tunics longer than the usual army coats. They wore the regulation army caps, over bobbed hair, and carried packs only a trifle lighter than those of the regular Russian soldiers.

They entrained amid the proud tears of their families, soberly and without utterance. The girls were of Russia's best blood, of the strong stock of some of the city's intellectual and social leaders. Most of them were students at universities. Some were wealthy. All were pledged to "do or die" for Russia.

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Decisive and Swift Action By Government Only Thing To Save Russia From Chaos

The Sternly Repressive Measures Taken by Order of Kerensky Against All Traitors and Spies Must Be Followed Up by the Death Penalty.

SULPHITE PLANT IN OPERATION

Newcastle, July 26.—The plant of the New Brunswick Sulphite Fibre Co. at Millerton has been completed and is now in operation with a large crew of men employed. The manufacture of sulphite pulp will be carried on for the first few months after which it is expected that the manufacture of paper will take place.

CRISIS OVER IN SPAIN.

Madrid, July 26.—Quiet is being restored throughout Spain, which has recently been in a state of unrest due to strikers and other causes. An official despatch from Valencia says martial law has been lifted and that the situation is absolutely normal in the entire region.

Submarine Loss Accounted For

The U-Boats Had Unusual Success for a Couple of Days During the Past Week. London, July 26.—The report of the week's sinking of British merchantmen would have shown the low record, except for a couple of days, when the Germans had unusual success. Even with these exceptional days the total is considered to have been above normal.

American Four Master Was Sent to Bottom by U-Boat

The British Admiralty Announces the Fate of the Augustus Wilt, a Vessel Owned in Maine—The Crew All Escaped, It is Reported.

London, July 26.—The American ship Augustus Wilt was sunk June 21, the crew being saved, the Admiralty announced today. No details were available. The vessel was owned by Wilt & Company, of Waldoboro, Maine. It was a four masted wooden sailing ship of 1,222 tons, built in 1859. The port of registry was Boston.

UNITED STATES LIKELY TO DRAFT ALIENS AND COMPEL THEM TO FIGHT FOR FLAG

Congress Flooded With Communications From All Over the Republic Giving Reasons Why Aliens Should Be Compelled to Take Their Places Alongside Americans.

CONGRESS ALREADY CONSIDERING BILL THAT WOULD LEGALIZE DRAFTING THOUSANDS OF ALIENS

The Washington Authorities Are Also Negotiating With Allied Nations to Have Treaties Amended in Order to Allow Such a Draft to Be Made.

Washington, July 26.—The United States today is negotiating with the Allies to legalize drafting many hundreds of thousands of aliens in this country to fight under the American flag. Before the time for a second levy the necessary negotiations of treaties and action by congress will bring aliens under the draft law.

Resolution Before Congress to Draft Aliens Or to Deport Them if They Refuse to Serve

In every section of the nation an outcry against the "obvious injustice" of the present law as applied to non-citizens is rising, and already it has reached congress and forced action. The resolution to draft aliens is today before a sub-committee of the senate foreign relations committee. Under this resolution aliens may be drawn into the army or deported upon refusal to serve.

Negotiations are Going On With Other Nations To Amend Treaties So as to Allow Such Drafting

The war department has approved the resolution, but the state department has pointed out diplomatic obstructions in specific treaties with half a dozen countries, preventing drafting their citizens into the United States military service.

At the Italian embassy today it was stated diplomatic negotiations were under way to bring 150,000 Italians of military age in the United States under the provisions of the draft. At present neither the Italian or American governments can lay hands upon them.

The Allied Countries Expected to Offer No Objections, and Enemy Nations Not Considered

Each of the Allied countries is expected to acquiesce in the speedy nullification of any old obstructing treaties and agreements. But whether they do or not, officials here declare that congress may enact laws to supersede the treaties. Nations at war with Germany are hardly expected to object to conscription of their subjects here.

In Some Cities and Towns the Alien Population is So Great that Draft Will Take All Americans

The mail of the war department is flooded with bitter protests from cities with a large alien population. They claim that nearly every American will be taken in the first levy from certain districts with a heavy alien population. In Chicago, one fourth of the entire registration is exempt as aliens. In one district of 2,923 registration 2,123 are exempt as aliens, leaving only 815 Americans from which to draw 377 soldiers.

LEFT FOR PILGRIMAGE. TAKE THE PUBLIC INTO CONFIDENCE

Newcastle, July 26.—A large number from the Miramichi left last evening on the annual pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre. Among them taking the trip were Mrs. George O'Brien and son, Abraham; Mrs. Thos. Foley, Miss Eliza Hyland, Miss May Murray and Miss Mary Doyle, and Messrs Robert Jeffrey and Benjamin Mackey, of Newcastle.

France Did Not Lose Single Vessel During the Past Week

During that Time Six French Ships Were Attacked by the Hun Submarines, But Succeeded in Driving Them Off and Reaching Port Safely.

Paris, July 26.—During the week ending midnight, July 22, not a single French vessel, either over or under 1,600 tons, was lost, according to an official announcement issued yesterday. Six French merchantmen were attacked unsuccessfully during that time by submarines. Ships of all nationalities, numbering 1,053, entered French ports and 937 departed.

LATE WAR NEWS.

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