

PERSHING GIVES SERVICE MEDAL TO GEN. FOCH

American Leader Bestows the First Decoration Created by Congress Upon Generalissimo of Allies.

Senlis, Nov. 14.—Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France, conferred upon General Marshal Foch, the commander-in-chief of the allied armies, the American Distinguished Service Medal.

The presentation was made in the name of President Wilson at the villa where Marshal Foch has his headquarters and was an impressive ceremony.

A guard of honor was drawn up at headquarters and trumpeters blew a fanfare as Marshal Foch, with General Pershing at his right, took positions a few paces in front of the guard.

For Distinguished Service. "The congress of the United States has created this medal to be conferred upon those who have rendered distinguished service to our country."

Two Clasp Hands. General Pershing then pinned the medal on Marshal Foch's breast and the two stood with their hands clasped as the trumpet sounded once more.

In accepting the decoration, Marshal Foch said: "I will wear this medal with pleasure and pride. In days of triumph as well as in dark and critical hours, I will never forget the tragic day last March when General Pershing put at my disposal without restriction all the resources of the American army."

Believes Explosion, Which Cost 100 Lives Enemy Agent's Work

Perth Amboy, N. J., Nov. 14.—Conviction that the explosion last month at the T. A. Gillespie shell loading plant at Morgan, which cost 100 lives, was the work of an enemy agent, was voiced at the senate investigation of the tragedy today by Hugh A. Leonard, superintendent of the unit in which the explosion occurred.

After a debate among members of the investigating committee E. A. Yates, vice president and general manager of the Gillespie company, was permitted to testify publicly that on the day of the explosion there were between 25,000 and 30,000 pounds of T. N. T., nitrate of ammonia, loaded shells and smokeless powder at the plant.

Girl of Nine Years Probably Fatally Shot

Jennie Prestito, 608 Pierce Street, aged 9 years, was probably fatally injured Thursday evening when a girl friend about the same age shot her with a 22 caliber revolver. The bullet passed through the right lung and according to the hospital authorities at the St. Catharine hospital where she was taken, the chances of recovery are very small.

U. S. Loans \$100,000,000 to Italy for War Supplies

Washington, Nov. 14.—A credit of \$100,000,000 for Italy was announced today by the treasury. This will be used largely to pay for foodstuffs and war supplies already ordered by the Italian government in this country and in process of manufacture or export.

World Peace Celebration Proposed at Washington

Washington, Nov. 14.—Representative Fess of Ohio, republican, today introduced a resolution setting aside July 4, 1919, "as a day of world celebration to commemorate the ending of the war," and appropriating half a million dollars for a celebration in Washington, to which all governments, including the central powers, would be invited.

Ten Thousand Soldiers Join in Victory March

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 14.—More than 10,000 soldiers and civilians marched today in the local celebration of "Victory day" and tonight 3,000 persons jammed the coliseum at a patriotic mass meeting. Hundreds of overseas soldiers from Fort Des Moines hospital took part in the parade.

Seven Generals Discharged

Washington, Nov. 14.—Honorable discharge from the grade of general officer of seven brigadier generals, now on duty with the American expeditionary forces, was announced today by the War department. Brigadier Generals Charles I. Martin, Nathaniel F. McClure, Robert H. Noble, Gordon G. Heiler, Frederick S. Foltz, James A. Ship-ton and George W. Gatchell are returned to their former rank of colonel.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT HANDLES RAIL DISPUTES

Washington, Nov. 14.—Employment disputes involving railroad telegraphers, switchmen, clerks and maintenance of way men hereafter will be adjusted by a new railroad administration board of adjustment. "No. 3" establishment of which was announced today by Director General McAdoo. This body, consisting of four representatives appointed by the regional directors and one each by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Switchmen's union, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, will pass only on disputes over interpretation of contracts if the employees and railroad executives are unable to agree.

The director general also authorized the railroad administration's division of labor, directed by W. S. Carter, to consider disputes involving employment conditions, but not wages, for employees of the American Railway Express company. This was prompted by sporadic strikes of expressmen in the south after discharge of certain employees. The director general referred to a former order specifying that no discrimination may be made against railroad employees on account of membership in unions, and explained that this applies to express employees. Disputes are to be referred to the railroad administration's division of labor only after employees' organizations and the chief operating officer of the express company have failed to agree.

HUNS PUBLISH NEW PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT

Many Modifications Toward Democracy Made Including Suffrage and Freedom of Speech.

Berne, Nov. 14.—A dispatch received here from Berlin says the new government has published its program in a proclamation. The dispatch adds the program enforces many modifications toward democracy and liberty, economically and politically.

The proclamation includes that the victims of the fighting during the past few days inside greater Berlin shall be buried together in the cemetery where the victims of the 1848 revolution were buried. The proclamation announced that the status of officers who attended to the fallen during the war, that there is to be full liberty for all, even functionaries to form associations; the censorship, including that on theatricals, is abolished; there are to be freedom of speech and of writing, amnesty for political offenses, an eight-hour work day, and universal direct secret suffrage, with proportional representation for both sexes above 20 years old, for elections to all public bodies.

To Convene Assembly

The Berlin government, according to the Frankfort Zeitung, after some resistance from the independent socialists, has resolved that as soon as the business program has been settled it will take up the question of the convocation of a national assembly.

News reaching here seems to show that a serious effort is being made in Berlin to maintain order. The Vossische Zeitung publishes a notice to the public that persons are not permitted in the streets after 8 p. m. The same newspaper announces the arrest of two civilians and three soldiers for killing.

Ministers All Socialists

Copenhagen, Nov. 14.—The new German government has been organized with the following cabinet members: Premier and interior and military affairs, Friedrich Ebert.

To Confiscate Property

London, Nov. 14.—The property of the German crown will be confiscated, according to a German wireless message received here today. According to a proclamation issued by the new Prussian government, the entailed property of the German crown will be placed under the administration of the minister of finance. Property which is not entailed, but which is personal to the former king and his family, will not be affected.

Meeting Arranged

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United Lutheran Church Consolidation Accomplished

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correspondence be carried on only in the French language with towns in Alsace-Lorraine. Allied prisoners who have been liberated are being let by the Alsacians and Lorrainians. Even the departing German soldiers have fraternized with the populations.

With the American Army in France, Nov. 14.—(By Associated Press.)—The Germans opposite the First American army north and northeast of Verdun are reported to be moving northward rapidly. Preparations begun by the enemy several days ago to withdraw in force now are becoming effective.

The advance guard of several hundred Russian, Polish and Italian soldiers, freed by the Germans in Lorraine, reached the American lines in the region of St. Hilaire today. The first group numbered 45. They said they were released several days ago, the Germans telling them to start for the American lines immediately. The released prisoners were attired principally in German uniforms.

As a further indication that the German withdrawal has begun came reports today from various parts of the front that explosions were being heard. It is believed the Germans are destroying their old shells and ammunition dumps in excess of the ammunition which is to be turned over to the allies according to the armistice.

The Thirty-second division reported explosions in the direction of Muzery and two heavy explosions in the direction of Ehin, which were followed by lighter detonations. Other explosions were heard beyond Merles and in that region this afternoon.

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HOOVER ENTERS UPON TASK OF FEEDING WORLD

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ligations of the government, including particularly the guarantee for minimum prices for 1919 wheat, still will be binding and will be fulfilled.

Mr. Hoover plans to return to America by Christmas. He said he would study especially problems of German provisioning, the important question for decision being whether this shall be done on a cash or credit basis.

Although Mr. Hoover did not ask for extension of the food control law, several senators said it is a question for congress in view of possible price increase in prices at the expiration of the law.

Britain To Furnish Supplies. London, Nov. 14.—(British Wireless Service.)—Sir Albert H. Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, announced today that the first step had been taken to relax prohibition on imports and exports.

The Daily Express is officially informed that the arrangements being made to supply the German people's most pressing need for food will not entail shortages for the allied nations. Germany has already made known her immediate wants and the inter-allied food council will decide what supplies should be allotted, first taking into consideration the requirements of the allies.

One of Germany's requests is for fish. Great Britain will be able to supply large quantities of herrings and other pickled fish without deprivation to herself. The allied wheat reserves will not be lessened by Germany's need for bread, but there is no immediate prospect of white loaves in this country.

Mexican Monetary System Placed on Gold Basis. Mexico City, Nov. 14.—President Carranza today issued a decree, reforming the monetary system of Mexico by placing it on a strictly gold basis.

The recent monetary crisis was caused by the exportation of silver half-peso pieces, which as the result of the higher price of silver, were worth more as bullion than as coin.

Under the new decree peso and half-peso pieces will be coined with less silver in them, making their exportation profitable.

Two Killed When Valve Bursts on Navy Steamship. New York, Nov. 14.—Two men were killed, one of them a lieutenant of the United States naval reserves, and two badly scalded when a steam valve burst on an American steamship in the service of the navy while at its pier here today.

The men killed were Lt. Alexander W. Walls and Sylvester Tennoyer, foreman of a civilian crew of machinists.

A similar accident occurred on the ship about a week ago, when 12 men were seriously burned.

Revolutionary Movement Spreading in East Prussia. Basel, Switzerland, Nov. 14.—The revolutionary movement is spreading strongly in East Prussia. A semi-official dispatch from Berlin reports that Koenigsberg, Allenstein, Insterberg, Gumbinnen and Loetzen are in the hands of the revolutionists. Governor von Bactock of Posen, former German food minister, has put himself at the disposal of the revolutionists.

The revolutionary governments at Mannheim, have summoned the grand duke of Baden to abdicate.

Norway's Shipping Losses in War 1,250,000 Tons. London, Nov. 14.—(British Wireless Service.)—Norway lost during the war 831 vessels, aggregating close on to 1,250,000 tons, according to official statistics. In addition 33 vessels of approximately 69,000 tons were damaged by German submarines.

One thousand one hundred and twenty-five lives were lost in these disasters.

American Red Cross Feeds Released Italian Prisoners. Trieste, Nov. 14.—The American Red Cross, working with the Italian authorities, has succeeded in gathering here sufficient food for 40,000 of the Italian prisoners now pouring in here on their way home from Austria. Among the released prisoners are American, British and French soldiers.

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The Bee's Free Shoe Fund To Buy Shoes For Shoeless Children

An office full of youngsters, properly vouched for by their teachers, were supplied with new shoes by the committee Wednesday.

Little thin slippers, leaving ankles cold, were replaced by stout, well-fitting shoes. Gaping boots, were taken off and the young owners fitted with warm, protecting winter shoes. This happens three times a week—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—in the attendance officer's rooms in the city hall.

Polling in Britain for New Parliament to Take Place Dec. 14. London, Nov. 14.—(British Wireless Service.)—A proclamation will be issued November 25, summoning a new parliament, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and government spokesman, announced in the house of commons today.

Major Fling to Lecture to Nebraska Association. Washington, Nov. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—A meeting of the Nebraska State association will be held next Tuesday evening, when Maj. Fred Morrow Fling, U. S. A., formerly professor of European history at the University of Nebraska, will deliver a lecture on "The World Crisis."

Officers of the association are: E. K. Nielson, president; W. H. Whelan, vice president; J. H. Hanley, secretary; H. A. Harding, treasurer.

Senator Hitchcock returned to the capital today from Omaha. The senator had no observation to make on the result of the recent election. Gurdon W. Wattles, food administrator for Nebraska, was in Washington today enroute to New York.

Contributions to War Work Fund Total \$65,556,929. New York, Nov. 14.—Contributions by the nation to the United War Work campaign for \$170,500,000 totalled \$65,556,929 at noon today, it was announced at national headquarters here tonight.

New York City raised \$3,211,800 today up to noon, making a total of \$16,043,057 towards its quota of \$35,000,000. Large contributions announced here were: Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., \$500,000; Edward S. Harkness, \$300,000; and American Telephone and Telegraph company, \$250,000.

Swiss Troubles Ended, President Announces. Paris, Nov. 14.—The only news received from Switzerland up to a late hour this evening was a dispatch saying President Calonder had announced in the national council that agitation had ceased and the troubles in Switzerland were ended.

No Swiss newspapers have reached Paris in the last two days.

German Cruiser Aground; Commander Refuses Aid. London, Nov. 14.—(British Wireless Service.)—A big German cruiser is aground near Malmo, Sweden, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen. The commander of the warship refused all proffered assistance. The cruiser is reported to have a large number of airplanes on board.

Miss Wilson Will Sing at U. S. A. Headquarters. Headquarters of the American First Army, Souilly, France, Nov. 14.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, is to sing at headquarters here tomorrow. In the afternoon she will give a recital for the officers and in the evening another for the enlisted men.

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PEACE CONGRESS TO MEET BEFORE END OF THE YEAR

Premiers of Allied Powers Return to Paris to Confer With Col. House on Arrangements.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The general feeling of the associated governments is that Versailles—Paris—is the most convenient place to hold the peace conference and if this were decided upon it would serve as a recognition of the paramount position of France in the war.

Washington, Nov. 14.—It is probable that the first meeting of the peace congress will be held soon after the English parliamentary elections which take place December 14, and at a time which will give ample opportunity for the American and other delegates to arrive.

Premier David Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour of Great Britain, Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sennino of Italy, Premier Venizelos of Greece and Foreign Minister Pachitch of Serbia are on their way here for a resumption of the conferences at the home of Col. Edward M. House, special representative of the United States government, and the sessions at Versailles.

Besides outlining the general program of the congress the question of meeting the food situation in Germany and Austria probably will be considered.

British Casualties Total 30,535 Last Week of War. London, Nov. 14.—Casualties in the British ranks reported in the week ending today total 30,535 officers and men, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers 387; men 6,237. Wounded or missing: Officers 1,049; men 22,862.

Pacific Liner Burns. San Francisco, Nov. 14.—The Pacific Mail Steamship company's steamer, Pennsylvania, sank at her dock at Iquique, Chile, November 13, after fire had burned her to the water's edge, according to advices received at the company's office here today.

No lives reported lost. The Pennsylvania, valued at \$600,000, was under charter to the United States shipping board.

Admiral Mayo Visits Venice. Italian Army Headquarters, Nov. 14.—Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the American Atlantic fleet, visited Venice yesterday and was received by King Victor Emmanuel. Later the admiral left for Paris.

Havana Strike Ends. Havana, Nov. 14.—All the striking employees, with the exception of the harbor workers, returned to work this morning, and conditions in the city are virtually normal.

Two Airmen Die in Fall. Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 14.—Lieutenants William V. MacCurdy of East St. Louis and Albert R. Meyers of Huron, S. D., were killed at Barron field today when the airplane in which they were flying fell 4,000 feet while on a test flight.

Government Workmen Making \$57 Weekly Go Out Upon Strike

New York, Nov. 14.—Workmen employed on government construction in Brooklyn went on a strike today because of termination of overtime and Sunday work.

With overtime and Sunday work, the men have been making about \$57 weekly.

750,000 MEN IN LAST OFFENSIVE OF U. S. ARMY

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currents unique in our army annals. Not the least of these was the arrest of a major general in the United States army by Yankee troops.

The Forty-second, which comes from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Alabama, Iowa, Georgia, South Carolina, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Nebraska, California, Maryland, Texas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Jersey, Virginia, Missouri, Iowa and the District of Columbia, was racing with the First Division of the regular army to see which could get into Sedan first.

General McArthur was out before the patriots of his command and was bundled up in an army coat as a protection against the cold and the mud. A patrol unit he came upon did not see his insignia. Taking no chances, they placed him under arrest and made him prove his identity. He was only a few moments in doing this.

The last great battle on the front held by the Americans began, as I said, on September 26 when nine of our divisions went over the top. Some of these nine divisions continued to hammer the Huns for three weeks, notably the Fifty-second, which held on to the enemy's heels with the most wonderful tenacity.

On another sector were the Eighty-ninth division, composed of men from Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, and the Second division of regulars formerly under the command of Maj. Gen. Wright, who has been promoted to corps commander. It was this latter division which took Stenay and advanced deeply toward Montmedy before the armistice stopped them.

St. Joseph Street Car Lines Tied Up by Strike. St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 14.—St. Joseph has been without street car service since early today as a result of street railway employees called, union leaders say, because the company refused to recognize employees of the power house as members of the union. The company has not announced when it will attempt to resume car service.

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