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THE ALLIED FORCES HAVE 1,250,000 MEN IN FRANCE

NO SECOND POSTIES STRIKE EAST, TO SUPPORT WEST GOVT. AGAIN REFUSES BOARD

Secretary McMordie Mum as to Situation, But Impression Prevails That There Will Be No Further Trouble in Eastern Canada—Winnipeg Still Out and Sympathetic Strike May Develop—Doherty Definitely Refuses to Appoint Conciliation Board.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, July 27.—Alex. McMordie, general secretary of the Federation of Canadian Letter-Carriers, asked this morning if the decision of the Government to dismiss from service all western postmen who failed to return to work today, might result in eastern postmen again going on strike as a protest against such action by the Government, refused to make any statement. Opinion, however, prevails in well-informed circles that eastern postmen will not make that a pretext for another strike.

Mr. McMordie announces that a men's committee is being formed, comprising representatives from all leading centres, both in Eastern and Western Canada, to wait upon the sub-committee of the cabinet at Ottawa on Tuesday, August 6th, with regard to the question of maximum wages and all matters of difference.

A meeting of Toronto postmen will be held tonight to hear a report of the recent delegation to Ottawa.

FRANCE SUING FOR \$2,000,000 FOR LOST SHIP

Halifax, July 27.—The Republic of France has issued a writ in the admiralty court here against the admiralty of the United Kingdom, claiming this to be the value of the cargo of the French gunboat ship Mont Blanc, which exploded in Halifax harbor on December 6 of last year after colliding with the Iro. The case will be heard in the admiralty court here at a date not yet announced.

EXPECTS GERMANS TO FIGHT TO LAST NOW THEY ARE CORNERED

Correspondent With American Army Warns Against Too Much Optimism.

London, July 27.—Discussing the latest operations and the German position within the Marne salient, Reuter's correspondent with the American troops in France under date of Friday, says it is well to remember the Germans still hold the north bank of the Marne for some eight miles from Vincennes to Reuil. This has not yet been disputed with them.

INQUIRY REVEALS DR. HALE PREPARED DERNBURG'S SPEECH

New York, July 27.—The speech of Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, Minister of Colonies, in May, 1915, in which he attempted to justify the sinking of the Lusitania, and which caused his expulsion from the United States, was prepared by Dr. William Bayard Hale, self-confessed head of the German information service in America, according to a statement here last night by Deputy State Attorney-General Alfred L. Becker. Another revelation of the inquiry into German propaganda activities before America's entrance into the war, which he is conducting at the request of the department of justice, includes testimony by Dr. Hale that Dr. Edward A. Rumford, created recently in connection with the alleged purchase of the New York Evening Mail for the German Government, was introduced to him in 1915 as "the special protégé" of Dr. Dernburg. The introduction, he declared, was made by Dernburg.

FILM STAR DIVORCED FROM WIFE MUST PAY HER \$40,000 ALIMONY

Frankie X. Bushman Was Charged With Cruelty and Neglect.
Baltimore, July 27.—An absolute divorce was granted today to Mrs. Josephine F. Bushman from Frankie X. Bushman, film star. Mrs. Bushman also was awarded custody of their five children. An allowance of \$4,000 a year for them until they marry, become of age or have her, and \$3,000 for her attorney's fees and cost of the suit. Bushman must pay for the education of the children and for their medical care. Mrs. Bushman charged the actor with cruelty and neglect.



A British tank waiting for the order to advance. It is near the front line.—British Official Photograph.

300 THOUSAND SAMMIES SENT OVER

Washington, July 27.—With 50,000 troops sent last week, the number of American troops transported overseas during July is expected to reach a record of 300,000. Secretary of War Baker and Gen. March, chief of staff, today told members of the senate military committee.

NOISE AT FRONT SEEMED WORST FEATURE OF WAR

Saskatchewan Premier Found It Most Trying of Experiences in France.

Hon. W. M. Martin, premier of Saskatchewan, is in London for a few days, paying a visit to his parents, Rev. W. M. Martin and Mrs. Martin. Kidnott street south, on his return after a visit to the Canadian camps in England and in France, with other provincial premiers.

ENTHUSES OVER YANKS Arrivals of Americans Brings British and French Feeling to Fore.

London, July 27.—The Siberian Government, including the premier, has resigned, says a Vladivostok dispatch to the Times. The Government referred to is probably that recently set up by Gen. Horvath.

KING GEORGE THANKS DOMINIONS FOR PART IN EMPIRE'S WAR

London, July 27.—Premier Borden, speaking for the overseas dominions, in an address yesterday to His Majesty, King George V, at the Empire Club, thanked the various sections of the Empire for the splendid devotion and self-sacrifice shown by the dominions in the war.

COUNT LUXBURG IS "FIRED" BY EMPEROR

Imperial Murderer Punishes His Assassin, Who Blundered.

London, July 27.—Emperor William has refused to receive Count Luxburg, so that the former German ambassador to Argentina might justify himself, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. The count handed in his report on his mission to Argentina to the foreign office on Thursday. After the emperor had refused to see him he conferred with Admiral von Hintze, the foreign secretary.

AVIATOR KILLED WHEN MACHINE TAKES FIRE

Hamilton, July 27.—Another fatality occurred at the Beamsville aerodrome this morning, when Cadet T. C. Dunbar, of Hallowbury, who was making a solo flight, crashed to the ground, his machine ablaze. He was burned beyond recognition, and all that remains of the aeroplane was the level parts.

TWO GERMAN AIRMEN SLAIN BY BOLSHEVIKI

Amsterdam, July 27.—Two German aviators who were captured by the Bolsheviks when they alighted on Russian territory were ill-treated and shot, according to German reports. Berlin has protested and made a demand that those responsible for the execution be severely punished.

FRENCH DRIVE AHEAD AGAIN TAKING HUN POSITIONS ON TWO MILE FRONT; GERMANS BEING DRIVEN FROM MARNE

THE WAR SITUATION

[By Associated Press.]
Shifting their blows to the southern arc of the sector between Soissons and Rheims, the French have struck the German line at Port-a-Blinson, on the south side of the Marne, and about a mile south of the village of Châtillon. It is officially reported from Paris that the French lines were advanced at that point.

Further east, on the Champagne sector, the troops of General Gouraud have by a local operation south of Montagne Sans Nom (mountain without a name), pressed forward over half a mile along a front of almost two miles.

The advance east of Rheims was seemingly for the purpose of restoring the Allied line in that section early in the week at Marfaux and Pourcy, northeast of Châtillon, and south of the western spur of Rheims mountain. A considerable success near Châtillon would put them into a pocket within the larger salient, and the French would then be able to force their withdrawal to new lines further back toward the middle of the German salient.

Clearing the Woods.
West of Port-a-Blinson the Germans hold the north bank of the Marne for a considerable distance, and the French have apparently been attacking the angle between the German line along the river, and that from the Marne toward Rheims.

Along the western side of the German salient there is no official mention of events of especial importance during the past night. It is reported that French and American troops were attacking the enemy this morning, centering their efforts on the work of clearing the woods out of the wooded areas to the south and southwest of Fere-en-Tardenois. This was said to be nearly accomplished.

Despite the general expectation that the Germans are fighting on the southern side of the salient to cover the retreat of their armies and the salvaging of the vast piles of guns and munitions in preparation for the great offensive which began on July 15, there appears to be a disposition on the part of some military experts to consider the possibility of a new German attack somewhere on the battle line between Soissons and Rheims.

The stubbornness of the fighting and the failure to attack on some other sector points, it is contended, to the fact that the Germans are committed to a renewed offensive along the Marne. The hope of still winning a victory there.

Along the British front near Arras and Lens, and along the Somme sector the German activity has been active. British parties have been active at various points along their lines.

British airmen in the past week have accounted for 51 enemy machines while losing 51. Long distance raiding was the greatest success of the week, with five incursions into Germany were made and 184 tons of bombs dropped. The latest estimate of the number of German prisoners taken by the Allies since July 18 is 30,000.

Further complications have arisen in the Siberian situation. A provisional government at Omsk, in central Siberia, claims supreme authority and has declared the independence of Siberia. Another report received in London says the Siberian Government at Vladivostok, presumably that headed by General Horvath, has resigned.

GERMAN DUKE TO BE FINLAND'S NEXT KING

Duke Adolf Friedrich Offered Crown and Has Accepted.

Paris, July 27.—The crown of Finland has been offered to Duke Adolf Friedrich of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and he has accepted, says a Zurich dispatch to Le Journal. The offer was made by a deputation from the Finnish Landtag. The duke will return with the deputation aboard a Finnish warship.

The coronation, the dispatch adds, will take place within a few weeks.

It was reported early in May that negotiations were in progress to offer the Finnish crown to Duke Adolf Friedrich. Within the past week, however, dispatches from Scandinavia said that the Finnish Landtag had refused to approve the erection of a monarchy under a German king.

Duke Adolf Friedrich was born in 1873. He is a colonel in the Prussian Guard and served for a time as governor of Togoland. The duke is an uncle of the reigning grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and is unmarried.

GERMANS BLOWING UP STORES.

London, July 27.—Activity at points occupied by the American troops slackened considerably Friday, says the correspondent of the Daily Mail with the American troops in France. Time for a breathing space has arrived, he adds, and both sides are recovering from the exhaustion of their first efforts.

In the Fere and Ris forests, north of the Marne, the Germans seem to be blowing up considerable quantities of munitions and supplies.

Enemy still fighting.

Enemy slowly retreating.

Enemy in full retreat.

Enemy artillery active.

Enemy sifting the landwehr to strengthen western fronts.