

GERMANS MAKE BID FOR PEACE IN NEW FEELER

Latest Overtures by Way of Spain Regarded Also as Attempt to Quell Socialist Unrest in Prussia.

Amsterdam, July 24.—Germany has made suggestions for a peace conference to the Spanish government, says the socialist Vorwaerts of Berlin. The suggestions are: First—Germany wants no annexations or indemnities in the west. Second—The peace treaties with Russia and Romania may not be questioned. Third—The principle of self-determination of peoples has not been discussed, but may be settled at the peace conference, where the fate of Belgium also is to be settled. Fourth—The Balkan question is to be settled around the conference table. Fifth—The freedom of the seas, the dismantling of Gibraltar and the Suez canal and the right for Germany to use coaling stations. Sixth—The colonial question is to be settled on the basis of status quo. The Vorwaerts considers this a very reasonable peace program.

Attempt to Quiet Socialists. Washington, July 24.—In the peace suggestions which the Berlin Vorwaerts declares the German government is about to offer through the Spanish government, officials here detect the German design to leave to a round table conference the actual definition of peace terms. President Wilson's definition of the terms upon which America is willing to discuss peace has been accepted by all of the great entente powers as representative of their own desires. Officials here, therefore, view this reported new attempt at peace negotiations as another appeal to the pacifist elements in the entente and also as intended to quiet the uneasy socialist elements within the central powers.

Three Candidates Enter N. Y. Democratic Primary

Saratoga Springs, July 24.—Subsequent to recommending a full state ticket, headed by Alfred E. Smith of New York, democrats in state informal convention today paved the way for party harmony after the primaries. As a result of the recommendation they faced a three-cornered primary fight, unless one or both of the announced independent democratic candidates—William Church Osborn and William Randolph Hearst—withdraws his candidacy. The movement looking to harmony was led by former Judge Samuel Seabury, who pressed to unanimous passage his motion that if Mr. Smith was successful in the primaries it would be the sense of the convention that the New Yorker receive the united support of the party in the election campaign.

Norris to Attend State Convention at Lincoln

Washington, July 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Geo. W. Norris announced today that he would leave for Lincoln Saturday to attend the republican state convention to be held in the Nebraska capital next Tuesday. Senator Norris, in speaking of the entrance of D. H. Mercer in the senatorial campaign, asked: "In whose interest is Mercer a candidate?" Mercer is still in Washington looking after the interests of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, but hopes to leave for Nebraska shortly.

The Weather

Table with columns for Comparative Record, Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, and Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

JAWS OF TRAP ARE CLOSING UPON FOE

(Continued From Page One.) Chateau Thierry little more than a week ago was accompanied by the fire of big naval guns, shells from which fell 10 and 15 miles behind the lines.

The bitterness of the battle around Chateau-Thierry and along that portion of the north bank of the Marne where the enemy still retains a footing probably is largely due to his determination to stave off Franco-American attacks from the south at least until the big weapons have been dragged back to safety. The American advance reported today through Chateau forest and to the northeast of Epieds is beginning to menace seriously enemy positions further eastward on the Marne which are covering his withdrawal within the salient.

Half Million Men in Salient. It has been estimated that the Germans now have as many as half a million men in the limited salient they still hold. About 40 divisions are understood to have been identified there. The irregularly shaped pocket is about 30 miles broad at its base, between Soissons and Rheims, while its greatest depth around 20 miles.

Should the final rail connection northward be cut by direct gun fire, it is regarded as possible a veritable rout would result as the massed forces of the enemy could not all be gotten away. Appraised at its lowest probable value, officers say, the counter stroke already has drawn in the enemy's most vital necessity, his reserves. His whole plan of campaign has been overturned in less than a week and it is regarded as more than probable that the initiative seized by General Foch will remain in his hands permanently, to be amplified into blows at other parts of the line.

Six New Divisions. The chief of staff announced that he had ordered six new infantry divisions organized in this country during July, stationed respectively at Camps Devens, Mass.; Mead, Md.; Sheridan, Ala.; Custer, Mich.; Funston, Kan.; and Lewis, Wash. Two regular infantry regiments will form the nucleus of each new division. Home guards have replaced regulars at interior guard posts for this purpose and the regulars are now moving to the camps designated, General March said. Aside from the two infantry regiments of regulars, the divisions will be composed of national army troops.

The chief of staff said the American divisions he mentioned last Saturday as involved in the fighting were still constantly engaged. He added no additional American units to those already known to be on the line in this region.

Exploding Gas Bag Sets Fire To Naval Air Station Hangar

Norfolk, Va., July 24.—The main hangar and a dirigible balloon were destroyed and more than a dozen airplanes and several buildings were damaged by fire today at the naval air station here. Buckling of one of the main braces of the gas bag of the dirigible as it was attempting a landing caused the balloon to become unmanageable and settle on the roof of the main hangar. While attendants were preparing to remove the balloon the gas bag exploded, setting fire to the hangar. The flames spread to other buildings before brought under control. The damage is estimated at less than \$50,000.

Self-Denial of America Is Astounding to British

London, July 24.—In commenting upon the review of the food situation given by Herbert C. Hoover, American food administrator, the Manchester Guardian calls attention to the "astounding response of the American people to the appeal that they should economize to help feed us." "Next to raising their armies," the paper adds, "this is the most memorable of all proofs of intense earnestness of the American people."

Prize Iowa Baby Dies of Tubercular Meningitis

Webster City, Ia., July 24.—(Special.)—The 23-months-old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kaufmann of Stanhope, just south of this city, died today. She was Iowa's sweepstakes prize baby, having won that award among all the babies entered last year at the state fair.

Kansas Wheat Crop May Total 102,000,000 Bushels

Topeka, Kan., July 24.—The 1918 wheat crop in Kansas probably will total 102,000,000 bushels, according to a statement made public today by the Kansas State Board of Agriculture.

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U. S. Plans in Siberia Stir Japanese; Joint Action Is Forecast

Tokio, Friday, July 19.—America's proposal relative to the Siberian situation has precipitated a controversy between the military groups and political parties, while it is strongly supported by the business interests. Army influence, which is particularly reflected in cabinet circles, urges intervention, but the Seiyukai and the Keneseikai parties are exercising an unexpected opposing influence.

Leaders like Hara, Makino, Takahashi and Kato have readily fought for joint action with America, believing that the future interests of the empire compel complete co-operation with America. It is understood that a compromise will be effected by which the American proposal for a joint expedition will be accepted. Public statements as to the purposes of this expedition are suggested.

Orenburg is Abandoned by Russ Soviet Troops

Amsterdam, July 24.—Soviet troops have definitely abandoned Orenburg, capital of the Russian province of the same name. A new government has been formed under the leadership of General Detoff. A hunger revolution has broken out in the cities of Jaroslavl, Rybinsk, Ljubin and Ungitch according to Moscow papers received here.

EPIEDS PASSED BY AMERICANS IN DRIVE

(Continued From Page One.) of Chateau Thierry the allied forces used mounted patrols at two places in maintaining contact with their army in the rear.

It is known now that General von Boehm, the German commander on this front, has managed to move a large part of his guns and stores.

Aviators Play Important Role. Owing to the fact that the day was bright and there was little wind, aviators played an important role in the fighting.

American aviators in combats north of the Marne on Wednesday downed five German machines. The Americans suffered no losses. Their first fight was with a German squadron of 12 planes, the battle lasting nearly two hours. Four German planes were downed. Later the Americans shot down another enemy plane.

The newspaper correspondents today witnessed an aerial engagement on the Chateau Thierry front in which the enemy was driven off. An enemy aviator appeared over two observation balloons. The anti-aircraft gunners saw him dropping to secure the range, and let loose scores of sharp-shooting shells about him. In less than three minutes the French planes went to the rescue of the balloons, but the German declined to fight. Nose diving directly through a rain of shells, he righted himself and flew away before the anti-aircraft guns could swing upon him or the slower-flying planes could get at him.

Railroad Useless to Huns. Extremely hard fighting has been going on along the line south of Soissons, where the Germans are concentrating in full strength in order to prevent the further impervious of their lines, over which supplies must reach them. But the allies have made gains.

The main railroad is now useless so far as the Germans are concerned, while the heavy guns of the allies are reaching many of the wagon roads which the enemy has fought so hard to retain.

The Germans can obtain limited supplies, but it is believed these will not be sufficient to warrant keeping the big army in the salient.

Brecy Captured. On the French Front in France, July 24.—The fighting today was extremely heavy southward of the Ourcq, where the Americans took Epieds, which they lost yesterday, and advanced, together with the French at least three kilometers, threatening Fere-En-Tardenois, which is under constant bombardment.

Around about Armentieres the Germans had massed hundreds of machine guns which caused some trouble, but could not stay the advance of the allied troops. The Tournelles wood was reached, Brecy fell and the Franco-Americans obtained a footing in the Lefre wood. Southwest of Rheims the British

Constantine Would Use American Money To Recover Throne

Paris, July 24.—Prince Christopher, brother of former King Constantine of Greece, is reported to be about to marry a very rich American woman who is now in Switzerland, according to a Geneva dispatch to the Temps. The dispatch says that the former king, who is now financially embarrassed, counts upon this marriage to obtain means for financing a campaign for the restoration of his throne. The Temps correspondent says that Constantine is, therefore, working earnestly to bring the marriage about and that his brother-in-law, the German emperor, supports the plan.

and French have been fighting the Germans incessantly for five days. The Germans are trying to protect the pivot on which their armies are retreating northward. But they have not stopped the allies. In the last two days hundreds of prisoners from enemy shock divisions have been taken, while several German points established in the small woods have succumbed to allied attacks.

Former German and Austrian Consul at Boston Arrested

Boston, July 24.—Oswald Kunhardt, formerly German and Austrian consul in this city, was arrested today as an alien enemy at his home in Manchester and immediately brought here. Federal officers refused to confirm or deny a report that the arrest was connected with submarine activity off the coast. Up to the time this country entered the war Kunhardt was a member of the Tennis and Racquet club, one of the most exclusive organizations of Back Bay society. He represented the Berlin aniline works, which controlled a large part of the business in Germany dyes in this country.

Wilson's Pronouncement as to Siberia Completed

Washington, July 24.—President Wilson has completed his pronouncement as to the plans of the United States for participation in the expedition to give military aid to Russia and it will be made public as soon as Japan's reply to the American proposals has been received.

PROVISIONS STORES LOOTED BY SOLDIERS

(Continued From Page One.) never be done to diminish the amount which they have to supply to the army in the field. "Rapid and complete seizure and economic use of provisions may prove

of capital importance for the continuation of the operations."

Pillaging Widespread. The pillaging in the back areas, of which von Boehm complains, appears to have become widespread. Recent orders issued by the commanders of the 18th and 2d armies, opposite the British, have revealed excesses which seem almost incredible, considering that the German military machine has been notorious for its iron discipline. Trains have been held up and the guards killed and provisions carried away by gangs of desperate soldiers intent upon satisfying their hunger, even if they are shot for it.

As a rule the troops in the front line are well fed, and prisoners recently taken corroborate this, but in order to supply them with adequate provisions the rations of the divisions resting or training in the back areas are cut down to a minimum and the amount doled out to each may today

is not sufficient to satisfy his normal needs.

All the orders issued on the decadence of discipline have been couched in curiously mild language, being in effect more of an appeal than a threat, as though the higher command realized that the men were in a dangerous mood and disinclined to submit to severe punishment.

While too high hopes must not be based on these reports of insubordination, it remains a fact that the discipline of the German army at least on the western front is in a bad way and the present defeat on the Marne does not seem likely to improve it.

Mooney to Pray Appeal.

San Francisco, Cal., July 24.—Thomas J. Mooney is to petition the state supreme court for a rehearing of its decision last Monday sustaining a superior court order denying him a new trial.

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Close Observers Seldom Short-Sighted. Your Future Is Revealed in Today's Possibilities. Paradoxical as it may sound, the man who sees everything that goes on around him, is looking a long way ahead. Observation is the first sign of budding intelligence in the baby, and might properly be termed a sixth sense. Italy observed suspicious actions on the part of Germany, and warned England not to disperse her magnificent fleet then on review—an act which prevented the complete triumph of Germany. American statesmen have, for many years, told us we needed a merchant marine second to none, and we heeded not—and because we could not see AHEAD, as did those close observers of that trend of human events, we are a year behind in our war preparations. The merchant who carefully observes the habits, actions and abilities of his clerks, soon outstrips his rivals. The clerk who observes the little leaks and inconveniences and suggests a plan to remedy them, is looking beyond the weekly pay day—and heading for promotion. Observation spelled Opportunity for me. Through association with a score or more of Dentists (experienced dentists and young dentists of various abilities, in large cities and small—modern offices and obsolete offices) I observed that there were several COMMON FAULTS, among which were UNNECESSARY PAIN, WASTE OF TIME, WASTE OF MATERIAL, LACK OF SANITARY PRECAUTIONS AND FREQUENTLY EXCESSIVE CHARGES. That gave me the idea of establishing Dental Offices, where these faults were overcome—where First-Class Dentistry by Specialists would cost no more and often cost less—than the same class of work would cost in the average Dental Office. An office where extractions could be made painless—without the use of dangerous gases—and at the same time be within the reach of everyone. An office where BUSINESS SYSTEM would PREVENT waste of material and time—where patients paid only for the TIME AND MATERIAL ACTUALLY USED. I looked a long way into the future—and today my "dream has come true."

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