

American Official Destroys His Code and Records, Entrusts U. S. Affairs to Swedish Consul, Demands Safe Conduct and Warns Bolshevik Leaders They Will Be Held Responsible for Reprisals.

Washington, Aug. 14 .- Official dispatches today from American Consul General Poole in Moscow lifted the curtain for a moment and revealed an amazing train of events in that city.

Consul General Poole, after witnessing the violation of the French and British consulates and the arrest of the consuls general and their staffs, destroyed his code book and papers and turned the affairs of the American consulate over to the Swedish consul, at the same time demanding safe conduct from the country for himself and his associates.

French and British citizens have been arrested and the bolsheviki have announced they would hold them as hostages because of the attack on the soviet government by British and French troops at Archangel.

Safe Conduct Refused. Members of the French and British military missions stationed in Moscow were refused permission to leave the country in spite of a previous

promise of safe conduct. It is possible that since the send-ing of Consul General Poole's telegrams, which began on July 29 and d until August 6, the situation may have changed, because it is reported that Lenine and Trotzky, the bolshevik leaders, have fied and the soviet government in Moscow may have been overthrown. Should the situation be unchanged, the American consul general's action in turning his office over to Sweden, will not affect the status of other American consuls in Russia as they have been working with the local governments throughout Russia where pro-ally feeling is strong. Declares State of War.



Initiative Wrested From Enemy by Field Marshal Foch by Two Blows He Has Already Struck.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 14 .- A new drive

against the German positions either at Flanders or between the Oise and ing up of the advance in the Picardy theater. Outlining the situation at his mid-

week conference today, General statements to pointing out that the Germans have now been forced back until they are not within 50 miles of Paris at any point. The head of the army has previously laid stress on the fact, however, that the greatest advantage won by Field Marshal Foch in a military way is in having wrest-

ed the initiative from the enemy. Capture of Noyon, Foreseen. The opinion prevailed among other

officers that the present struggle around Roye and Lassigny would soon terminate in the capture of these points, to be followed by the taking of Novon.

In the course of his discussion Gen-Washington Officials Declare eral March said that General Persh-ing now has 1/250,000 American troops No Political Entanglements organized into the first army corps. sumably the Americans on

Paris Freed of Menace.

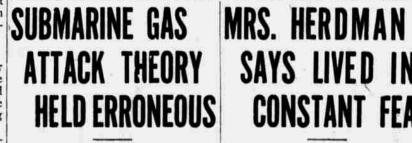
they were not to be denied their share of the fighting.

It is now known that just before the zero hour the British commander felt that some of the American troops had not been long enough in training to go over the top and ordered them out of the line. With much protesting of regrets the American soldiers retired and their Australian comrades with other Americans went over and helped take the town.

When the casualties were counted American soldiers were found in the dressing stations dressed in Australian uniforms.

It developed that the Americans, after retiring to the rear, Soissons is expected by many army had found Australian comrades not in the fighting, traded uni-officers here as a result of the slowforms with them and then worked their way back to the Australian units and went over the top with them.

> The troops which performed the heroic feat have not finthe fighting on that day before Hammel and it is believed that the 16 Chicago boys decorated by the king probably were among the daredevil heroes who were not to be kept out of their chance.



No Explanation Given, How- Wife of Former Supreme Court ever, as to Source of the Clerk in Divorce Pleading

FIVE-MILE FRONT NORTH OF ALBERT

Frenches Found Untenable in Face of British Activity; French Fight Their Way Forward Toward Lassigny Massif and Thiescourt Plateau and Further

South Capture Ribecourt.

#### By Associated Press.

North and south of the Somme the Germans have lost further important ground. In the former region they have evacuated their positions over a five-mile front to the British north of Albert, while in the latter they have been beaten back in the March, chief of staff, confined his ally been identified, but it is known that Illinois troops were in hill and wooded district just north of the Oise river by the French.

German front line trenches at Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Puisieux-Au-Mont and Bucquoy have been found untenable by the enemy in the face of the recent activity by the British all along the line from Albert to Arras, while the French have persevered in their violent attacks against the Germans on the sector which dominates the lower portion of the Picardy plain and the Oise valley, and have encroached further upon the Lassigny, Massif and the Thiescourt plateau and farther south have captured the important town of Ribecourt.



Unofficial reports have announced the capture of Lassigny by the French and of all the German positions between the western outskirts of Bray-Sur-Somme and Etinehem by the Australians.

The story is told in sequence in the State department's official announcement of its advices from Mr. Foole. It follows:

"The department has now received several telegrams from Consul General Poole at Moscow concerning recent events in that city. Following is a summary of them:

"One of the telegrams, similar in character to a previous message received through other channels, states that on July 29, Lenine declared repeatedly before an official gathering of the soviets that a state of war existed between the Russian republic and the allied powers. Because of this the diplomatic representative in Moscow of Great Britain and the consular representatives of France. Italy and the United States visited the commissariat for foreign affairs and inquired if Lenine's declaration should not be considered a declara-

tion of war, involving the rupture of de facto relations and the departure of the consuls. Tchitcherin said that it need not be so understood, that it was a state of defense rather than a (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

# Captain Fitzmorris, Noted British Airman, Dies in Flight in U.S.

Cincinnati, Aug. 15.-Captain James Fitzmorris of the British Royal flying corps was killed just west of this city today when his engine died just after he rose from the grounds of the Western Hills Country club to complete the last lap of a journey from

Indianapolis to Cincinnati and his plane crashed to earth. American and British aviators

planned a gala day. A number of Americans from the Dayton field, led by Major Claud K. Rhineheardt, who had flown from Mineola, were to meet here the British flyers who were coming from Indianapolis under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Charles F. Lee. Brigadier General Lee announced that Captain Fitzmorris had a total of to American traditions and officials of 29 German planes to his credit. Dur-President Wilson's administration ing the three years of service on the have been careful always to emphasize that nothing of the kind is iniront, Captain Fitzmorris was decovolved in the participation of the rated with the cross of the Belgian Legion of Honor and the military United States in the world war as a co-belligerent of the nations fighting cross with one bar added in honor of Prussian autocracy. additional heroic services performed after receiving the cross.

### **Demonstration** Thwarted By Arrest of 29 Women

Washington, Aug. 14 .- Twenty- St. Louis Post-Dispatch, has enrolled sine women were arrested by the po- there in the naval aviation corps. lice in Lafayette square, opposite the White House, late today, when a third attempt was made to stage a woman's party demonstration there against the senate's delay in acting on

the federal suffrage amendment. The police held the women until after the streets were cleared of the evening crowds and then released them.

Are Involved in Participation in War.

ANGLO-AMERICAN

**ALLIANCE REPORT** 

QUICKLY DENIED

British fjank in Picardy, identified by the chief of staff as the 131st in-fantry of the 33d (Illinois national guard) division are among those still brigaded for training. It appeared possible to some offi-London, Aug. 14 .- According to the Evening News, Lord Reading, the cers that the organization of the first British ambassador to the United American army might be followed by States, who is here, will discuss with an all-American attack at some point on the line which it holds beyond

Verdun, where there has been no recent fighting. has been realized. Both in the Aisne-Marne battle and again in Picardy, the attacks were defensive measures to free Paris from the menace of the wo wedges the enemy had driven in that direction. The value of the by General March today. battle, with Foch's armies assuming the offensive in the fullest sense of the word and striking to force the enemy back in such manner that he denburg line of defenses. might see the next blaze kindled with

LORD READING

pinch out the salient there as it has Premier Lloyd George and Arthur J. been pinched out at the Marne and Balfour, minister of foreign affairs, again in Picardy. proposals for a closer Anglo-Ameri-Bohemia Is on the can co-operation, both during the war and afterward. The newspaper says the proposals involve an offensive and

London, Aug. 14 .-- Turmoil in Bodefensive alliance in which the cohemia has resulted in the execution operation of other democratic nations of 74 Czech soldiers and wholesale will be welcomed.

Lord Reading's visit has mainly to arrests in many raids, newspapers of do with financial readjustments con-Munich and Dresden say, according nected with the assumption by the to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch United States of responsibility for from Zurich. The Hungarian garri-

loans to allied nations heretofore sons have been reinforced and arms borne by Great Britain, the Evening are being confiscated. News says, and with the conclusion Munich newspapers say it is beof negotiations for certain further loans in which the United States, lieved that even a slight incident will bring about a general uprising in Bo-Great Britain and France are to parhemia.

Verge of Rebellion

ticipate. No Political Alliance Planned. Washington, Aug. 14.-It was stated authoritatively today that the

Wilson's Principles Adopted subject of a British-American offensive and defensive alliance never has As Socialist Peace Terms been discussed or even suggested. The understanding here is that Lord Reading's visit to London is to re-port personally upon his work in the United States and to acquaint himself fully with developments at home. Any sort of political alliance with foreign nation would be contrary

Joseph Pulitzer Enlists.

Are You Reading

Author of "Pollyanna" and

"Just David."

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New York, Aug. 14 .- William Eng-1 countries must be using their full lish Walling, secretary of the Social Democratic league, made public tonight the text of the organization's instructions to its mission now visiting the allied countries. This was done, Mr. Walling explained, because the league had received information that certain statements of members of the mission had been used by "pacifist fanatics" in Europe to give the im-

pression the American people were not behind the president The following were their instructions in regard to the proposed in-St. Louis, Aug. 14.-According to a dispatch from Washington, Joseph ternational socialist conference:

"1. All delegates admitted to the Pulitzer of St. Louis, editor of the conference must accept as the minimum peace terms of democracy the 14 principles formulated by President Wilson on January 8, and the similar peace terms adopted by the entente socialists and the British labor party Oh, Money! Money! By ELEANOR H. PORTER. at London on February 20. "2. All delegates must recognize

this war as being a war between autocracy and democracy, and must be doing all in their power to bring about the triumph of democracy. the Scheidemann Kaiserists specifical-"3. All delegates from autocratic ly included."

Fumes Which Overcame Coast Guards.

Washington, Aug. 14.-Although final reports of the investigation into the "gas attack" on Smith's Island, North Carolina, last Saturday have not yet reached the Navy department,

there were strong intimations today that the "gas" was not from a German submarine, as first reported. No explanation of the incident has been of-The primary purpose of the two lows that Marshal Foch has struck complete information is at hand. fered and none probably will be until

believe that no submarine was in the children. vicinity of the island at the time six men in the coast guard station and lighthouse were reported to have been overcome. The theory that a subma-

rine had discharged gas-laden oil on drives in this respect was pointed out those waters never was accepted by many naval experts and fishermen liv-Officers here, therefore, anticipate ing in that vicinity have insisted that complete change in the character of no submersible could have approached he fighting in the next phase of the close enough to the island to discharge gas that would have remained effective until the oil carrying it had drifted in with the tide.

The only reports of further operacannot avail himself of his old Hintions by the raiders now in American waters reaching the Navy department It appears very probable to some today gave additional information reobservers that the Flanders front garding the torpedoing of the oil tank steamer Frederick R. Kellogg, a double drive by British forces to the name of which was given in naval dispatches as Henry S. Kellogg. Seven men of the crew who are missing are believed to have gone down with the ship, which sank in five

minutes.

## The Bee's Exposure of Sen. Norris' War Record

**Arouses Much Attention** Thedford, Neb., Aug. 14.-To the Editor of The Bee: I congratulate you upon your courage in exposing the record of Senator Norris have no personal enmity to Senator Norris, but his record makes him impossible as a candidate. He should never be nominated non elected. F. M. CURRIE. nor

their autocratic governments."

Tells of Husband's Work as Lobbyist.

Listening to secret and mysterious political plots in the dead of night, when large sums of money were handled and discussed, was the lot of Mrs. Kathryn Herdman when her husband, R. E. Lee Herdman, now an Omaha lawyer, was a lobbyist in the legislature at Lincoln, according to

allegations in her amended petition for divorce filed in district court Wednesday. Mrs. Herdman is asking It is understood there is reason to divorce and custody of two minor

> The political activities referred to occurred at the Herdman home in incoln, according to the allegations

n the petition. Mrs. Herdman alleges that a year or so after her marriage to Mr. Herdman in June, 1902, he quit his position as clerk of the supreme court n Lincoln to take up the "business' of lobbying in the legislature. She alleges he informed her at the time that "lobbying was dangerous business.

#### Lived in Constant Fear.

line. She alleges that she was on the Not since the German retreat verge of a nervous breakdown at the the magnitude of the one today. The ime, following the birth of a child Americans stood up well under the but the nightly sessions were forced bombardment. The front line was upon her and that she constantly eared that something might happen o bring disgrace upon the family. Mrs. Herdman alleges that her hus-

band at all times since their marriage was particularly cruel and harsh and because the two children were girls, he was continually angry, saying girls are no good.'

She says following the birth of the wo children she was in poor health, but Mr. Herdman objected strenuousto having a doctor for her, saying there is nothing the matter with ou," and that he informed the doctor ne would not pay the bills. She alleges that he was parsimonious in money matters and never took her to places of amusement, never accompanied her to church or introduced her to his friends. She alleges he told her that he was used to associating with senators and bankers and could not take her into this high class of

people.

She alleges that she upbraided him for not quitting the lobbying business and finding real work and that he said people thought him rich and he value of \$500. Edith Sears, negro, an would not humiliate himself by work-

Mrs. Herdman alleges that her hussuspicion. The woman, it is said, telephoned to a male acquaintance in power for the immedate overthrow of band is now in possession of \$35,000 Council Bluffs she was going to give worth of money and property and him some pretty shirts and wanted to see him before she left the city. asks for suitable alimony. Explaining these, Mr. Walling said:

"The importance of these instruc-**Two Divisions Sent** tions are clear when it is realized that without them an international so-To Kaiser's Aid When cialist conference would be composed of at, least 90 per cent of 20 Were Demanded kaiserists, Lolsheviki, pro-Germans, pro-bolsheviki, pacifist fanatics, pa-

cifist compromisers and neutrals. Geneva, Aug. 14 .- Twenty divisions "And the power and threat of these of troops were demanded of Gertreacherous forces must not be under estimated even in England and many's allies by General Ludendorff France. Of the 300 parliamentary during the retreat from the Marne, candidates of the labor party so far according to the Democrat, which re-chosen some 225 are pacifists. While ceived the news from German sources. there is little danger that a majority Austria-Hungary refused, but after of these can be elected, there is grave General Ludendorff had made threats, danger that very many may be. In Vienna sent two divisions to the west-France two-thirds of the socialist ern front.

#### Schooner Is Safe.

party, led by Longuet, and an even larger part of the unions are in the Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 14 .-pacifist camp, in bitter opposition to Owners of the fishing schooner On their own government and anxious to Time, previously reported sunk by a German submarine, said today the vessel was safe in an Atlantic port.

Chaulnes and Roye, upon the capture of which the efforts of the British and **Guns Planted Thickly** French have been centered. On this central part of the battle front the by the Enemy. enemy continues to deliver violent counter attacks and also has further reinforced his line with men and guns By Associated Press. and is using them without stint to re-

other of the Franco-American line be-tween Soissons and Rheims and far into the back areas, the Germans foresee the ultimate success of the American and British operations dropped bombs from the air before along the Somme. In any event the daylight today. The remainder of retrograde movement seemingly indithe day was confined to a sluggish cates that the 10-mile salient between Beaumont-Hamel and the Bray on the reciprocal artillery duel.

On the flanks of the position, which are held by the French, light must give way in order that the German front here may come into alignattacks were repulsed during Tuesday ment with that in the south across the night. The French also were sub-Somme. 'Probably the Germans purjected to bomb attacks. At no points has there been any alteration in the pose to readjust their front from the Somme to Arras.

#### French Gain Important Route.

halted have there been aerial raids of The capture of Ribecourt by the French marks an important epoch in the offensive which has for its immediate purpose the freeing of the repounded and almost every village and gion between the Somme and the the roads between were subjected to Oise. As a gain from the strategic standpoint it ranks with the taking by the bombardment, but the great numthe French of the forest and hill pober of bombs fell on unoccupied ground. This was taken to indicate sitions between the Matz and he Oise, which has brought the French almost to the gates of Lassigny. that the German air men were striking more or less blindly. Allied Through Ribecourt lies an open route anti-aircraft guns hampered the enup the Oise valley to Noyon-a route by rail and the big national thorough-The present German line, which is still regarded as only a temporary fare, not to mention the canal which

parallels the roadways for the one, depends on a defense of ma-chine guns and airplanes. The en-emy has concentrated machine guns only a little more than six miles at about one for every 50 yards, a northeast of Ribecourt. density rarely effected. Their aerial Although they are sti

Although they are still encounterdefense relatively is far superior to ing violent resistance, the French are any established hitherto on this front. continuing to make progress through the wooded and hilly country between the Matz and the Oise, where the Germans from recesses in the forests, on spurs and in the canyons are using machine guns innumerable. Gas also A sneak thief entered the apart-is being loosed in great quantities by ment of N. C. Baum, a traveling sales-the enemy. Almost entire control of man, at the Claremont Inn, forced the Thiescourt plateau and the other open a grip and took diamond stick- high ground on this sector is now in

the hands of the French. employe of the inn, was arrested on Eleven-Year-Old Girl May Die as Result Of Auto Accident

#### Harriett Barrows, 11-year-old daughter of H. W. Barrows, 2617 Camden avenue, was run down and seriously, if not fatally, injured at 8 'clock last night at Twentieth street and Grand avenue/ by an automobile lriven by Miss Gertrude Curtis, 1701 Davenport street. Miss Curtis was laced under arrest after she had aken the injured girl to the Swedish

Mission hospital. The little girl on roller skates had ttempted to cross Grand avenue just as the Curtis automobile swung around the corner. A rapidly moving auto came up on the other side of the Curtis car, and in operating her c... in order to avoid a collision Miss Curtis struck the girl.

A hasty examination at the hos-pital showed that the girl suffered internal injuries from which she may die. Miss Curtis was released on \$1,000 bonds.

**Russians** Impressed Into Kaiser's Service **By Flying Columns** London, Aug. 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Vladivostok dated Sunday says the Germans al-

small scale.

them to death.

Russians.'

emy somewhat.

Sneak Thief in Hotel

Gets Salesman's Gems

oins, cuff buttons and rings to the

ready are conscripting Russians on

taken by the Czecho-Slovaks," says the dispatch, "German flying col-

umns are impressing males from 18

to 45 years of age and are bringing

those who disobey the mobilization

order before Germanized revolu-

tionary tribunals, which condemn

German company and platoon com-

manders and are stiffened by 20

Germans or Magyars to every 60

"These conscripted units have

"According to stories of prisoners

