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RUSSIA READY TO ENTER WAR WITH ENERGY

General Korniloff Declares Second Phase of Campaign Is Just About to Start; New Democracy Will Never Submit to German Rule; Surrender Would Make Nation a Colony Under Kaiser, Says Army Chief

London, Aug. 8.—The correspondent of the Times at the headquarters of the Seventh Russian army talked with General Korniloff on the eve of his departure to take over the supreme command. General Korniloff said. The first stage of the war is over. The second phase begins to-day. The correspondent says the Russian commander repudiates the possibility of the Russian's surrendering. He holds that if Russia concludes a dishonorable peace to which traitors have been driving her she will become a German colony forever. The Germans would seize her foodstuffs, enroll her men and treat her as a conquered country. There could be no choice between the evil of war and the evil of surrender. Russia is full of splendid fighting men. Ten millions have already been enrolled, but they are scarcely trained. They are too busy attending meetings instead of drill. These millions must be helped by British and French officers as Serbians, Rumanians, Greeks and Americans have been.

GERMANS OPEN HEAVY FIRE ON BRITISH LINES

Crown Prince Continues Futile Attacks on French Positions

London, Aug. 8.—German artillery last night began an active bombardment of the British front in Belgium to the east and north of Ypres. British troops during the night raided the Teuton trenches near Lombartzyde and returned with some prisoners and a machine gun. Troops of the German Crown Prince last night launched attacks on the French positions east of Vauxhall and west of the Calonne plateau, in the Aisne region. The statement issued by the French war office says that all the attacks were repulsed. German raids north of St. Mihiel, in the Verdun sector, and in Upper Alsace, was checked by the French fire. In the greater part of the Aisne front, the statement says, there was a heavy mutual artillery fire.

She Eases Pain of Her Guinea Hen by Cutting Crow Then Sewing It Up

Opening the neck of a guinea hen, removing its craw and taking out foreign substances that threaten to choke the fowl to death, and then replacing the craw and sewing up the neck, is said to be a difficult operation. It was successfully performed by Mrs. G. T. Kirkwood, a former Harrisburg, now residing at Hellam, York county. The operation required but twenty minutes. Mrs. Kirkwood bound the guinea's head with a piece of linen and cut the neck. She took out the craw and opened the latter sufficient to remove several bunches of thread and other foreign substances which the hen had picked up during feeding.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably showers to-night and Thursday; not much change in temperature; gentle southwest to west winds. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably showers to-night and Thursday; gentle southwest to west winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will probably fall slowly or remain stationary, except rises may occur in some streams as a result of heavy local rains. A stage of about 3.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning. General Conditions An extensive area of high barometer has moved in over the Northwest, causing a general though mostly slight fall in temperature along the northern boundary of the United States to the Great Lakes westward to the Pacific ocean and in the Western Canadian provinces. Temperature: 8 a. m., 74 degrees. Sun: Rises, 5:00 p. m. Moon: Rises, 9:52 p. m. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 86. Lowest temperature, 67. Mean temperature, 76. Normal temperature, 74.

EASE PHYSICAL TEST FOR NEW ARMY TO GET MORE MEN

NAMES OF ALL WHO SEEK EXEMPTION, WITH REASON, WILL BE MADE PUBLIC

THE State registration headquarters in this city to-day notified the 282 local boards throughout the State of the War Department's decision to make available for newspaper use the names of all men who apply for exemption, together with their reasons for the same, details concerning physical disqualifications excepted. The instructions are as follows: Washington advises wherever any registered person imposes upon a local board and improperly secures a certificate of exemption or discharge he advances the time of call of all other uncalled persons on the list. For this reason every registered person and to some extent every person in the community is more or less directly interested in seeing that the true facts are brought to the attention of the Government. For every local board a person who is exempted is more or less a source of information of such cases and take appeals to the district board or inform the local board. For this reason the public is entitled to know the grounds upon which claims for exemption or discharge are being asked by registered men. Local Boards should therefore make every effort to know the grounds upon which the names of persons claiming exemption or discharge are being asked by the boards from day to day. This instruction does not apply to discharges on the ground of physical disqualification. W. G. MURPHY, For Governor Brumbaugh.

LOCAL PLANTS SEEK EXEMPTION FOR THEIR MEN

P. R. R., Bethlehem Steel, Pipe Bending and Other Industries Want Furloughs

Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad, Bethlehem Steel Company and all local industrial plants handling government contracts will seek exemption for employees subject to draft. It is said that skilled labor is now so scarce that any further withdrawal of employees would greatly interfere with prompt and efficient work for the government during the war. Some time ago it was announced that with the acceptance of a number of large government contracts, the Bethlehem Steel Company would not only need every man in its employ, but would have work for hundreds of others. Agents have been busy for some time hunting for men for the steel company. At the Steel plant many young men of draft age are employed, and to take them away at this time, officials claim, would badly cripple the big plant. Pipe Bending Wants Men President David E. Tracy, of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, said to-day that he would make every effort to keep his men and that a loss of any number of employees, large or small, would hamper the work now on hand. While no official announcement had been made, he said, he expected to bring much valuable military information.

Starvation Wipes Out Whole Towns in Palestine

New York, Aug. 8.—Conditions in Syria and Palestine are declared to be "the worst to be seen" by a refugee who has reached New York and reported to the American Committee of Armenian and Syrian Relief. The committee's informant whose name is withheld, said there were 8,000 cases of typhus in Beirut when he left owing mainly to a lack of medicine and shortage of doctors. The poorer classes have been wiped out by starvation, he said. In Lebanon he saw many villages and towns deserted by their inhabitants. Relief work in Beirut is being carried out in behalf of the American Committee by Americans there.

Skidding Auto Knocks Traction Employee to Street

John Fulcher, 1716 Lozan street, a switch greaser for the Harrisburg Railways Company, was struck and hurt by an auto truck this morning. The truck, one of E. F. Hoffman's, was going west on Walnut street and the driver, seeing Fulcher greasing the switch at Short and Walnut streets, applied the brakes, which caused the machine to skid. The rear end of the truck hit Fulcher, knocking him about ten feet. The machine then turned completely around and struck the curb, smashing the rear wheel. Fulcher was taken to the Polyclinic Hospital by Captain George C. Jack in his machine. Fulcher suffered bruises of the left leg and lacerations about the head.

Two Black Bear Cubs Bought For Park Zoo

Two baby bears have been bought for the zoo at Paxtang Park, the management announced to-day. One of the cubs, a lively black bear, arrived from St. Louis, Mo., last week, and has been placed in one of the smaller cages in the deer pens. The other cub is expected in a day or two. Recently one of the small bears at the park was killed by a large brown one.

TWO MOLARS ARE ENOUGH TO GET INTO SERVICE

Rigid Physical Tests Eased by War Department; Too Many Exemptions

Actual work on the big warehouse near Middletown, where airplanes, machines gun parts and other war materials for the government will be assembled, was started this morning. A force of laborers and a number of wagons began clearing the site where the building will be erected. The location of the plant is on the grounds of the Keystone State Fair Association, near Camp Meade. The structure will be a one-story building, 300 by 843 feet and about twenty feet high. The Pennsylvania Railroad company has already started to lay a siding from the main line to the site. When the workmen arrived this morning a large crowd greeted them. They left for home this evening, the corn had been cut down, an office building erected and other improvements made. Speeding Work About fifteen million feet of lumber has been ordered for the building and is now being shipped. Many carloads of crushed stone, sand and cement for the concrete foundation and floor have been ordered. The work will arrive Friday. According to the plans of engineers in charge of constructing the buildings will be completed within six weeks or two months. The contract for the erection of the building has been let to James Stuart, of Harrisburg, the largest contractor in the country. The construction on the grounds is in charge of M. E. Brown, of the construction division of the United States Signal Corps. The force of laborers will be increased to about 300 men as soon as quarters and material have been secured. Tracks Into Building All wood to be used in the building will be cut by large power saws. Large buildings will also be built for the accommodation of the laborers. A bunkhouse, and diningroom and kitchen will be built. The office building is only temporary and when the work is finished only the warehouse will remain. Two railroad tracks will pass through the building. The approximate cost is between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

FIRST AND THIRD COUNTY DISTRICTS AWAIT QUOTAS

Men in Second Division Called For Examination Monday; Notices Go Out

Examinations of men from the first and third county divisions of the National Army will not be started until the official quotas are sent to the boards, the members said to-day. Notices to men subject to draft in the second county division were sent out by the board last night. The first examinations will be held next Monday in the Paxtang schoolhouse when about one hundred will appear. The division includes Pennington, Paxtang, Hummelstown, boroughs, and Susquehanna, Swatara, Lower Swatara, Derry, East, West and South Hanover and Lower Paxton townships. C. C. Cumber chairman of the first county exemption board, with the largest registration and quota in this section, said to-day that the ruling of the government in accepting aliens will be a big help to the district because of the large percentage of foreign-born men employed in the Bethlehem Steel Company plant at Steelton. Other county divisions will not be affected so much by the order as the heaviest foreign enrollment is in the industrial district.

Four Americans Among Crew Murdered by Teuton Fiend in Submarine

London, Aug. 8.—Four Americans were lost on the British steamer Belgica Prince, which was sunk July 31 by a German submarine. One American is among the survivors. The Americans who lost their lives were William Crissler Hughes, Philadelphia; James Shev, Detroit; Thomas Gilmore, Merrick Mass., and Ben Cain, negro, Norfolk, Va. The sole American survivor is William Snell, a negro, from Jacksonville, Fla. The American consul at a British port to-day heard from his lips the story of the murder of the crew. Thirty-eight of the crew of the steamer were drowned and three others were rescued by a patrol boat and taken to a British port. The survivors say the submarine shelled the vessel after which the commander ordered the crew to take to the boats and go alongside the submarine. According to the survivors, the Germans removed the lifebelts and clothing from all the crew except eight, smashed the lifeboats with axes, then re-entered the submarine and closed the hatches leaving the men on deck. After traveling on the surface for several miles the U-boat submerged.

NO SWIMMING POOL IN PENN-HARRIS BASEMENT

Just how idle speculation may get is evidenced by the speculation now being done by the members of the Sons of Rest who line the fences at the Penn-Harris hotel site. This morning the Sons came to the conclusion that the management of the new hotel intends making a swimming pool in the basement. No Sherlock Holmes is needed to deduce why no river water seeped into the cellar. There is a big hole in the cellar. This hole is filled with water. What's the answer? Swimming pool! Strange as it may seem, on the very day a couple of weeks ago that the Sons of Rest were speculating why no river water seeped into the cellar, an electric motor is driving a pump at one of the large pools. The Sons of Rest were to-day wondering how the contractors would keep out the water. For a time that problem overtopped the question as to how the steamshovel will be brought out, once the cellar is dug. John Newlin, one of the Sons, asked an engineer "Ever hear of waterproofing?" asked the engineer. "That cellar will be so waterproof that the river water will get mad and go away." Things certainly look confused at the Penn-Harris. "The cellar ain't going to be the same old cellar," said one speculating spectator this morning. "The employees will certainly be able to make speed going down hill, but gee! coming back will be a different matter." The thought never seems to have struck this particular Son of Rest that perhaps there will be two cellars. In the wee' hours of the morning a blast of the Penn-Harris roused hundreds of residents of the central portion of the city from their beds. It was used to split a great rock.

WORK ALREADY IS UNDERWAY ON AIRPLANE PLANT

Force of Laborers Clears Cornfield and Erect Large Office Building

GIGANTIC BUILDINGS 15,000,000 Feet of Lumber to Be Used by Government; to Rush Work

GUARDSMEN ARE ORDERED FROM BRIDGE DUTY

First Regiment Companies Already Gone; Third Unit Ordered to Get Ready

POLICE TO TAKE PLACE ARE HELD UP AS HEROES

RUSSIANS RESUME OFFENSIVE

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Russian troops are on the offensive in the Chotin region, near the southeastern frontier of Galicia. Yesterday they drove the Austro-German forces from two villages, captured a height and took more than 300 prisoners and four machine guns, the war office announced to-day. A Teutonic attack in the region of Brody where the Russians are still on Galician soil, was only temporarily successful. A counterattack restored the Russian positions that had been penetrated. COMMISSION APPROVES STREET CHANGE Harrisburg—The City Planning Commission this afternoon approved the plans for the proposed changes at the Fourth street approach of the Mulberry street bridge, which will eliminate one of the dangerous curves there. Harrisburg.—Dr. C. J. Marshall, State Veterinarian, to-day was appointed by the Surgeon General to serve on the advisory board reorganizing the U. S. Army Veterinary corps. GREAT CORN CROP IN PROSPECT Washington, Aug. 8.—The largest crop of corn ever grown in the United States is in prospect for the coming harvest. The Department of Agriculture's August crop report, issued to-day, showed corn prospects improved to the extent of 67,000,000 bushels during July, indicating a total production of 3,191,000,000 bushels. Wheat, however, shows a decrease of 25,000,000 bushels. Spring wheat had a bad month and prospects decreased 40,000,000 bushels, but winter wheat returns indicate 15,000,000 bushels more than forecast in July. The combined wheat yield is estimated at 653,000,000 bushels. TURKS BOMBARD CHIOS Athens, Aug. 8.—Official advices from Chios say the Turks have bombarded the Island from Tchesme, a seaport of Asia Minor, forty miles from Smyrna, sinking four sailing vessels and slightly damaging the town and the aviation grounds.

AMERICAN DIES OF WOUND RECEIVED ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris, Aug. 8.—John Verplanck Newlin, of Whiteford, Pa., an American field service member who was seriously wounded by a shell at his post on August 5, died in a hospital at the front on August 5. Newlin was a member of section 29 and left Paris less than a month ago. He was at Princeton and was the second man from that university to be killed in field service within the last week. The same shell which struck Newlin wounded Julian Broome L. Allen, of New York, the section's leader. The latter is the son of Frederick Allen.

FAKE ASSASSINS PLAY ON RUSSIA FOR FAT LIVING

Enterprising Citizens "Murder" Despotic Officials With Free Hand

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Among the novelties which Russia's revolution has presented to the world is the profusion of fake assassins. In other countries only persons suffering from hallucinations claim to have committed murders of which they are innocent. Here, as a result of Nicholas' overthrow, posing as an assassin is a highly profitable if transitory branch of business. Terrorists released from Siberian convict jails and exile villages are naturally made heroes of. They are given free train accommodation, free dinners, free clothes and gifts of money. When they reach the native towns they are acclaimed as martyrs of liberty; and they receive proposals of marriage from attractive and wealthy young women. As a result of this novel condition many enterprising citizens whose hands are innocent of any thing grimmer than mud or ink are being leveled as well as men entering the profession. In Minsk has been arrested Catherine Smirnov who announced that she had murdered M. Ivanoff, governor of Odessa, and described with pathos her sufferings in the Arctic wastes of Yakutsk. Catherine leveled tribute and was presented with bouquets. An unkindly inquirer discovered that Odessa had never had a governor named Ivanoff. KILLED IN FOOD RIOT Bahia, Brazil, Aug. 8.—Disorders have been used here by the high cost of living. Two persons were killed and a number wounded in conflicts with the police.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles A. Traver and Elsie M. Yount, Harrisburg.