



KAISER SEEKS GRAIN FIELDS IN NEW DRIVE

German Army Hopes to Capture Big Wheat Producing Country in Southwest Russia Before Farmers Can Harvest Crop and Carry It to Safety; Odessa Believed to Be Objective of Late Summer Campaign

London, Aug. 9.—Recent reports that the present German offensive in southwest Russia is aimed at the capture of Odessa are strengthened by a dispatch to the Times from that city saying the belief is growing there that the port is Germany's main objective and that Bessarabia will soon become the principal theater of operations, as the enemy presses toward Odessa.

The correspondent adds that the harvest is now being reaped in southern Russia and the enemy doubtless will try to secure it before it can be removed.

Germans Make Use of Terrible New Poison That Tortures Before It Kills

Hazebrunck, France, Aug. 9.—British medical officers are trying to determine the nature of the new poison used, it is believed, for the first time by the Germans in the French town of Armentieres near the Belgian frontier. The poison bore a certain resemblance to the gas which temporarily blinded a large number of British troops a fortnight ago, but its effect is infinitely more serious.

A number of persons taken from Armentieres are in a grave condition. Many have died in hospitals at Hazebrunck, Aire-on-the-lys at St. Pol on the Ternoise, where most of the victims were taken.

The first time the poison was observed it coincided with the firing into the town of a hail of shells of calibre insufficient to break the paving. These contain neither powder nor gas, but a colorless liquid which spreads over the soil. In the streets and courtyards and gardens, where the shells burst, traces of the noxious liquid may be found.

As the liquid evaporates it produces a heavy gas which penetrates from room to room and descends into the cellars. It is tenacious in character and seems to make more victims among women than men, closing about their hair. The fumes of tobacco seems to act as an antidote of men.

The odor is variously described as resembling that of acetylene, magnonette or pungent mustard. Its effects are not immediate. Some inhabitants of Armentieres, who had haled the emanations in the forenoon returned home without experiencing any ill effects and took luncheon, but five or six hours later they were obliged to take to bed and their condition became rapidly worse.

British Repulse Attack on Lines in Flanders

London, Aug. 9.—To the northwest of Dixmude, a French gained further ground against the Germans during the day, while the British repulsed attempted raids by hostile contingents at several points on their front, according to the official communication issued to-night. A heavy rain is again falling in Flanders.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Probably showers this afternoon or to-night, cooler; Friday partly cloudy.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably showers this afternoon or to-night, cooler; Friday partly cloudy; gentle northwest winds.

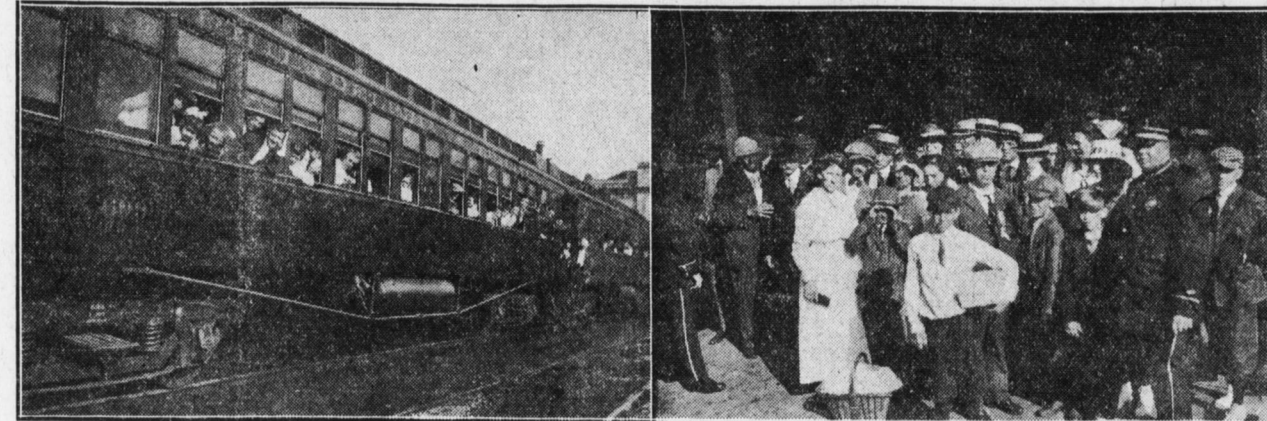
The North and West branches of the storm are expected to enter the Lake Superior region, with heavy rain, and will probably begin to fall this afternoon, to-night and Friday. A stage of about 5.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg, with a maximum stage of about 8 feet Saturday. A maximum stage of about 10 feet is indicated for Towanda and about 15 feet for Wilkes-Barre.

General Conditions: The storm area was central near Lake Superior. Wednesday morning, has overspread the Middle Atlantic States and Southern New England, with showers generally from the Great Lakes eastward to the Atlantic coast and south and east of the Ohio river. The showers were heavy and persistent in the Susquehanna Valley. Scattered showers fell in some localities in the West.

Temperatures: 8 a. m., 78 degrees. Sun: Rises, 5:40 a. m. Moon: Rises, 10:20 p. m. River Stage: 4.4 feet.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 83. Lowest temperature, 73. Mean temperature, 78. Normal temperature, 74.

THOUSANDS FROM CITY AND NEARBY TOWNS AT ANNUAL GROCERS' PICNIC



RECORD CROWD LEAVES IN THREE SPECIAL TRAINS FOR BIG FUNFEST AT HERSHEY PARK; BASEBALL GAME, CONTESTS AND RACES; SCORES OF PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF EVENTS; BAND CONCERTS AND DANCING TONIGHT

With Jupiter Pluvius completely routed after a night of almost continuous rain and storms, clear skies this morning with gentle southwesterly breezes made an ideal day for the tenth annual retail grocers' picnic. The attendance this year exceeded all previous records and long before time for the special trains to leave hundreds of persons were hurrying to the station. Three sections were needed to accommodate the enormous crowd, and all the cars were completely filled by 8 o'clock when the first train left. Just before leaving members of the committee making arrangements and the Municipal band paraded the downtown streets. Hundreds more left shortly after noon in special trains to join the big crowd already at the park.

By the looks of the baskets loaded in the baggage cars, not very many women were in sympathy with Hershey's food conservation plan. The baskets were packed to the brim with tempting articles to appease the hunger of the big crowds at mess time. In addition hundreds of pretzels, packs of chewing gum, candy

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Just before the three special trains pulled out this morning for Hershey the TELEGRAPH photographer caught a few pictures of the big crowd going on the annual outing of the grocers. Above is one crowd waiting for the conductor to let them out to the cars; the other shows them waving farewell to others who did not go until this afternoon. Below is a glimpse of the parade before the crowds left.

WOULD SEND U. S. ARMY TO RUSSIA TO AID MORALE

Member of Elihu Root's Mission Believes It Would Have Moral Effect

Washington, Aug. 9.—Members of the American mission to Russia, headed by Elihu Root, devoted the day to conferring informally with administration officials and in seeking the opinion of the Russian government to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing on their observations of present conditions in the new republic.

While the report itself has not been given out, it is known that the commissioners expressed confidence that Russia, with America's financial and moral assistance, could be counted upon to do her share in the war and come out a great republic. Going a step further than his assistants.

Landslides Block Tracks on Williamsport Division; Trains Many Hours Late

Heavy rains yesterday afternoon sent hundreds of tons of dirt over the Northern Central tracks near Montoursville, south of Williamsport. Express train No. 568, due here last night at 10:55, hit one of the slides, badly damaging the engine. No passengers were injured.

Train service was knocked completely out. Passengers eastbound reached Harrisburg to-day, seven hours late. One train was made up at Sunbury. The first train reached Harrisburg about 10:45 this morning. All passengers were given their breakfast at the expense of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the trains stopping over here thirty minutes. Trains were sent to Lewistown and Tyrone, and came east over the Middle Division. No freight was run out of this city.

The slides are the worst that have occurred in several years. Tracks for a distance of 500 yards were covered with dirt and stone. Wreck crews and construction gangs from five different points were sent north and at noon to-day one track was completely opened, and the second track went into service late this afternoon.

Dog in Fight Bites Man's Hand When He Tries to End Scrap

"Views of an Innocent Bystander," by D. W. Post, of Speco, contains an interesting bit of advice to the effect that when two dogs are settling a little matter of personal difference, concerning the ownership and monopoly of a private bone-burying ground, let them argue their points in their own way and language.

Mr. Post came here from Speco, this morning and was looking over the city when a loud snapping and snarling attracted him to the vicinity of the Metropolitan Hotel. There in a circle of spectators two dogs were being urged on to deadly combat.

Things were going well enough for some time, but a sudden sortie by the bulldog caught the terrier unawares. Mr. Post interfered and the bulldog turned on him, biting his hand. He was treated by a physician.

CONGRESS MAY DO CHAUTAUQUA 'TURN' FOR WAR

President Will "Do His Bit" to Enlighten Every Part of the Nation

Washington, Aug. 9.—Congress may turn itself into a great chautauqua when it finishes work here, to enlighten every section of the country on the need of prosecuting the war vigorously, not only as a war for world democracy, but as a fight for American rights and preservation.

President Wilson himself may "do his bit" in the same direction, possibly by a speech on some occasion, or by a letter to congressional leaders. Plans were in a nebulous state to-day, but all the undercurrent in official quarters was toward such a move.

Congress leaders were talking of asking every representative and senator to go through his district during the recess.

Those who favor the plan point out that the country is hearing many agitators who oppose the draft and participation in the war. They think that fathers and mothers who are giving sons to the colors should hear something of the other side of the question.

Schwab Refuses to Make Steel Rails for U. S. at Price Fixed by Government

New York, Aug. 9.—Wall Street was startled yesterday by a report that the Bethlehem Steel Company—the Krupp of America—had refused to accept from the United States government an order to make rails for delivery in France, and that its refusal was owing to a disagreement over price. The particulars were that the government had requested the Bethlehem Steel Company to make its proportion of 150,000 tons of rails at \$40 a ton, and that the company had refused on the ground that it cost \$46 a ton to make them. Therefore, in its opinion, the price was unreasonable.

Charles M. Schwab, the controlling force in the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, was reached at his home in Loretto, Penn., last night, but refused to discuss the report.

Speeding Erection of Big Airplane Assembly Plant

Work on the new aviation assembly plant near Middletown is being pushed forward with all possible speed. The entire twenty-one acres was cleared of corn to-day. One hundred men and thirty-two teams are switching from one point of activity to another as fast as they are needed.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has a force of men busy on preparations for a siding. The office building is completed. Contractors say they intend to rush the work with such speed that each day will show signs of rapid progress.

TO ENLIST FOR QUARTERMASTER CORPS OF ARMY

Local Officers Will Recruit For This Branch of Service

An order received this morning by the local recruiting station from the War Department instructs them to accept men for enlistment in the quartermasters' corps of the National Army. All applicants will be accepted as privates and the men who enlist at the present time will have an opportunity to become noncommissioned officers. All noncoms are to be promoted from the ranks of the men who enlist now. This gives the men who stand high on the draft list the last opportunity to become noncommissioned officers.

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Too Much Publicity So Dogcatcher Quits; New Man Appointed to Job

After making \$16 the first day, cornering the unlicensed canines of the city, the new dogcatcher has resigned, saying he didn't like all the newspaper publicity about his occupation. "City detectives are not heralded by the newspapers, why should a dog detective who must needs work covertly be given so much publicity?" he demanded when tendering his resignation.

Good jobs never go begging for good men and his place was immediately taken by Wilbert Adge Shade, who satisfied Chief Wetzel concerning his ability as a roundsman of dogs. Urged on by the slogan, "A Dollar a Dog," Shade was ready to make a record cleanup when word came from the city treasurer's office saying they were entirely out of tags and the new catcher would have to wait a few days until a sufficient supply had arrived. Not wanting to work a hardship on the residents of the city, Chief Wetzel is holding up the canine roundup.

Live Crab and Paper-Picker Have Trouble at Pennsy Trainshed

One live crab, crawling along the tracks in the Pennsylvania railroad train shed this morning, caused all kinds of trouble for the man who saunters over the tracks picking up useless and the paper picker seemed to be afraid to use his hands. He couldn't persuade the crab to crawl into his paper can and when he scooped up the crab with a shovel, the "bug" crawled out the scoop. Finally he bowled over his can and pushed the crab into it with his foot. No use. Clinging to a shoe string with one of his pincers, the crab got out again. The paper picker ended his trouble by putting his heel on the crawler, which crawled no more.

WAIVE RIGHTS TO EXEMPTION FOR P. R. R. MEN

Officials Higher Up Say It Is Up to War Board; May Be Exceptions

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—The Pennsylvania railroad has waived all rights to have its employees made exempt from military service on the ground that they are necessary to the country in keeping the road in full operation. Following a report from Hollidaysburg, Pa., that 900 firemen were about to claim exemption from the draft on this basis, officers declared that the question of exemption had been fully considered by the board of directors, with the result that the railroad at present has no intention of asking the exemption privilege. What action may be taken at Washington, where the affairs of all the roads of the country are in the hands of the Railroads' War Board, as a branch of the Council of National Defense, is not known. Thus far, however, no word has come to the Pennsylvania that its attitude will be questioned. Samuel Rao, president of the Pennsylvania, a member of the Railroads' War Board.

Many Men Registered: Seven thousand Pennsylvania men came under the draft regulations, it was learned yesterday. By officers of the road it is believed a large proportion of the men will be exempt under the regulation covering men with dependents.

The stand taken by officialdom at "Broad Street" is every line of business must expect to suffer from withdrawals for army purposes and that the railroads should not claim the privilege of exemption. The draft should bring on a crisis. While the road is using every man in its employ to the limit, most of the men subject to the draft, it is said, would come out of the class of clerks and indoor minor officials. Locomotive engineers, almost without exception, are above the thirty-one-year limit; this group being made up of older men, who have served an apprenticeship as firemen. Some losses are expected from firemen and brakemen, but these, it is said, could be filled without much trouble. With regard to the officers, few are liable to call and those mostly are now filling places which, similar to the case of the firemen, can be substituted.

The road would not bind itself not to ask for exemptions in exceptional cases. It is possible, it was said, that here and there, where a man in a specialized field could not be replaced, an exemption might be made. But as a general proposition, no exemption move will be made in this first call.

Chambersburg Man on Cattle Ship Sunk by German Submarine

Newport News, Va., Aug. 9.—Destruction of the British steamer Arctalia with forty American muleteers by a German submarine was reported by cable to-day to the ship's agents here. Captain Morris and ten of the crew were lost; survivors were landed at Glasgow. Whether any of the lost were Americans was not reported. The Arctalia left New York for a British port with a cargo of horses. She was about twenty days out when sunk and it is believed that she had landed her cargo and was en route to Glasgow. Americans on board included J. G. McCauley, Chambersburg, Pa., and William W. Wallace, Scranton.

PRESIDENT TO NAME HOOVER FOOD DICTATOR

Administration's Control Bill to Be Signed by Wilson Tomorrow

LIQUORS ARE BANNED

Chief Executive Given Great Powers Under Act Passed by Congress

Washington, Aug. 9.—All is in readiness to-day for putting the administration's food control and food survey bills into effect as soon as they become law with President Wilson's signature. The President will sign the bills to-morrow after the presiding officers of the Senate and House affix their signatures to the measures. This could not be done to-day because neither House was in session.

The first step in putting the new legislation into operation probably

Farmer Narrowly Escapes Thunderbolt in Storm

Walter Myers, a farmer living near Folsburg, Pa., that 900 firemen were about to claim exemption from the draft on this basis, officers declared that the question of exemption had been fully considered by the board of directors, with the result that the railroad at present has no intention of asking the exemption privilege. What action may be taken at Washington, where the affairs of all the roads of the country are in the hands of the Railroads' War Board, as a branch of the Council of National Defense, is not known. Thus far, however, no word has come to the Pennsylvania that its attitude will be questioned. Samuel Rao, president of the Pennsylvania, a member of the Railroads' War Board.

AMERICAN ARMY PREPARES GRIMLY FOR TRENCHES

Expeditionary Force Takes Up Serious Work With Absolute Earnestness

THE MEN WANT TO FIGHT

Troopers Anxious to Get Sight of Real Warfare in France

By Associated Press
American Training Camp in France, Aug. 9 (by the Associated Press).—The deepest impression one gains after three weeks with the American soldiers training in France is the absolute earnestness with which the splendid young men of the army have undertaken the task which is before them. There is no disposition on their part or on the part of their officers to underestimate in any way the seriousness of that task and the hard work which remains to be done before America can take her place in the actual fighting line.

The troops that are here feel their responsibility keenly. They are, indeed, the small but effective nucleus about which will be built the great army machine which the United States hopes eventually to have on the battlefields of France.

BISHOP OF DENVER DIES

Denver, Col., Aug. 9.—The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Matz, bishop of the Catholic diocese of Denver, died to-day. He was a native of Alsace-Lorraine and 67 years old. He was the second bishop of Denver, which office he assumed in 1889.

TAFT IS IMPROVED

Clayton, Kan., Aug. 9.—Physicians to-day announced that former President Taft has passed a comfortable night. They declared it might be necessary for him to take a longer rest than was contemplated and that he would not leave here to-day to resume his speaking trip.

MOVING TOWARD AIRPLANE FACTORY

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—Hord & Company, of New York, who have taken over the affairs of the old Keystone State Fair and Industrial Exposition to save the stockholders in that concern to-day issued the following statement: "Commonwealth Title Insurance and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, have agreed subject to examination of title, to act as trustee under a trust agreement covering first lien on the property for the protection of the note holders." This property is the 310 acres of land lying along the river above Middletown, near Harrisburg, which Hord and Company propose to use for an airplane factory and field. On one corner of it, 21 acres held under lease with the option of purchase, the United States Government yesterday began the erection of an airplane, wireless and machine gun depot to cost about a half-million dollars. This is the first step toward financing the new venture, Hord and Company announcing that they will not attempt to sell more stock.

I. W. W. MEMBERS ARRESTED

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 9.—Six alleged Industrial Workers of the World agitators are under arrest at Miami, Ottawa County, and several others have been driven from the mining district there as the result of attempts to dynamite freight cars, according to reports to the United States marshal here.

NEW POST OFFICE BIDS

Harrisburg—Bids for the completion of the Harrisburg post office will be opened in Washington, August 26, according to advertisements appearing to-day. A deal with the bondsmen of the present contractor fell through.

Harrisburg—The annual inspection of the letter carriers of Harrisburg, was held this afternoon. Employees from the main office with those from branch offices marched to North Second street, where the inspection was made by Postmaster Frank C. Sites.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry G. Bare, Trindle Springs, and Ethel M. Stine, Mechanicsburg; Julius Albani, city, and Gertrude Nigrow, Middletown.