

SLAY MEETS TEUTON IN GREAT BATTLE; POLICE PROBE WILL BEGIN THURSDAY

STAR CHAMBER SESSIONS FOR DEPARTMENT INQUIRY; KUGEL CHANGES HIS VOTE

Dahlman Declares Police Department Needs Reorganization and Asks Co-Operation of Public in the Probe.

A general investigation of the police department will be started Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. It is probable that the proceedings will be held behind closed doors...

Seek Public's Aid. In connection with the forthcoming general investigation, the mayor said: "We wish to ask citizens generally to submit to us any knowledge they may have in connection with this investigation of the police department..."

U. S. Will Build Big Nitrate Production Plant

Washington, July 16.—Secretary Baker announced today that plans for the production of nitrate from atmospheric nitrogen would be constructed immediately at a cost of about \$4,000,000 and that water power would not be used. Sites have not been selected.

Further discussion by localities desiring to be considered as possible sites is closed temporarily, the announcement says, while the site committee of cabinet officers is making further engineering studies.

It has been assumed since the nitrate plant was proposed that a vast supply of water power would be needed. Consequently sites with water power have been supposed to be the only ones likely to get consideration. Muscle shoals of the Tennessee river was one of the places most strongly urged during the debates in congress.

Congress appropriated \$20,000,000 for the project. Apparently the entire expenditure contemplated by the War department is one-fifth of that sum.

King George Wants to Drop German Name of Royal House

London, July 16.—King George has called a special meeting of the privy council to be held tomorrow for the purpose of proclaiming a change in the title of the royal house.

King George is of the house of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, whose German name suggests the reason for the pending change in title. Changes have been made recently in the titles of a number of peers who bore names wholly or in part of German origin.

The Weather

Table with columns: Hour, Temp., Wind, Rain. Includes comparative local record for 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914.

Table with columns: Station and State, Temp., High, Low, Rain-fall. Lists various stations including Cheyenne, Denver, Des Moines, etc.

NEBRASKA CROPS SHOW INCREASE IN FOOD SUPPLY

Reports Gathered Throughout the State Indicate Added Millions of Bushels Over Last Year's Harvest.

The winter wheat harvest is under way. The quality is good and where the plant was not winter killed the yield is heavy. It is estimated that the total yield will be 12,000,000 bushels, which is but about 20 per cent of the normal.

There is a substantial increase in barley and rye. Potatoes promise an enormous crop and although it is a little early to forecast what may be expected, it is estimated that if there is normal precipitation from now on the Nebraska crop will be 13,250,000 bushels, or about 50 per cent more than last year.

Crops Not Suffering. The Burlington, Northwestern and Rock Island railroads are out with their respective crop reports for the week ending last Saturday and covering the agricultural districts of Nebraska.

Three roads agree that while Nebraska crops are not suffering on account of a lack of moisture, the danger stage is not far away. All over the state corn is making a good growth and has just about reached the normal condition for this season of the year.

Generally, almost free from weeds, the fields have been laid by and everywhere farmers are turning their attention to the harvesting of small grain and putting up hay. The Burlington report goes into detail, giving the condition of corn in every county in Nebraska, and also in the vicinity of most of the stations.

Corn Figures High. Estimating corn at 100 per cent under normal conditions at this season, the estimate in the summary is: Omaha division, 110 per cent; Lincoln division, 105 per cent; Wyoming division, 105 per cent; McCook division, 88 per cent.

Getting in line with the other railroads, President Bush of the Missouri Pacific has issued instructions to company employees to conserve all materials and supplies that enter into railroad operation. He lays particular stress on the matter of conserving the coal supply.

Red Cross is Building Big "Laughing Gas" Plant

Paris, July 16.—Official announcement is made that all private organizations which desire to give medical aid to American troops must be under Red Cross military control and supervision.

The Red Cross is now constructing the largest nitrous oxide plant in the world. The product, commonly known as laughing gas, will be used as an anesthetic in all American dressing stations and hospitals.

May Compromise Demands Of Finland Malcontents

Petrograd, July 15.—The semi-official News Agency today received and made public the following telegram from Helsinki, Finland: "Confidence was expressed here today that a compromise would be reached on Monday, which will satisfy Finnish demands without revolutionary acts or a declaration of Finnish independence."

Czech Deputy Causes Uproar by Saying All World Hates Germany

Zurich, July 15.—The Austrian Reichsrat was thrown in an uproar on Saturday when the former Czech minister, Herr Praschek, declared the hate of the entire world was not directed against Austria, but against Germany, and that Austria should detach itself from its ally, say a Vienna dispatch. "How are we to obtain peace," demanded Herr Praschek, "if we cling to the German side? Must we continue to sacrifice our interests to the expansion of Germany? Must we continue to submit to the German militarism that has drawn us into this war?"

Up to Congress



OMAHA MEN WILL CONDUCT Y. M. C. A CAMP AT DEMING

E. F. Denison to Be General Secretary and Rev. C. E. Cobbey Will Lead Religious Workers.

E. F. Denison, general secretary of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association, and Rev. Charles E. Cobbey, pastor of the First Christian church, will go to Deming, N. M., with the Nebraska National Guard. Mr. Denison goes to New Mexico as general secretary of the Young



E. F. DENISON. Men's Christian association camp, while Dr. Cobbey will be in charge of the religious work.

The Omaha men will be in control of all the Young Men's Christian association work for all of the national guardsmen who go into camp at Deming. Their jurisdiction thus will extend over the "Y" work among not only the soldiers of the Nebraska

Ban Upon Mobilization News is Partly Lifted

Washington, July 16.—Volunteer censorship regulations under which the newspapers have refrained from reporting troop movements were partially suspended today by the War department and the public information committee so as to permit the papers to print almost unrestricted news about the mobilization of the National Guard for war service. This statement was issued: "The only restriction that the War department places upon the news of the mobilization of the National Guard is that of secrecy concerning train routes and train schedules." Publication of the exact routes and times of departure, it is pointed out, might in any attempt to interfere with the trains.

GUARDS MAY BE SENT TO FRANCE EARLY IN AUGUST

Indications that Some Divisions Will Be Ready to Board Transports Soon After General Mobilization.

Washington, July 16.—Mobilization of the National Guard began today. While no orders for embarkation of state troops for France will be given until after August 5, when the entire force will be formally drafted into the United States army, there are indications that some divisions will be regarded as ready to board transports soon after that date.

The first clause of President Wilson's proclamation providing for the federalization of the National Guard for the war became effective yesterday. Under it all guard units from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Nebraska went on the federal payroll from that date.

Concentration Begins

Actual concentration of troops in their home forces or state camps began today. Approximately one-half of the total strength of the National Guard or more than 125,000 men is included in the force assembling.

Rapid progress is being made in relieving guard regiments which have been in the federal service since the declaration of war guarding property. This work will be taken over largely by civilian watchmen.

It will be necessary to retain guardsmen for the protection of certain big munitions works and other property vital to the conduct of the war. The department commanders will hold such troops as they deem advisable for this purpose.

Movements to General Camps

The next step in the general mobilization will be the ordering of divisions to the camp sites already selected for them. A full supply of tentage is available, department reports show, and the divisions will be entrained as rapidly as the commanders of the departments from which they come and of those in which their camps are located agree as to dates.

The most serious shortage of war equipment for the guard is in the artillery. For training purposes the big gun regiments undoubtedly will continue to use the equipment they have, supplemented by such additional equipment as they can obtain. The official heads of the various Lutheran church bodies in Nebraska will meet this morning in Immanuel Lutheran church to take official action toward refusing the aspersions which have been cast upon the church by the statement of the Nebraska State Council of Defense that "conspicuous leaders" of the church have been disloyally active or passive in regard to the war.

RUSSIAN FRONT FROM RIGA TO ROUMANIA SCENE OF STRUGGLE; AUSTRIANS IN FULL FLIGHT

Germans Are Rushing Troops From France and Italy and Are Rearranging Their Positions—Cossacks in Galicia Gain Thirty Miles in Week and Capture Town of Dolina

Washington, July 16.—The whole Russian front, from the Gulf of Riga to Roumania, is reported in official dispatches today with Petrograd to the Russian embassy here to be alive with battle.

The Germans are said to be rushing up troops from the Italian and French fronts and to be entirely rearranging their positions.

TEUTON PREMIER WILL ANNOUNCE POLICY THURSDAY

New Chancellor Will Make His Maiden Speech in Reichstag; Kaiser Consulting Generals and Party Leaders.

Amsterdam, July 16.—A Berlin telegram to an Amsterdam news agency quotes the Tageblatt of Berlin to the effect that the Catholic Center party in the Reichstag has decided with two dissenting votes to make a declaration in favor of peace efforts without regard to the attitude of the national liberals.

Copenhagen, July 16.—Dr. George Michaelis, the new chancellor, will deliver his maiden speech in the Reichstag Thursday. The address is expected to contain an announcement of his forthcoming program. Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, who were summoned to Berlin by Emperor William, are continuing the conferences with party leaders. Dr. Michaelis is participating in them.

The Pan-German Independent league met and adopted a resolution of protest against the proposed peace action of the Reichstag, declaring the adoption of the majority would result in the indefinite continuance of the war and the political and economical ruin of the Germans. Dr. Michaelis is the father of a family of a size encouraged by Emperor William. He has six children, but one has been killed in the war. Two daughters are engaged in public welfare work and the third daughter is in charge of a soldiers' convalescent home.

Aristocrat for Foreign Minister

Copenhagen, July 16.—The Berlin correspondents report that Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German minister at Copenhagen, has been selected to succeed Dr. Alfred Zimmermann as imperial foreign secretary.

I. W. W. Not Financed By Germans, Says Secret Service

Washington, July 16.—Reports that the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World in the west recently had been financed by German gold have failed of substantiation after an exhaustive investigation by agents of the Department of Justice.

Officials said today they believed that nearly all the German money in this country has been located and that virtually none of it has been used in that way. A number of arrests were reported today from various sections of the west of members of the Industrial Workers of the World, under the president's alien enemy proclamation. It was said, however, that the percentage of German sympathizers found in the organization was believed to be no higher than that in many other organizations.

The Council of Defense took the position that North Platte and other Nebraska towns could handle the "I. W. W. menace" without state aid, and that there would be no interference by the council unless direct appeal was made by municipal authorities.

German Hotels Without Napkins and Table Cloths

Copenhagen, July 16.—The textile shortage now deprives Germany of napkins and table cloths, the use of which in hotels and restaurants in that country has been forbidden. Hotels are prohibited changing bed linens more often than once a week for guests.

Bar Silver Rises to Another New Record

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On the northern front, near Riga, German reinforcements are rushing up by sea transport. On the Lemberg front the troops are being shifted back and forth by means of heavy automobiles in an attempt to prevent further advances by General Korniloff.

On the southern front in the Carpathian the Austrians are said to be in full flight. GAIN THIRTY MILES IN WEEK (Associated Press War Summary.)

Although the movement of the Russian infantry engaged in General Korniloff's big offensive in eastern Galicia is being hampered by bad weather, the Cossacks apparently have been able to keep up their dash tactics. This is indicated by a report from Petrograd through Rome today that the town of Dolina has been occupied by Russian forces.

If this announcement proves accurate it means an advance of more than thirty miles for the Russians since the opening of the drive south of the Danister, a week ago. The official reports have placed them nearly two-thirds of this distance from their starting point, as Kalusz, taken by Korniloff's troops last week, is some twenty miles from Stanislaw, which virtually was their place of departure.

At Kalusz the Russians were established on the western bank of the Lomnica, whence the Austrians had not been able to drive them, although heavy attacks had been launched in the attempt. The route thence to Dolina lies along the Stanislaw-Stry railway line. An advance here means considerable progress in the movement now under way, intended to throw General von Boehm-Ermoloff's army back against the Carpathians. The Rome reports, indeed, declare that this already has been accomplished.

Hard Fighting in France. The hard fighting that has marked the last few days along the French front in northern France still continues. Last night the Germans made a desperate attempt to regain the important observation posts they lost when the French on Saturday night took a strongly fortified position in the vicinity of Mont Haut and the Teton in the Champagne. The attacking forces were able to make no impression on the Teton positions and at Mont Haut they recovered only a

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King of Greece Ignores Demands of the Premier

Paris, July 15.—A dispatch to the Temps from Athens says: "Serious difficulties appear to have arisen between the new king of Greece and Premier Venizelos. One indication of this is the postponement by the king of the signing of a decree to resubmit the 1915 Chamber of Deputies, which was illegally dissolved by the then premier, Stephanos Skoulofidis."

M. Venizelos demands that the king openly cease carrying out his father's internal and external policies, but the king is postponing action or has refused to give his approval to such categorical repudiations.

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