



OBSERVATION BALLOONS SPECIAL TARGETS OF GERMAN AVIATORS OVER FRENCH FRONT; HUN PLANS BEING TOO READILY SPIED OUT

RAIL WRECK DEATH TOLL AT LEAST 100

Most of Victims of Head-On Collision Near Nashville Negroes on Way to Powder Plant.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., July 9.—At least 100 persons, most of them negroes, were killed and as many more injured in a head-on collision today between passenger trains on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway at Dutchman's Bend, five miles from this city.

Most of the killed and injured were on a local train from Louisville, which carried several coaches full of workmen going to a nearby powder plant. The other train was an express from Memphis and the west and after the two engines had reared and fallen beside the track, the heavy coaches of the express ploughed through the baggage car of the accommodation train and demolished two other coaches.

Engine Crews Killed. As the crews of both locomotives were killed the cause of the collision may never be established. The express train was running late and one theory advanced was that the engineer of the accommodation train may have disregarded signals and tried to make a switch just beyond where the wreck occurred before the Memphis train arrived. There also was the possibility that he may have been given wrong instructions.

Three investigations of the wreck were expected, one by officials of the road, another by state officials and a third by the railroad administration. Few Women Among Victims. Only a few women were among the killed. Most of the white persons killed were in the telescoped smoking car of the accommodation train.

"Johnny" Moore Gets Two Years and \$1,000 Fine Under Drug Law

"Johnny" Moore, negro proprietor of a "place" at 221 North Thirteenth street, was found guilty of selling drugs by a jury in federal court Tuesday afternoon. Judge Woodrough sentenced him to two years' imprisonment and ordered him to pay a fine of \$1,000.

No witnesses appeared for the defense, and neither the prisoner nor his counsel spoke when the judge asked if either had anything to say before sentence was pronounced. Almost \$1,000 worth of drugs was found in Moore's room when he was arrested, and marked money, which agents of the Department of Justice testified they had paid him for cocaine, was found in his possession.

Anna Moore, a white girl, formerly a maid at the Neville hotel, testified that she had bought "M." morphine from the negro dealer.

Hearst Is Turned Down By New York Democrats

Syracuse, N. Y., July 9.—Unable to agree upon a candidate after five ballots the "committee of 42" up-state democrats decided to submit to the party conference at Saratoga July 23 the names of seven men, any one of whom will be acceptable as a candidate for governor. The list does not include the name of William Randolph Hearst.

His name was not presented formally or informally, neither did he receive a vote. The seven include James W. Gerard and Congressman George R. Lunn of Schenectady.

Son of Secretary Daniels Enters U. S. Naval Academy

Annapolis, Md., July 9.—Worth Bagley Daniels, son of the secretary of the navy, entered the naval academy as a midshipman today. Young Daniels is 18 years old and was appointed by Senator Overman of North Carolina. He is an enlisted man in the naval reserves.

Four More Bodies Recovered From River Steamer Wreck

Peoria, Ill., July 9.—With the recovery of four more bodies today the death list of the steamer Columbia disaster was increased to 84. At least eight more bodies, possibly as many as 15, are still in the water.

Greeting Sent American Mothers by Those of Italy

Washington, July 9.—Count V. Macchi Di Celere, Italian ambassador, today transmitted to President Wilson a message of greeting sent by mothers of Italian combatants to American mothers. The text follows: "In the day in which Rome, all Italy, exultant, welcomes and acclaims your generous sons, the mothers of the Italian combatants send a fraternal auspicious greeting to the American mothers and, united with them by the same throbbing of patriotic and maternal love, they hail the valor of their sons, the final victory, the triumph of civilization."

NATIONS TO UNITE IN AIDING RUSSIA UNDER U. S. LEAD

Project Taking Shape to Counteract German Influence and Enable People to Rehabilitate.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 9.—Entente governments, through their embassies in Washington, now are fully advised of the views of the Washington administration as to the best means of carrying out President Wilson's pledge to "stand behind Russia." It is understood that a project is taking shape which, it is hoped, will counteract German influence and lead the people to rehabilitate themselves without exciting distrust of the unselfish motives which lie behind it. There is reason to believe the proposal to send American business men to Russia forms the basis of the negotiations between Washington and the entente capitals. Only it has assumed a new phase through the injection of the idea to make the commission and armed guards international in composition, thus tending to disarm any suspicion on the part of the Russians that their country is to be exploited in the interests of a single power. This measure is far short of the original desires of the entente governments, which favored the dispatch of a military expedition into Siberia.

Kerensky Urges Intervention

Paris, July 9.—The parliamentary committee on action abroad today received Alexander Kerensky, the former Russian premier, who explained the situation in Russia and suggested immediate intervention.

Lineup in Russia

London, July 9.—Prominent Russian residents in London consider the Czech-Slovak movement in Siberia as the only real basis for a struggle against bolshevism. The recent Moscow rising is considered here to have been a quarrel between the bolsheviks and their late friends, the social revolutionaries of the left. The Kerensky group did not participate in the counter revolution and had nothing to do with the murder of Count von Mirbach.

Third Liberty Loan Total Above Four Billion Mark

Washington, July 9.—Final compilations of third Liberty loan subscription announced by the treasury department tonight show a total of \$4,176,516,850, an increase of \$6,497,200 over the total officially estimated last May 8, after the loan campaign closed.

ADVERTISING GREAT FACTOR Appeal of Types to American People Helped Gather Wheat at Critical Moment UPHOLDING CAUSE OF ALLIES'

San Francisco, July 9.—The vital part taken by advertising in developing American prosecution of the war was noted by President Woodrow Wilson in a telegram received here today by William C. D'Arcy, president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, which are in convention here. "I realize how squarely and spontaneously the advertising men of the country have stood behind the war," the telegram said. When the late Lord Rhondda, British food controller, after hearing a discouraging report on wheat imports, said, "The war is over, we are beaten," the people of America saved the day, Ralph P. Merritt, federal food administrator for California, told the convention. "The story of wheat has been a drama in itself," Mr. Merritt said. "In January Mr. Hoover cabled Lord Rhondda: 'On January 1 we sent you the last of the surplus of the 1917

PILOTS EXPOSED TO DANGER FOR LONG PERIOD IN SERVICE

Austrian Prisoners Surprised and Glad To Find U. S. in War

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, July 9.—Austrian prisoners who have been taken lately by the Italians appear not to be informed of the part the United States is playing in the war. When an automobile carrying members of the United States military expedition halted this afternoon in front of a line of prisoners, one called out in English to the chauffeur: "Say, what are you doing over here?" When informed that the United States was in the war he expressed surprise and said: "Well, I hope the Americans keep on coming strong enough to win the war. Then we can get out of this mess and I can go back to America."

M KELVIE FLAYS NONPARTISANS IN OMAHA SPEECH

Republican Candidate for Governor Appeals for Patriotic Politics and Cites T. R. and Taft's Examples.

In a speech delivered to the McKelvie-for-Governor club, in the assembly room on the 16th floor of the City National Bank building, before a large audience of representative republicans last night, S. R. McKelvie, republican candidate for governor, said he was unalterably opposed to socialism, the kind parading under the guise of nonpartisanship, which tends ultimately to state ownership of industries and farm lands, and which is sponsored by the democratic party of the state.

Mr. McKelvie was introduced by Myron Learned, chairman of the meeting. In his speech the candidate said there had been no time since the civil war when the country needed the constructive policies of the republican party so much as at present. This is a time for partisanship in its truest and best sense, for it is a time for this government not only to win the war against a foreign foe, but also a time to develop and cherish its highest ideals.

He recalled the scene in the La Salle hotel, at Chicago, where two of the leaders of the republican party, both ex-presidents, who had been working at cross-purposes for years in their leadership of different factions, meeting without prearrangement, (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Warning of Defeat Sounded by Deputy In Prussian Lantag

Washington, July 9.—An official dispatch today from Switzerland says the independent socialist deputy, Stroebel, in a violent speech in the Prussian Lantag recently, condemned the German government for its efforts to secure a peace by force. He warned the German people that unless they rid themselves of their government and "send their politicians of war and rapine to the devil," America's millions of soldiers will prove too strong a force to combat.

Foe Under Special Orders to Shoot Down Huge Bags and Put Observers Out of Action If Possible; Correspondent Describes Experience in Air Close To Firing Line.

By WILBUR FORREST. Copyright 1918, by The Tribune Association. With the French Armies, July 9.—(Special Cablegram to New York Tribune and Omaha Bee.)—The extreme importance of sausage balloon work in open warfare where highly trained observers now many times remain aloft over the battle field as much as sixteen hours at a stretch in a flimsy basket with their lives literally in their hands, caused the Tribune correspondent to investigate this unique arm of the service today at an altitude of about 2,400 feet. The sausage arm of the service is a branch where there is much danger because of the constant exposure to German airmen's attacks as well as hostile and grueling work, because your eye must be alert as an eagle's no matter how long aloft.

Ready to Jump. The enemy's trenches and organizations for miles in the rear must be constantly combed for any untoward movements. Your own guns must be told where their shells are breaking. Dozens of other things are required which are too technical for explanation here and all this time you sit there between heaven and earth with a parachute strapped to your arms and legs, ready to jump into space if necessary.

I ascended today with a French lieutenant who explained the work while aloft and though the scene was an instruction center some distance from the actual war, it was near enough to warrant constantly manned machine guns in the ground waiting for any rousing Boche. Captured German aviation documents in the past few weeks have shown the importance which the enemy attaches to the destruction of the eagle-eyed gas bags which quietly sit in the upper void spotting his every movement.

Sausage War is On. There is a sausage war on between the combatants which means today that a large percentage of the sausages ascending on both sides come down in flames. The observers stake their lives on the flimsy umbrella-like parachutes which always hang compactly on the outside of the wicker basket like a canvas water bag.

The enemy airmen are now ordered not only to destroy the sausages but to kill the observers in mid-air. Before Germany began her last big attacks, there were ethics in the sausage warfare. Invariably if the observer was lucky enough to escape death in the sheer 60-yard drop before the parachute opened, he was allowed to sail safely toward the earth, naturally taking his chances with the wind drifting him over the enemy's lines or in contact with trees or other obstructions in landing.

Attack in Groups. But today the enemy is attacking the sausages in groups of four or five airplanes, one of which is ordered to machine-gun the observer to death if the parachute opens.

Though it was perhaps unnecessary, this fact explains the small carbine resting in the binnacle, as the lieutenant and myself were strapped into harness and attached to the parachute, preparatory to travel over 2,000 feet above today.

The carbine serves as the only protection as the parachutes drop earthward. The binnacle also contained a neat map of the surrounding country, a telephone, an altimeter, binoculars, (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Empress Zita Driven To Sick Bed by Slander, Is Report From Vienna

Amsterdam, July 9.—Denying rumors circulating in Austria-Hungary regarding Empress Zita, the correspondent at Vienna of the Tijd says: "It is true the Austrian empress partly desires peace and has, with proper dignity, advocated it, but the rumor that an energetic Austrian offensive against Italy was delayed by her influence is slanderous, as also is the rumor that the empress was to blame for one or two setbacks which followed the offensive. "It is still more slanderous to involve her honor as a woman with imperial statesmanship and the imperial house. The empress, whose sensitiveness is well known, suffered not a little under the imputations which have driven her to a sick bed. "The slander is more painful, as it even assailed the wedded fidelity which so distinguished the conduct of the imperial couple, while the non-existent correspondence, which was said to contain utterances of the empress regarding peace, is reported to be the first cause of the difference between the emperor and the empress."

Grand Dukes Escape Death at Hands of the Bolsheviki

By Associated Press. Amsterdam, July 9.—Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of the former Russian emperor, was interviewed at the end of June in Aitodor, in the Crimea, by the correspondent of the Budapest Az Est, according to a telegram to Dutch newspapers. Relating his experiences after the abdication of the Romanoffs, the grand duke said: "We were for days at Dulbar (near Aitodor) at the house of Peter Nicolaievitch, all together. We owe our lives solely to that good and intelligent man. My sons and myself were on the black list. We scarcely hoped to escape with our lives. They took our money and property. Our house in Petrograd was razed to the ground. "Fortunately, I have a property with a vineyard in Aitodor, on the produce of which my family and myself can live." The correspondent remarked that Russia might within the year again have a monarchical constitution and the grand duke asked skeptically if

Gen. Pershing Sends Personal Greeting To Elks of the Nation

Atlantic City, July 9.—General Pershing, who heads the list of 30,000 members of the order of Elks in the military service of the country, today cabled a message of greeting to the 500,000 members of the order. The message was read at today's session of the Elks' convention, and is as follows: "I send greetings and express my full confidence in the loyalty and patriotism of all members of the order of Elks and their undivided and hearty support of our president in this crisis of our nation's history." Bruce A. Campbell of Illinois was elected grand exalted ruler.

TROOPS FIGHTING FIRE IN NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE

Menace in Northwest Most Serious in Years: Military Patrol in Woods to Be Established.

By Associated Press. Olympia, Wash., July 9.—Governor Ernest Lister today called Brig. Gen. Harvey J. Moss, adjutant general, to Olympia to confer on the forest fire situation, and announced his intention to call out the Washington national guard to patrol threatened forests and fight fires. Strict military rule will be enforced in the woods to prevent fires.

Soldiers from Camp Lewis are fighting the big Cispus fire in the Rainier national reserve, which is said to have covered more than 30,000 acres. The fire started from lightning and has been burning for a month.

To Double Force. Today the Washington Fire association took steps to double its force of 100 patrolmen in western Washington woods. Land Commissioner C. V. Savidge has agreed to send out patrols to guard the state's timber lands.

The northwest forest fire menace is said to be the most serious in history. No green timber has been burned to speak of, but fires are everywhere in old workings. The most desperate fight being waged against fires is in the North River section of Pacific county, where flames cover a region a mile in length and three miles long. Vast private and state timber tracts surrounding the burning section are in jeopardy.

A new fire southeast of High Rock in Snohomish county was reported today.

Wide Areas of Pine Burn

San Francisco, July 9.—A half-circle forest fires in the Klamath and other national forests in northern California are consuming wide areas of pine timber, urgently needed for government contracts, according to telegrams received here today by the United States forestry service from its agents in the fire regions.

United Lutheran Church to Embrace 1,300,000 Members

Atlantic City, July 9.—As the result of a conference today of the general assembly and means committee nearly 1,300,000 church members are to be brought under one jurisdictional head in the United Lutheran church, which is either to be incorporated by act of congress or under the laws of New York state, depending on a decision to be reached tomorrow.

Von Hintze Slated to Succeed Kuehlmann As Kaiser's Minister

Paris, July 9.—The German emperor has accepted the resignation of Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, according to a Basel dispatch to the Havas agency. It is expected that Admiral von Hintze, the German minister at Christiania and formerly minister to Mexico, will succeed him.

Konenkamp Authorizes Strike of Telegraphers in Canada

Chicago, July 9.—S. J. Konenkamp, international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, today sent a message to C. E. Hill at Toronto, Can., vice president of the organization, authorizing him to call a strike of the 600 employes of the Great Northwestern Telegraph company tomorrow. President Konenkamp said the union insisted upon the reinstatement of a number of telegraphers discharged last March, who later were vindicated of charges made by the company. The Canadian government officials, he said, had requested the company to reinstate the men but the demand has been ignored.

FRENCH GAIN IN THRUST

Allies Giving Enemy Little Opportunity to Perfect Arrangements for Launching Attack in West.

By Associated Press. While waiting for the German high command to show its hand, the allied forces are giving the enemy little opportunity to perfect his arrangements for launching the attack. From the Lys sector on the north to the Champagne front, in eastern France, there have been sudden thrusts at the German lines, at least one of which has made considerable ground.

This blow was struck by the French west of the Oise and north of the Matz river, on the battlefield where the Germans were stopped short in their attempt to hew their way through to Compiègne early in June.

French Score Advance. The French advanced along the Compiègne road northwest of Antheuil and occupied the Loge and Porty farms on each side of the highway. The ground they have taken is important from a defensive standpoint and cuts down the area in which the Germans must maneuver.

There seems to have been spirited fighting on the British front along La Basse canal, northwest of Lens, and north of the Somme, in the Picardy sector. Berlin announces the British were repulsed in frequently repeated attacks and that their attacks north of the Somme broke down. The French attack at Antheuil is merely mentioned in the official German statement which says attacks in the Villers-Cotterets and Chateau Thierry sectors were repulsed by the Germans.

Turn Austrian Right

While the fighting on the Macedonian and Albanian frontiers must remain a side issue the progress of the French and Italians along the Albanian coast brings that theater of the war into consideration. Rapid strides have been made since the French and Italian assaults were launched north of Avlona July 6. It appears that the allies have been successful in turning the Austrian right wing. An official statement from Rome says that Italian cavalry have gained the Austrian rear and destroyed bridges across the Semini river, which parallels the Voyusa, where the attack was begun. This marks an advance of about 15 miles.

Von Kuehlmann Retires

Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, has retired from office, it is announced, and the German emperor has accepted his resignation. This has been expected since Von Kuehlmann's address in the German reichstag June 25, in the course of which he said that victory by purely military decisions could hardly be expected.

Czech-Slovak forces in eastern Siberia have extended their sphere of influence up the Amur river to Niulayevsk, an important naval station. The defeated Bolsheviki troops, with their Austro-German allies, are said to have retired toward Khabarovsk, the capital of the maritime province.