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THE FIGHT BETWEEN GIANT LINER AND SUB

HEARST'S HOUSING PROGRAM DECONCURRED BY VETERANS; DOES NOTHING FOR WIDOWS AND DEPENDENTS OF DEAD

Executive Officials Say the Provincial Government Missed an Excellent Opportunity To Make Life Happy For the Families of Flanders Heroes.

Toronto, July 24.—The special committee of the G. W. V. A. throughout the city are abnormally in accord with the criticism made yesterday by Acting Provincial Secretary F. G. Pratt concerning the announced housing program of the Ontario Government.

"I feel," said Secretary J. V. Conroy, of the York County General Executive, "that since the G. W. V. A. secretaries are constantly dealing with housing problems in their respective localities, the Provincial Government should have made a more earnest effort to get their views before issuing the recent housing memorandum."

Missed Good Opportunity. In my opinion the Government have a very good opportunity to do something worth while for the soldier and his dependents. The housing problem is undoubtedly the most vital problem to all Great War Veterans.

"Almost every day I have reports of wives of soldiers overseas who have had their rents raised in a disproportionate and who have been taken advantage of by landlords and realty agents.

"It would have certainly been far better if the Government had really proposed a plan by which soldiers' wives and returned veterans could have purchased a little home. In the case of the women it would be an inviting method for a wife to invest her savings. In the returned veterans case it would give him a renewed zest for his future civilian life."

Overlooked Its Duty. "The Government seems to have overlooked its prime duty to the widows and orphans of the many men from Ontario now lying overseas in the fields of France," said Secretary Stockdale of the Riverdale G. W. V. A.

"Apparently their main consideration has been a purely industrial one for the helping out of the many men, both employers and employees, with no special consideration for the veterans or their dependents."

"After all is said and done," continued Mr. Stockdale, "it is absolutely necessary for a widow of three or four kiddies to have to go out and work on munitions when her prime duty is to bring up her family as a self-supporting British citizen. Must she be considered a day laborer for a few pennies?"

"But the Government ought to have taken up with a family who have been able to give their children a chance to bring up their own, bought on a special payment plan."

SPLIT WIDENS BETWEEN THE BRITISH LABORERS
London, July 24.—The split in the Labor party shows signs of widening. Following the repudiation by Hodge of the two main planks of the party's program, comes a statement from General Secretary Appleton of the Federation of Trades Unions that there is a strong feeling among the trade unionists against the whole labor movement being handed over to the men to whom it really does not belong and whose chief aim seems to be to build up a post-war position for themselves in enemy country.

EDITORS AT FRONT.
Paris, July 24.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—Canadian editors, accompanied by several Paris journalists, motor-cycling to the front where they will visit the northern and northwestern fronts, returning to Paris on the 25th inst.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 10 o'clock last night: Highest, 87; lowest, 68. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 10 o'clock today were: Highest, 80; lowest, 64.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.
Toronto, July 24—8 a.m.
Today—Light winds; fine and decidedly warm.
Thursday—Fair at first, showery before night.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 81 52 Cloudy
Calgary 68 38 Cloudy
Winnipeg 88 54 Rain
Port Arthur 82 58 Cloudy
Ferry Sound 82 60 Clear
Port Stanley 80 62 Fair
Buffalo 80 62 Cloudy
Toronto 86 66 Cloudy
Kingston 80 64 Fair
Ottawa 82 62 Cloudy
Montreal 82 68 Cloudy
Quebec 86 72 Cloudy
Father Point 72 52 Fair

A very pronounced area of high barometer which came in over Alberta yesterday, accompanied by unusually cool weather, has now spread into Manitoba, and heavy showers have occurred throughout the Western Provinces. The weather continues fine and very warm in Ontario and Western Quebec.

LINER IS SUNK AFTER 24-HOUR FIGHT WITH SUB

S. S. Justicia Torpedoed Off the North Coast of Ireland.

400 SURVIVORS LANDED

German U-Boat Discharges Ten Missiles at Ship—Four Exploded by Gunfire.

London, July 24.—The White Star liner Justicia, says a Belfast dispatch, was sunk off the north Irish coast on Saturday morning last. She carried a crew of between 600 and 700, and seven members of the crew are dead.

Four hundred of the crew of the torpedoed liner Justicia have been landed here. They report that the liner was sunk after a 24-hour fight with submarines.

One of the crew of the Justicia is quoted by the newspaper as asserting that ten torpedoes were discharged at the Justicia. Four of the approaching missiles, he added, were exploded by gunfire from the ship.

Ten of Crew Killed. No passengers were lost and only ten of the crew were killed. The first torpedo struck the engine-room, and the ship then stopped. Several other torpedoes were fired, but only two of the missiles were effective.

The story of the fight between the German submarine and the Justicia, if it could be told, would make one of the finest stories in the annals of anti-submarine warfare.

Nothing had occurred in connection with the sinking of the former White Star liner gives navy men any ground for misgivings over the submarine war. The defensive measures and methods showed up to excellent advantage, and indicate that the Entente naval forces can always be counted on to make the enemy pay dearly for every attempt he makes.

Formerly Dutch Ship. The Justicia was formerly the Dutch steamer Statendam, which was taken over by the British Government on the condition that when she was nearing completion. She was a vessel of 32,234 tons gross.

The Justicia, reported sunk apparently somewhere off the coast of Ireland, was carrying a large contingent of American troops. It was learned here.

HUN PEACE PLAN SENT TO SPAIN
Asks Freedom of Seas in the Latest List of Suggestions For Conference.

Amsterdam, July 24.—Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish Government, says the Socialist Vorwaerts of Berlin.

The suggestions are: First—Germany wants no annexations or indemnities in the west. Second—The peace treaties with Russia and Rumania may not be questioned. Third—The principle of self-determination of peoples has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium is also to be settled.

Fourth—The Balkan question is to be settled around the conference table. Fifth—The freedom of the seas, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez Canal and the right for Germany to use coaling stations.

Sixth—The colonial question is to be settled on the basis of the status quo. Vorwaerts considers this a very reasonable peace program.

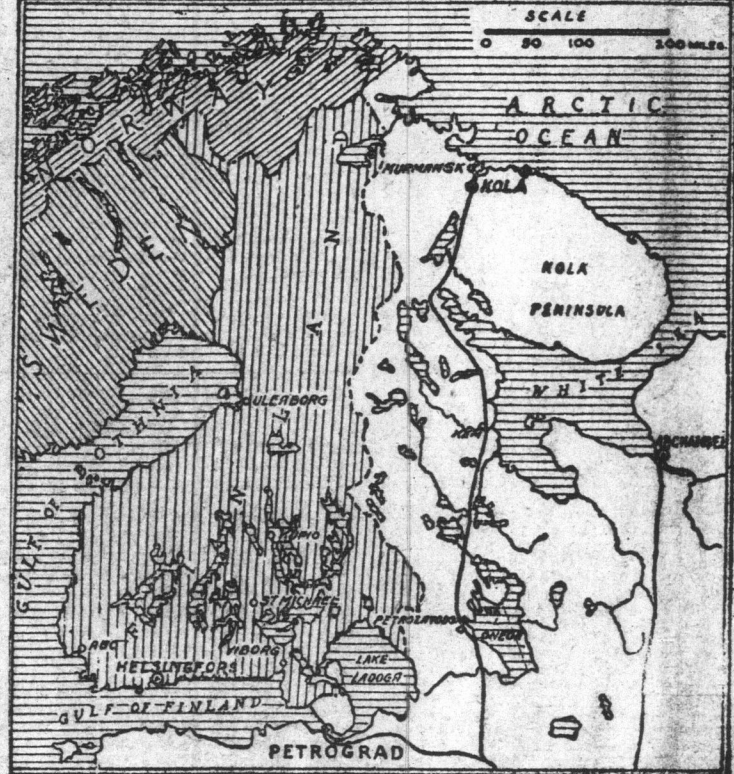
MAIL-CARRIERS OF ST. THOMAS ARE OUT
Turned In Bags After Early Morning Delivery.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, July 24.—The entire staff of letter-carriers laid down their mail bags this morning after the early morning delivery and will not return to work until they receive word from Winnipeg regarding the strike in other parts of the Dominion. This does not mean that the carriers have been ordered to strike, but that they have refused to work until their demands are met.

The dispatch adds that the South-eastern Railway administration buildings have been surrounded by armored cars. The minister of communications has threatened to lock out the strikers and transfer the operation of the railway roads to the German high commission if the strike does not cease.

The strike committee has issued an appeal, written in the Bolshevik spirit, urging the men to stand firm. A big meeting of the local men was held yesterday, but the men were forced to wait a reasonable time before walking out.

A NEW WAR COMPLICATION



Advertiser Illustration. The Murman coast, east of Finland, menaced by Germans, must be saved by the Allies, or the enemy will seize Kola and Archangel, where huge military stores are accumulated.

POSTMEN HERE STILL REMAINING AT WORK; WAIT ON CONFERENCE

Full Staff Mans London Post-office, Though Tension Is Taut.

ONLY SIGNAL IS NEEDED News of Failure of Cabinet Would Precipitate Local Strike at Once.

The full staff of the London postoffice, clerks and letter-carriers, is still at work. The local situation will remain as it is until word is received from Ottawa, as to the result of the conference which was scheduled for this morning between representatives of the carriers, Toronto City and board of trade and the cabinet.

At last night's meeting the local carriers decided that they did not have sufficient information to warrant a strike. They are sympathetic with the Toronto carriers, and the London carriers have arranged, and the London carriers have agreed, to bring about a realization of the seriousness of the situation. They declare, in effect, that they will not strike until they are satisfied that the cabinet will be able to carry out the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium is also to be settled.

There is no question as to where the London carriers stand. To a man, they are in sympathy with the Toronto carriers. However, they believe that the way matters now look, that they will be able to save the citizens of this city the inconvenience a strike would cause. However, if the conference at Ottawa fails to bring about the desired result, the local carriers will strike immediately.

The situation with the clerks is also confident that they will stand behind them and they are reluctant to do anything that would necessitate, and it is thought advisable, the men will declare a strike, they say.

AUSTRIAN PLANS FOR ALBANIAN OFFENSIVE ARE COMPLETELY UPSET
Paris, July 24.—Austrian preparations for an offensive in Albania have been shattered by the drive of the French and Italian troops during the past fortnight, according to the correspondent of the Petit Parisien on the Albanian front. Enemy munition depots, stores of food and war materials have been destroyed or captured. The Franco-Italian lines have been straightened out at certain points over a front of twenty miles and their light columns continue to advance along the banks of the Devoli River, the correspondent says.

RUSS HEIR REPORTED VICTIM OF 'EXPOSURE'
Amsterdam, July 24.—Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent to the Russian throne, died from exposure a few days after his father, the former emperor, was executed, says a dispatch from Moscow to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

"MOTHER!"

Paris, July 23.—A New York woman attached to the American Red Cross, who happened to be in Paris today, volunteered to help in taking care of the wounded coming in from the battlefield. She was working busily when startled by a loud cry of "Mother!" Turning, she saw her own son, a young lieutenant in the American army, who had been wounded in the leg in the fighting Monday. The first news she had that her son was engaged in the battle was when she heard the cry. She obtained permission to accompany him to a hospital, and, after seeing that he was attended to, went back to the station to cheer, as she said, the boys who had no hope of finding a mother to welcome them.

GOVT. EXPECTED TO MEET DEMAND OF THE POSTIES

Conference at Capital Today Likely To Clear Situation.

MEN FOR COMMISSION Want a Minimum Wage of Twelve Hundred Per Annum.

Ottawa, July 24.—The impression in Ottawa this morning is that the Government will go a considerable distance toward meeting the demand of the postal employees. Through an unfortunate misunderstanding the hour of the conference to be held with the Government at 10 o'clock this morning had to be postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, July 24.—The deputation representing the postmen of Canada reached Ottawa this morning quite confident that they would be able to secure some satisfaction from the Government. A meeting has been arranged with the cabinet for this morning, when it is likely that the men will make the following demands:

(1) A minimum wage of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$1,400 yearly.
(2) The appointment of a commission upon which there will be equal representation from the Government, the representatives appointed for each of the parties to appoint a chairman.

Why Not a Commission. The postmen representatives claim that even if the Government has its hands tied to the extent that it cannot appoint a commission, there would be no reason why it should not agree to the appointment of a commission. While it might not be an understanding that the commission's findings would be favorably received by the cabinet and would be made law at the next session of Parliament. If the commission decided that the men should receive a wage increase, the increase would be dated back.

The deputation point out that the proposed wage bonus of \$150 is not at all satisfactory to the postmen and that the postmen never said that it would be satisfactory.

BRANTFORD READY TO STRIKE.
Brantford, July 24.—The Brantford postmen, at a meeting this morning held in Brantford, decided to walk out at noon today unless word was received in the meantime from Toronto that the demands of the Dominion posties would be met at once. It was the intention to walk out this morning, but some of the carriers had departed on their routes before the strike decision was arrived at, and for this reason it was decided to postpone action until noon.

OUT HOUR AT OTTAWA.
Ottawa, July 24.—The local letter-carriers were on strike for about an hour this morning, but decided to return and make the first mail delivery. A meeting will be held today, when a decision is expected to be made for or against a strike will be arrived at.

WINDSOR JOINS STRIKE.
Windsor, July 24.—After a short meeting this morning the postmen decided to go on strike at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Continued on Page Three.

M'ADOO AWARD DRIVES ROADS TO NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, July 24.—New schedules of rates for all Canadian railways will, it is anticipated, go into effect on August 1st next. Such increases, the railways hold, have been made necessary by the application to Canadian railways of the McAdoo award in force in the United States. The railways are even now preparing their new rate schedules, and representatives of the roads are in conference with members of the Government today.

The new rates will be put in force by order-in-council under the war measures act, and there will be no hearing of the application before the railway commission as under normal conditions has been necessary.

The increases will not be as high as 35 per cent, as had at first been anticipated, nor will they apply uniformly to all commodities. Neither will they, it is said, apply to passenger rates.

FOCH IS PRESSING FLANKS OF ENEMY; KEEPS UP PURSUIT NORTH OF MARNE

German Crown Prince's Troops Are In Tight Corner—Prisoners Taken By British In Raids On Lines In Region South of Bucquoy—Enemy Loss Since July 15th Over 180,000.

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 24, 7:30 a.m.—(By the Associated Press).—The French, the British and the Americans are still hammering the flanks of the crown prince's army. The Germans are known to have brought up fresh support forces at some points, but the Allies report the situation as favorable.

STILL PURSUING, PERSHING REPORTS.
Washington, July 24.—Continued pursuit of the retreating enemy south of the River Ourcq is reported in Gen. Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the war department. The capture of positions north of the Marne also is reported.

BRITISH RAID ENEMY LINES.
London, July 24.—Raids were carried out by the British troops last night in the region south of Bucquoy and northwest of Albert, says today's war office report. A few prisoners were taken. A German raid on the British lines northeast of Bethune, on the Flanders front, was repulsed.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT BUSY.
With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 24.—More favorable weather conditions brought out droves of aircraft this morning. The day was an excellent one for observation, and this is expected to change the character of the fighting somewhat, especially with regard to the artillery.

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK NEAR VREIGNY IS QUICKLY REPULSED

Paris, July 24.—The Germans last night delivered a counter-attack upon the Allied lines in the vicinity of Vreigny, five miles southwest of Rheims. The war office announced today that the attack had been repulsed.

There was great activity by the artillery during the night along the front between the Aisne and the Marne and northeast toward Rheims.

Important gains were realized Tuesday by the Allies, particularly by the French troops, who are bearing 70 per cent of the effort in which they vie in bravery with the British, Americans and Italians.

The Havas correspondent at the front says the French are steadily fighting toward Ouchy-les-Chateaux, North of the Marne in an advance of two kilometers (about 1.1-4 miles), the Allies took fortified farms and barbed wire.

GERMANS WEARING OUT.
The fighting, he adds, surpasses in violence that of the March and May offensives, and the Germans rapidly are being worn out. The wild talk of the German official statements, he says, proves more than anything else the confusion in Germany resulting from the French northwest of Montdidier their retreat by paying a price, but the necessity of reconstructing their general reserves will soon oblige them to straighten their front between Soissons and Rheims.

CROWN PRINCE'S CRACK DIVISIONS GAVE WAY BEFORE ALLIED RUSH

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, Tuesday, July 23.—By the Associated Press.—The armies of Foch and Pershing have forced their way through rain-soaked woods and fields further into the German lines. The strategy of General Foch apparently called for the delivery of smashing blows today, and at numerous points crack divisions of the army of the German crown prince were forced to give ground before the French and Americans.

The day closed with the Germans having been pushed well back at many points by the Franco-American attacks which followed a night of heavy artillery firing.

ENEMY LOSS 180,000

With the French Army in France, July 24.—By the Associated Press.—Tuesday was another successful day for the Allies along the entire active front. The bag of prisoners captured by the French northwest of Montdidier numbered more than 1,500. The victory was gained with very slight losses.

Farther southward on the northern side of the Marne, American and French troops met several strong German attacks, to which they responded with vigorous counter-attacks, as a result of which the Allied line was again advanced. The Americans made their gains in heavy fighting in the vicinity of the Barbillon wood. On the eastern side of the salient the French and British advanced an average of one kilometre. The British increased the number of prisoners taken in three days to 1,100, by capturing 800.

Approximately 150,000 dead, wounded and prisoners have been lost by the Germans since July 15. The enemy continues to burn stores and munitions within the salient, evidently being fearful that the future will see him driven back much further.

HIGHLANDERS CAPTURE 200 GERMANS IN COVERTON WOOD

London, July 24.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—A dispatch from French headquarters reads as follows: "Some of the hardest fighting of the whole battlefield is now raging on the new British front astride the Ardre in Montagne-des-Rheims. The British arrived at the point of concentration south of the Marne on the 17th inst., and attacked on the morning of the 20th on a five-mile front between the southern edge of Covertown wood and the village of St. Euphrase. They were opposed by four German divisions, the 86th, 102nd, 128th and 22nd, which were engaged since the 15th, and have suffered heavily in an attempt to pierce the Italian line." Continued on Page Three.