

VON MOLKE DEAD; ORGANIZED GERMAN FORCES FOR WAR

Former Chief of Staff Stricken During Service for Von der Goltz

QUIT COMMAND IN 1914

AMSTERDAM, June 19.—Lieutenant General Helmuth von Moltke, Chief of the Supplementary General Staff of the army, died of apoplexy yesterday during a service of mourning in the Reichstag for the late Field Marshal von der Goltz, says a Berlin telegram received last night.

Lieutenant General von Moltke, who was 58 years old, was a nephew of the late Field Marshal von Moltke, the great strategist, who directed the victorious movements of the German armies when they achieved their triumph in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. At the time of his uncle's death, in 1891, he was a major, but in 1894 he was made a general, three years later a lieutenant general and in 1902 Chief of the General Staff, in which last named office he has been credited with having perfected the splendid organization of the German army.

During the fall of 1914 announcements of General von Moltke's illness were followed by reports that he had been superseded as Chief of the General Staff. These, however, proved unfounded, but in December of that year he retired from the post, his declining health, it was said, preventing his return to the front. He was succeeded by the present head of the General Staff, General von Falkenhayn. In the January following he was appointed Chief of the Supplementary General Staff.

When the Kaiser elevated von Moltke to the position of chief of staff many, both in the army and in civil life, made harsh criticisms. They said von Moltke owed his advance primarily to the Emperor's passion for the picturesque and his desire to have the "brain department" of the German army.

But von Moltke's critics had their eyes opened at the first "Kaiser maneuvers," held before he had been chief of the general staff for 10 months. The great autumn campaign had been distinguished by operations that the oft-quoted Marshal of France would have called "magnificent, but not war." The Kaiser had a passion for thrilling cavalry charges over bare fields, which made splendid moving pictures, but which cost the lives of divisions in real war. With the faults of his picture-making, it was said that he was a "Kaiser chief" of von Moltke's first innovation was to obliterate ruthlessly the picturesque from the maneuvers. He insisted on the most practical operations—night fighting, forcing marches and all those exercises that have made the German army formidable.

The previous chief of staff, Count Schlieffen had attempted to oppose the Emperor's will and substitute "real war" for the picturesque and had been finally forced to leave the chief staff. Von Moltke, with a will of steel, succeeded where he had failed, and his growth in the esteem of the army was rapid thereafter. It was through his insistence that \$250,000,000 was spent on the army during the year before the war.

At the time Von Moltke was retired as chief of the staff, German newspapers made guarded comments on the appointment of Von Falkenhayn, and said that there had been a disagreement between Von Moltke and the Emperor.

RUSHES THROUGH FLAMES; AIDS IN RESCUING EIGHT

Two Families Saved From Fire in Ridge Avenue

Felix Miller rushed through flame-swept hallways and aided eight persons, including three children, to reach the street in safety early today when fire of undetermined origin damaged a three-story dwelling at 2031 Ridge avenue. The flames spread so rapidly that the occupants of the building were forced to flee in their night clothing.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, June 19. For eastern Pennsylvania—Showers this afternoon; partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; cooler in southeast portion tonight; light to moderate variable winds.

Table with columns: Station, Temp., Wind, Weather. Lists weather data for various locations including Atlantic City, Philadelphia, and others.



COUNT VON MOLKE DEAD Chief of the Supplementary Staff of the German Army and the one person most responsible for the preparedness and mobilization of the Kaiser's forces at the outbreak of the war, was fatally stricken in the Reichstag yesterday while attending a memorial service in honor of the late Field Marshal von der Goltz.

FRENCH CRUSH FIERCE ATTACKS ON HILL 321

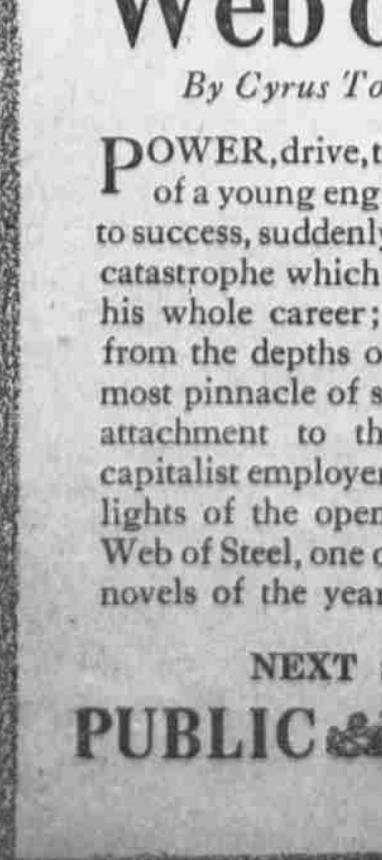
Teuton Assault in Chattanooga Region by French Guns and Infantry

PARIS, June 19. Violent German infantry attacks against French positions north of Hill No. 321 on the Verdun front were repulsed, according to the official statement of the War Office today. On the west bank of the Meuse the Germans shelled the southern slopes of Dead Man's Hill heavily.

On the left bank of the Meuse a German attack directed against our position north of Hill 321 was repulsed by our fire. On the night of June 18-19 two of our air squadrons successfully bombarded the Vouziers railway station and barracks. Troop movements were under way at the depot at that time. One squadron dropped 38 projectiles of large calibre and the other 25.

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L'AUSTRIA NON RITIRA TRUPPE DAL TRENTO PER L'ATTACCO RUSSO

Cannoni e Mitragliatrici Prese dagli Alpini agli Austriaci Sulla Malga Fossetta. Nuovi Attacchi Respinti

IL GABINETTO BOSELLI

ROMA, 19 Giugno. Nel suo rapporto pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra il generale Cadorna fa rilevare che lo Stato Maggiore austriaco non ha prelevato affatto, come si supponeva, le truppe dalle montagne, nelle quali si nascondono e si sottraggono alla ricerca che non fanno le truppe americane del generale Pershing. Il presidente Wilson ha ordinato la mobilitazione di tutte le guardie nazionali dei diversi stati dell'unione, circa 100,000 uomini. Un telegramma da Washington dice che è stata consegnata oggi una nota del governo messicano al Dipartimento di Stato, nota che pare non domandi più il ritiro delle truppe americane dal Messico. Il testo della nota non è stato ancora pubblicato.

FLOODS ARE RECEDING

Susquehanna Passes Danger Mark. Canoeist Drowns

HARRISBURG, Pa. June 19.—The Susquehanna river, after reaching 18.2 feet above low water mark, it began to recede last night. The Juniata River, which had overflowed its banks at numerous places, also began to fall. The 18-foot point is the danger line here, and the only damage was done to the river embankment, and to several roads.

Explosion Sets Garage on Fire

PIYMAN, N. J., June 19.—When a gasoline stove used for heating water exploded in the garage of Len Clark, on Holly avenue, early last night, it started a blaze, which gave firemen a short but lively battle before it was under control.

WESTERN ROADS CAN MOVE 80,000 TO 100,000 TROOPS WITHOUT DELAY

Transportation Lines Equipped for Prompt Service, With No Interruption of Regular Traffic

Southwestern Lines Can Move 45,000 Troops a Day

In the event the Government desires the speediest possible mobilization of troops on the border, the three principal Southwestern trunk lines out of Chicago can move 45,000 troops a day if all other traffic is abandoned.

EASTERN LINES READY FOR PREPAREDNESS TEST

NEW YORK, June 19.—The railroads of the East are ready for the greatest preparedness test in history in the moving of the National Guard of the country to the Mexican border. Officials united in declaring that as fast as the administration orders State troops moved they will be ready to transport them.

LA GUARDIA NAZIONALE AMERICANA MOBILITATA

Gli Stati Uniti Sono Forse alla Vigilia della Guerra con il Messico

GLI STATI UNITI SONO FORSE ALLA VIGILIA DELLA GUERRA CON IL MESSICO

Gli Stati Uniti sono, pare, alla vigilia della guerra sul serio col Messico. Mentre le bande del brigante Villa sono tuttora padrone delle montagne, nelle quali si nascondono e si sottraggono alla ricerca che non fanno le truppe americane del generale Pershing, il presidente Wilson ha ordinato la mobilitazione di tutte le guardie nazionali dei diversi stati dell'unione, circa 100,000 uomini.

RUSSIAN ARMY WITHIN 44 MILES OF LEMBERG

Continued from Page One lengthening of their lines of communication. Hard fighting is in progress between the Russians and the Austro-German army of General von Linsenger, which is defending the Teutonic base at Kovel.

AUSTRIA STILL PASSES ITALY DESPITE DEFEAT ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Rome States No Teuton Troops Were Withdrawn From Trentino Owing to Slava's Onslaught

NEW ATTACKS REPULSED

ROME, June 19.—The Austrians are maintaining their original plan in pressing their offensive in the Trentino and have not withdrawn troops from that front because of the Russian offensive in the East, it is declared in last night's official War Office statement. Belief is expressed that such withdrawal will become more difficult because of the counter-offensive which the Italians are now maintaining.

HURT WHEN AWNING STRIKES HIM

Nathan Weil, 24 years old, of 12 North 13th street, was slightly injured about the head today, when an awning fell on him while passing 2 North 13th street. He was treated at the Jefferson Hospital, and went home.

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