

RUSS ROU TEUTONS

CZAR'S TROOPS DRIVE THEIR WAY INTO BRODY, KEY TO LEMBERG.

GERMANS ADMIT RETREAT

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London, July 31.—The Russians have captured Brody. This most important single victory of the great Russian drive, which started two months ago, is chronicled in an official bulletin from Petrograd.

The capture of Brody, which is one of the main railroad centers in eastern Galicia, marks an advance of six miles in a single day, by the czar's forces, a speed almost unprecedented in the great war for large bodies of troops.

Thursday's official reports showed the Russians six miles from the town at their nearest point of attack and the capture indicates not only a defeat of its Austrian defenders but their absolute rout.

The captured city is in flames. This much is disclosed by the report from Petrograd, though it is not made clear whether the town was fired by Russian shells before its fall or was put to the torch by the fleeing Austrians.

Sweeping Russian victories in Volhynia and Galicia peril the entire Austro-German system of defense on a front of more than 100 miles, and according to military experts here will precipitate a general retreat and reorganization of the whole Teutonic front which now protects Kovel and Lemberg.

The Russian advance, announced from Petrograd, was forecast in part by an official report from Berlin which announced a retreat by the forces of General von Linsingen northeast of Svinichy, in southern Volhynia, and only a few miles southeast of Vladimir Volynski.

GREAT TIME FOR MOTORISTS

National Touring Week, Beginning August 6, Will Find Them on the Road by the Thousand.

Chicago, July 29.—The dawn of August 6 will find untold thousands of American automobilists on the road for the greatest concerted vacation ever devised.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific the week of August 6 will be made memorable and many thousands of Americans will discover beauties of their own land hitherto unknown to them.

LONGUEVAL IN BRITISH HANDS

Last German Stronghold in Village Is Cleared Up—All DeWille Wood Now Held.

London, July 31.—The last German strongholds in Longueval have been captured by the British troops, according to the official statement given out by the war office.

The British also have possession of the entire DeWille wood, the fifth Brandenburg division, the last Germans in the wood, being cleared out with the capture of three officers and 158 men.

VALUE J. P. MORGAN'S ESTATE

Transfer Tax Appraiser Sets \$78,149,024 on Property in New York.

New York, July 31.—The total assets of the estate of J. Pierpont Morgan, who died March 31, 1913, are fixed at \$78,149,024, exclusive of property outside New York state, in a report which will be filed with the state comptroller by Transfer Tax Appraiser Lyons.

Baby Plague Abating?

New York, July 31.—A slight decrease in infantile paralysis cases was noted in the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. Friday, but it was not sufficient to lead the authorities to assert that the epidemic had been broken.

England Bars Cocaine.

London, July 31.—The importation of opium and cocaine into the United Kingdom is prohibited by a royal proclamation issued here. The growth of "cocaine sniffing" has become alarmingly prevalent.

RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN IN TURKEY



1—Russians capture Erzingan, Turkish fortress and military base in Asia Minor. 2—The evacuation of Erzingan obliges the Turks to move their fighting line virtually 150 miles west to Sivas, which now is the next objective of the Russian advance. 3—Angora, which is 350 miles west of Erzingan, is the chief objective of the Russian campaign. It is the terminus of the railroad to Constantinople.

GREAT DEFENSE SUM 22 PERISH IN TUNNEL

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL OF \$314,000,000 IS PASSED.

An Amendment Giving the Soldiers on the Border the Right to Vote on the Field Eliminated.

Washington, July 29.—Nearly \$700,000,000 for national defense in the fiscal year 1917 is the aggregate of proposed appropriations reached in the senate with the passage of the army appropriation bill, carrying in round numbers \$314,000,000.

This grand total for preparedness still is subject to revision, however, because the army bill will follow the naval bill into conference, where reductions are probable, despite the firm attitude of President Wilson in supporting the liberal response of the senate to the call for adequate defense.

The appropriations for preparedness as they now stand are as follows: Army \$212,970,447.10; Navy \$115,830,843.52; Fortifications (law) \$2,248,000.00; Military academy \$2,238,728.57; Army and navy deficiency \$27,559,318.91.

As it passed the senate the army bill exceeded the appropriations made by the house by more than \$131,000,000. In the final hours of debate on the measure the senate agreed to an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the relief of dependent families of National Guardsmen and regular army soldiers in service in the Mexican emergency.

Distribution of the fund is left to the discretion of the secretary of war, but in no case shall any dependent family receive more than \$50 a month.

An amendment giving soldiers on the border the right to vote in the field at the November election was eliminated from the bill on a point of order just before passage.

As soon as the army bill was out of the way the senate took up and passed, after brief debate, the military academy appropriation bill, carrying \$2,238,728.57, an increase of \$1,019,524 over the house authorization.

BRITISH GET U. S. PROTEST

Note Charging Treaty Violation Now in the Hands of London Foreign Office.

Washington, July 29.—The American protest against the British boycott now is in the hands of the British foreign office. Acting Secretary of State Folk let it be known that the protest was approved by President Wilson.

It is understood that the protest was compiled by President Wilson personally. It will be made public next Monday morning. Officials at the White House and state department expressed themselves as hopeful that the British government will modify considerably its position in view of the emphatic opposition enunciated by the United States.

NEW TERRITORY FOR THE U. S.

Negotiations Completed by Which Danish West Indies Come Under Stars and Stripes.

Washington, July 27.—Official announcement was made at the White House that negotiations have practically been completed for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000.

While details of the treaty were not given out, it is understood that the United States will come into complete possession of the islands. Word has been received from Denmark that the treaty is practically certain of being ratified by the Danish parliament.

Fisher Fleet Is Sunk.

London, July 31.—A German submarine has raided a British fleet of herring fishing boats. Eight of the vessels were sunk. The crews were landed at the North sea port of Tynemouth.

May Probe Packing Business.

Washington, July 31.—The federal trade commission has been requested by the house of representatives to make an estimate of what an investigation into the meat packing industry would cost.

BUT TWELVE APPLY

FRESH MEAT, VEGETABLES AND BREAD RECOMMENDED FOR GUARDS.

SANITARY CONDITIONS GOOD

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Not more than a scant five per cent of the Fifth regiment at Camp Llano will ask their discharge following orders from the war department releasing those from service who have families dependent upon them, according to Colonel Paul. Only twelve applications for discharge have been made up to the present time.

There is a rumor current that college and university students will be discharged in the fall to return to their studies, but no official confirmation can be obtained. The whole of the battery from Perdue university will return to Indiana for the opening of school, it is reported.

See Chance for Better "Mess."

Nebraska guardsmen now stationed on the Texas border are to have better food or in the vernacular of the soldier, better mess.

Major General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of the staff of the United States army, visited Llano Grande camp last week and was favorably impressed with all he saw except the quantity and quality of the food given the guardsmen.

More fresh meat, vegetables and fresh baked bread daily were some of the recommendations given by the head to the commanding officers here.

"There's no reason at all," said General Bliss, "why the commissary officers cannot get fresh beef daily from Brownsville or other Texas cities where large packing plants are operated. I cannot see the need why men should be given all canned rations while in camp. Those kind of rations were meant only for use when the men are called into service. One of these days if the call is given the officers will be up against it when it comes to traveling rations."

"I shall ask that large ovens be erected and bakers from among the enlisted men provide fresh bread. Hard tack is all right in its place, but it was never meant for any permanent camp."

May Revise Amendment Title.

Attorney General Reed has written a letter to Secretary of State Pool advising the latter that, in lieu of the ballot title recently suggested for Clarence Harman's constitutional amendment relating to the food commission, the secretary of state may have the entire amendment printed upon the official ballot at the November election. The law limits ballot titles to 200 words, while the amendment itself contains 216 words. Secretary Pool has not decided what he will do about the matter.

When a State Bank Fails, all of Its Guaranty Fund Paid into the State Banking Board.

When a state bank fails, all of its guaranty fund paid into the state banking board must be used first toward paying off depositors, before the general fund is touched. The banking board has ordered Secretary Royle to take this step, which will be applied in the case of three state banks which have failed in Nebraska since the guaranty law went into effect, and each of which has deposited approximately \$500 in the guaranty fund. The banks are the Farmers' State bank of Decatur, the State Savings bank of Sutton and the State Bank of Superior.

Nebraska Boys Take Daily March.

Nebraska troops on the border, practicing daily marches, have reached an average speed of four miles an hour. A program has been outlined for the first five weeks of camp prescribing a daily hike of ten to twelve miles, gradually increasing in length through the weeks. The first week the march is to be taken with canteens full. The second week canteens and haversacks will be carried. The load will be gradually increased until full equipment is carried.

Captain Leedom Celebrated Birthday.

Wednesday, July 19, was the birthday of Capt. J. W. Leedom. As a birthday gift his company was mounted as guard and he was therefore officer of the day. To add to the joy of the occasion the canal carrying the water supply broke down and a trip on foot was made in a hurry out to shut the gates controlling the stream. The captain says that it was one of the busiest birthdays he has celebrated in some years.

Postmaster's Salary Rises.

The salary of Postmaster F. E. Lippincott at Llano Grande for one day last week was \$72. The office at that place is in the fourth-class and the postmaster receives all the cancellations. If the wires to Washington can only be cut, Postmaster Lippincott will in a few weeks be in a class with Henry Ford.

Candidates on Border Still Eligible.

Candidates for political offices, nominated at the primary election, who are members of the National Guard on the border, have in no way jeopardized their legal standings by going to the border as guardsmen, according to a ruling of Attorney General Reed of Nebraska. Their names will remain on the ballots and they will be voted for in a regular way at the election.

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Western Newspaper Union News Service. New York.—Property loss estimated at \$25,000,000 was caused by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom island, a small strip of land jutting into New York bay off Jersey City. The loss of life is still problematical. It will not be determined definitely until there has been opportunity to check up the workmen employed on the island and on boats moored nearby. The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitrochloroene and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel shells which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around.

The cause of the disaster has not yet been definitely determined.

Chicago Hard Hit by Heat.

Chicago.—The climax of the record breaking heat wave here was reached Saturday, when the official thermometer, eight floors above the street level, registered 102 degrees. On the street the thermometers recorded from 105 to 112 degrees. It was the second hottest day in Chicago's history, the record being July 21, 1901, when the mercury touched 103 degrees. Seventy deaths directly or indirectly attributed to the heat were reported, and county morgue officials declared there was no more room in the institution for bodies.

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DISASTER RESULTS IN HEAVY LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE.

Intrepid Band, Eager to Save Their Comrades, Are Themselves Victims of Disaster.

Cleveland, O., July 27.—At least twenty men are known to be dead and a dozen injured as a result of an explosion of gas in a water works tunnel under construction between a pumping station on land and an intake crib five miles out in Lake Erie.

The men were working 50 feet below the bottom of the lake, which is 70 feet deep at that point, placing them 120 feet below the surface. They were 1,700 feet shoreward from the crib. The explosion came as the tunnel workers broke through a gas vein with their picks and shovels and the fumes ignited from electric sparks.

At eight o'clock 11 men descended the shaft. An hour later workmen on the surface detected gas and attempted to signal the men in the tube. Receiving no response they sent rocket signals into the air to attract life-savers on shore, there being no other means of communication. It was almost midnight before aid reached the scene and then a rescue party was quickly formed which made the descent. Of this party of 11 rescuers seven succumbed to the fumes, the original 11 having perished.

After the first rescue party had met the same fate as the 11 workmen, no more men would volunteer to aid in the rescue work until helmets could be procured. There was considerable delay in getting helmets and not until after daylight was the rescue work taken up by men properly equipped.

SOLDIERS WORK ON ROADS

As Punishment for Minor Offenses Troops Are Made Useful on Texas Thoroughfares.

El Paso, Tex., July 27.—Twelve hundred militiamen, prisoners in a warless war, were put to work constructing military roads in the vicinity of El Paso. The men have been arrested at various times during the last several weeks for minor offenses, mostly failing to return to camp at the proper time.

ALL TRADE RECORDS BROKEN

United States Closes the Greatest Year in Commercial History of the Country.

Washington, July 31.—Foreign trade of the United States closed its greatest year in history June 30 with a balance of \$2,136,000,000 in favor of American exporters.

The year's exports aggregated \$4,334,000,000, the department of commerce announced, and imports were valued at \$2,198,000,000.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Ottawa, Ont., July 27.—The war is costing the Dominion of Canada \$1,000,000 a day, an official announcement said.

London, July 27.—Sir Roger Casement, convicted of treason because of his part in the rebellion in Ireland, will be executed publicly, according to the Daily Chronicle.

Mitchell, S. D., July 29.—A vigilance committee was organized in Mitchell to deal with the lawless harvest hands who are passing through the city by hundreds.

Air Craft Bombard Durazzo.

Rome, July 29.—A squadron of Italian aircraft, after a long flight across the Adriatic, bombarded the Albanian port of Durazzo, which is now held by the Austro-Hungarians. It has been officially announced.

Turkish Regiment Mutinies.

Athens, July 29.—Advices from Smyrna state that an entire Turkish regiment mutinied at Sevelkeny, taking refuge in a forest on Mount Simolou. Loyal Turks gave chase, setting the forest on fire.



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