

IRISH TROOPS RAID GERMAN TRENCHES

Haig Announces Successful Foray Northeast of Bullecourt—Big Guns Roar

ITALIANS HALT ATTACKS

Austrian Counter-Offensives at Two Points Prove Unavailing

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Raids and artillery cannonades were all the fighting activity reported today by Field Marshal Haig from the British front. "Northwest of Bullecourt," he said, "the Irish carried out a successful raid early in the morning. In the neighborhood of the Ypres-Staden railway there was hostile artillery firing of considerable activity last night."

Violent artillery duels, in fact, have been raging all along the western front. All the way from the West Flanders zone to the Woivre plain the big guns roared against German, British and French positions. The cannonades were especially severe on the Arras, Aime River and Verdun fronts, while the German War Office for the first time in weeks, tells of artillery activity west of St. Quentin, on the Somme front.

On the Italian front the Austro-Hungarians have been trying to open a counter-offensive at two points on the Julian front, northeast of Gorizia, and on the Carso plateau, southeast of Gorizia. Despite the severity of the artillery fire preceding the attacks, all broke down under the stout resistance of the Italians.

On the Balkan front, British troops attacked the Bulgarians near Seres, in Greek Macedonia, inflicting severe losses.

MAXIMUM MEAT PRICE PROMISES TO ADVANCE

Packers' Conference Indicates History's Highest Cost Mark Is to Be Raised

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—The consumer, already paying the highest prices for meat in history, is confronted with the prospect of still higher prices. This was indicated at the conference of the American Meat Packers' Association in session here today.

"The whole world is in the market for foodstuffs, particularly meats, fats and other packing house products," said Albert Kohn, president of the organization.

"Cereals have gone to unheard-of prices and, although meat animals have reached almost prohibitive quotations, the producers of live stock tell us they have difficulty in raising cattle and hogs at a profit because of the cost of feed and labor.

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR STATE FEDERATION

Reports of Committees Chief Business Item of Today's Session at Erie

ERIE, Oct. 16.—Nomination of officers to serve for the ensuing two years were made at today's opening session of the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women. Miss Sarah R. Paiste, Altoona, read the report of the nominating committee, as follows:

President, Mrs. Ronald P. Gleason, Beranton Century Club.
Vice president, Mrs. George Phelps Rose, Woman's Club of Swickler Valley.
District vice presidents (eastern), Mrs. H. A. Prentiss Nichols, Philadelphia; West Century Club, central, Mrs. J. Thomas Mitchell, Bellefonte; southwestern, Mrs. Florence M. Disher, Clear Lake; northern, Mrs. Joseph H. Bavaid, Bradford Woman's Literary Club.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Harvey P. Smith, Harrisburg Civic Club.
Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harry Clark Bolen, Philadelphia Philomathean Club.
Treasurer, Mrs. Harry C. Christy, Indiana New Century Club.

State secretary of the General Federation, Mrs. Samuel Semple, Trarville Woman's Club.
Directors, Mrs. William Dean Hamilton, Pittsburgh Twentieth Century Club; Mrs. Walter K. Sharpe, Chambersburg Algonquin Club; Mrs. Marcus W. Jamieson, Warren Woman's Club; Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Harlan, Coatsville Century Club.

Mrs. Gleason and some of the other candidates have renominations. All district vice presidential nominations are new. The election will be held Thursday.

Reports of officers and committees occupied most of this morning's session, which concluded with meetings of districts to nominate delegates to the biennial national convention at Hot Springs, Ark., next May.

This afternoon reports of committees included the following:
Suffrage, Mrs. George A. Biersol, Philadelphia; chairman.
Education, Mrs. Franklin P. Jans, Pittsburgh, chairman, and Mrs. Frank Miles Day, Philadelphia, vice chairman.
Home economics, Mrs. A. P. Meyer, chairman, Miss Pearl Macdonald, Bellefonte, vice chairman.

Tonight's meetings will be in charge of the citizenship committee, with Chairman Florence P. Sanville, Philadelphia, presiding. Speakers will be Immigration Commissioner Frederic C. Howe, New York; Miss Anna P. Juxley, College settlement of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Helen Glenn Tyson, State supervisor of the mothers' assistance fund.

INCORPORATES MOTHERS OF REGULARS

EASTON, Pa., Oct. 16.—Easton women, mothers of young men who enlisted in the regular army, who recently formed an association, have decided to apply to the court for a charter. Mrs. W. B. Pursell, who has three sons at the front, is president of the association, which will be known as "Mothers of the 1917 Regulars."

CHESTER GIVES TROLLEY PRIVILEGES

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 16.—Council granted permission to the Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company to move its tracks on Edgmont avenue, which has been widened to sixty feet from thirty. The improvement is in line with the \$2,000,000 civic beautification plan along Edgmont avenue, from Third street to Sixth street.

FALLS DEAD AT NEW THEATRE

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 16.—Mrs. Mary C. Heck, a middle-aged woman, fell dead at Fourth street and Edgmont avenue during the excitement attending a trial of persons eager to gain admission to the opening performance at the new Edgmont Theatre. A physician said death was due to heart failure.

GERMANS STEAL NOTED ART WORKS

Huns Sack Antwerp and Brussels and Carry Away Rubens

GIRLS ARE MADE SLAVES

Young Women Now Being Carried Away From Over-run Provinces

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Pall Mall Gazette hears that "the famous picture, Rubens's 'Descent from the Cross,' and the almost equally famous triptych representing the Garden of Eden have both been removed from the Rubens Gallery in Antwerp and transferred to the Art Academy at Dusseldorf.

"The Wiertz Gallery in Brussels is now closed and most of the principal works have been removed from Brussels. The famous bronze horses in the Avenue Louise are no longer there and are supposed to be in Berlin."

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 16.—The Germans have begun to remove the bells from Flemish bellfries. The Telegraaf's frontier correspondent says all the bells at Iseghem, near Roulers, have been confiscated. The bells have also been removed from other villages, even from Bruges. All copper has been seized in Brussels, even the doorplates and piano ornaments.

The Germans are removing the French, particularly the women of Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing, Croix and surrounding places, to work for the benefit of the Germans. The Telegraaf's frontier correspondent says that only women without children and young girls are now selected. They are taken to the station by soldiers and then conveyed to destinations undisclosed to the parents left behind. Heartrending scenes are witnessed.

FOR U. S. WAR ON BALKANS

Senator King, of Utah, Asks President to Send U. S. Troops to Salonica

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—To assist in a big drive in the Balkans, Senator King, of Utah, has urged President Wilson to send American troops to Salonica.

The Senator also advocated declarations of war against Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, and proposed that definite promises of military co-operation should be obtained from the Japanese mission here.

WILSON HOLDS DRAFT MEN

Only One in Twenty Exemption Appeals Succeeds at Washington

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—President Wilson has decided only one in twenty appeals for draft exemption on industrial grounds in favor of the applicant. It was said at the postwar marshal's office. In other cases the President has ratified the judgment of district boards that the applicant was not indispensable to a necessary war industry.

SWEDES RESENTFUL; MISSION MAY QUIT

Detention of Mail Pouches by British Embassy Declared an Indignity

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Sweden's economic mission may be withdrawn from Washington, Swedish officials declared today, because their diplomatic pouches are detained at the British embassy.

Unofficial hints are that the mail may contain secrets rivaling the Luxembourg affair. The Swedish representatives declare the pouches contain principally food statistics. They display further indignation because they are denied the privilege of calling their Postoffice office in code.

While no official stand has been taken the Swedes have been informed they can have no serious objection to opening the mail in presence of British officials if the contents are "harmless."

"This is an indignity," one Swedish official said today. "To which we will not submit. It is absolutely essential to the success of our negotiations with the American war trade board that we communicate confidentially with the Swedish Foreign Office."

A plank of secrecy has been thrown around the diplomatic pouches by the British embassy here since the mail was taken off a steamship at Halifax several weeks ago.

WON'T WITHHOLD INCOME TAX

Employers Will Merely Give Government Lists of Wages Paid

Supplementary to the wire sent by Commissioner Egan of the Internal Revenue Department, at Washington, last week, Collector Edwin Lederer, of the Philadelphia district, has announced for the Government that employers will not be asked to withhold the amount of the normal or war income tax from any one in their employ, but are authorized to pay all salaries in full as usual.

However, the name of every one on any payroll who earns \$800 or more annually must be furnished the collector of internal revenue. Blanks for this purpose will be supplied by the Government.

U. S. TO KEEP TRACK OF ALL EXPLOSIVES

Licensing System Decided Upon to Put an End to Mysterious Blasts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Mysterious explosions in munition plants are to be brought to an end. A system of licensing of explosives that will keep track of every stick of dynamite and every grain of gunpowder in the United States from the time it leaves the hands of the manufacturer until it is used has been planned, it was admitted today.

Police chiefs of many cities, manufacturers of explosives and officials of the Department of Justice were in conference with the director of the Bureau of Mines today, discussing the rules and regulations that will regulate the sale of explosives after November 15.

The regulation of the sale of explosives will be in charge of the director of the Bureau of Mines. It will be carried out through State organizations to be formed in every State. The police forces of every community will be virtually drafted into the service of the United States to aid in tracing down unauthorized sales of explosives.

When a Federal licensing system has been worked out and the rules and regulations for dealers and manufacturers formulated, they will be put into effect by a proclamation to be issued by President Wilson.

HOUSE DROPS IN MINE CAVE

Family Hurries Into Street Aroused by Preliminary Rumbles

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 16.—Before the eyes of a startled family, driven out by the rumbles that precede a mine cave, the house of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parks at the foot of Scotch Hill, Plains township, was drawn sixteen feet into the earth this morning and then overturned.

Mrs. Parks was preparing breakfast when the rumbling started and she quickly hurried her family into the street.

STRIKERS IN ARGENTINA ORDERED BACK TO WORK

Government Demands That Both Railway and Employes Resume Service Before Midnight

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 16.—The great Argentine strike reached a decisive phase today as a result of the Government decree commanding the railway companies and their employes to resume service before midnight. In the event of failure to do so the Government threatens drastic measures.

It is understood that the locomotive drivers are willing to accept concessions, but about 40 per cent of the union workmen reject this program and are taking steps to obtain the support of the provincial locals. The Unionists threaten a strike if the Government uses force to restore railway service.

Illustrative of the spirit of the strikers, about 3000 of them at Talley, while under fire from troops, destroyed railway tracks and signal cabins, meanwhile carrying on news displaying the picture of President Frisco.

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