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BREAK WITH TURKEY EXPECTED TO FOLLOW

Ottoman Troops Also Attack U. S. Consul- ate in Persia.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL SACKED BY TURKS

Attacks on American Consulate and Looting of Missionary Hospital at Tabriz Believed to Presage Long Anticipated Action.

Washington, June 19.—Attack by Turkish troops on the American consulate at Tabriz, Persia, and the looting of an American missionary hospital in that city, reported to the State Department today, was believed in some quarters here to presage the long anticipated declaration of the existence of a state of war between the United States and the Ottoman Empire.

Diplomatic relations between the two governments have been suspended since April 20, 1917, when Turkey withdrew Abdul Hak Husseinbey, who had been acting as charge of the Turkish embassy here since the compulsory retirement of the ambassador which followed his open criticism of the United States Government. Necessarily American Ambassador Morgenthau was obliged to leave Constantinople.

Demand For War.

Recently there have been vigorous demands in Congress for a declaration of war on Turkey and Bulgaria, but President Wilson and the State Department have not regarded this step as necessary or desirable, since there has been no actual collision between American and Turkish and Bulgarian troops.

On the face of the reports from American Minister Caldwell, at Tereheren, officials were inclined to believe the sacking of an American hospital, a Presbyterian institution, over the protest of the Spanish consul in charge as representative of American interests, furnished the necessary provocation for open hostilities between America and Turkey.

Meager Advices.

The advices were meager and the minister explained that he was only transmitting reports of matters not of his own knowledge.

American doctors and nurses stationed in the hospital were believed to have left Tabriz before the Turkish troops arrived.

DEATH OF MR. W. A. MULLER

Telegrams were received in the city yesterday morning from Mrs. W. A. Muller that her husband, Albert Muller, died at 5:30 a. m., at Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. Muller before her marriage was Miss Ollie McIlwain, and is a cousin to Mrs. R. E. Cox of this city. Mr. Muller had been a merchant-tailor in Greenwood for many years, but for the last few years his health was poor, and he was at Hendersonville for recuperation when the end came. There are no children, Mrs. Muller is alone to bear the heavy loss.

It is expected that the remains will be brought here and buried at Long Cane today. Mr. and Mrs. Muller were members of the Lutheran church.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED.

Springfield, Ohio, June 19.—Lieut. Frank Stewart Patterson of Dayton, O., and Lieut. LeRoy Swan of Norwich, Conn., were instantly killed at the Wright Aviation field between this city and Dayton this afternoon when their airplane collapsed in mid-air.

Americans Make Raid Over Marne

AMERICANS MAKE IT WARM AROUND CHATEAU THIERRY AND HUNS RETALIATE.

With the American Army in France, June 19.—Two American patrols crossed the Marne east of Chateau Thierry early this morning. They established contact with the hostile forces, killed a considerable number of the enemy and brought back prisoners. These were from Landwehr units, which is taken as an indication that no hostile attacks are intended at this point in the immediate future.

Late this afternoon American machine gunners discovered a hostile party in considerable numbers apparently making ready to attempt to cross the river. But after these guns were turned loose for a few minutes the enemy abandoned whatever plans he had.

The American artillery east and west of Chateau Thierry for several hours late last night and this morning deluged the enemy with shells.

The enemy retaliated today with numerous long-range batteries.

MEN TO BE RECLASSIFIED

Those Married Since May, 1917, Must Also Fight.

The following notice is published at the request of the local board Abbeville:

"Under instructions from the War Department, it becomes necessary for this board to place in class-No. 1 all registrants, married since May 18th, 1917, who have been given deferred classification on account of a dependent wife, unless said registrant proves that he has a child, born or in being, on or before June 9th, 1918, in which case such registrant is entitled to class No. 2.

"Registrants are instructed to notify this board, by return mail, in which class they should be placed. Investigation may follow later.

ABBEVILLE FLYER.

Mr. Norman H. Langley, a brother of Mr. W. M. Langley, of the Abbeville Cotton Mills, and son of Mr. J. B. Langley, now of South Greenwood, but formerly of Abbeville, is in France in the Aviation corps. He reads The Press and Banner, and says that it is giving the people the right advice on the war. His friends in Abbeville County will be glad to know that he is well and that he is performing his part in the work assigned him to do.

BAKER WOULD APPROVE NEW DRAFT AGE BILL

Washington, June 19.—An amendment to the draft law, extending the ages from 18 to 45 years, would be given his approval, Secretary of War Baker announced this afternoon.

ADD 250,000 TO CLASS ONE.

Washington, June 19.—Preliminary reports indicate that more than 250,000 men may be added to class one, available for immediate military duty as a result of Provost Marshal General Crowder's recent order for revision of deferred classification lists by local draft boards.

ITALIAN TROOPS TAKE PRISONERS

Over Nine Thousand Now in Hand.

GUNS ALSO CAPTURED

Thrusts Into Asiago Plateau Yield Rich Returns in Men and Material.

Rome, June 19.—The Italians have captured since the beginning of the Austro-Hungarian offensive on the Italian front prisoners to the number of 9,011 and have taken many guns and several hundred machine guns, the Italian war office announced today.

The text of the Italian statement in part, follows:

"On the night of June 17-18 and in the course of yesterday the enemy did not renew his attack from the Asiago plateau to the Montello. His partial actions were completely repulsed in the Grappa and Montello region.

"We carried out thrusts on the Asiago plateau, the allied detachments capturing many score of prisoners and two guns.

Artillery Does Damage.

"With unceasing pressure we shortened the front opened by the enemy south of Montebelluno Railway. Our artillery with deadly concentration of fire did not give truce to the enemy masses waiting along the front of the battle or in movement in the back areas.

"Yesterday morning was calm on the Piave River, but in the afternoon the battle again broke out furiously.

"New attempts made by the enemy to cross to the right bank from San Andrea to Candelu were repulsed. On the embankment of the river between Candelu and Fossalta the strenuous defense of our troops tried the enemy sorely and his impetus was broken by our infantry.

"Equally intense was the struggle which raged in the sector of Fossalta southeast of Meola and north of Capo Sile.

"Prisoners taken since the beginning of the battle amount to 9,011. Many guns and several hundred Austrian machine guns remain in our hands.

"The number of enemy airplanes brought down now amounts to 50. Two of our own or allied machines are missing."

FRANCIS MABRY.

News has been received in Abbeville of the safe arrival overseas of Francis Mabry. This is good news, indeed, to his many warm friends who are glad that he is safe and expect him to come covered with all the glories and honors of war.

ATTENDING THE MEETING.

Mr. Herbert L. Allen went to Washington this week to attend the annual meeting of the Cottonseed Crushers Association. He renewed old friendships among the men and enjoyed the sights of the Capital City.

FOUR MORE HELD ON GRAFT CHARGES

Washington, D. C., June 19.—Employees of the war and navy department today were drawn into the net set by the department of justice for war contract brokers, thru indictments returned by a Federal grand jury charging four men with trying to collect on a duplicate bill for \$187,000 submitted by a dry-dock company for repairs to a government vessel. The case does not involve contingent fee profiteers, but grew out of the investigation into their practices.

PROHIBITION BILL MAY BE ADOPTED

Before Senate as Rider to Important Measure

YEAS AND NAYS HEARD

President Wilson Understood to Have Declined to Interfere in Much Discussed Question.

Washington, June 19.—President Wilson is understood to have declined today to interpose active opposition for the present at least to the Jones amendment to the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural appropriation bill providing for absolute prohibition during the war.

The president is said to have taken the position that, while he would have preferred precipitation of the prohibition question in separate legislation he would not at this time interfere in the matter, or so long as it does not hold up final enactment of the emergency agricultural bill or other necessary legislation. Should it interfere with such legislation, it is understood the president might ask that the amendment be eliminated.

Senators Smith of South Carolina, acting chairman of the senate agriculture committee, discussed the question with the president late today after Bainbridge Colby, representing Chairman Hurley of the shipping board had offered vigorous objection to absolute prohibition at the hearing on the Jones amendment before the agriculture committee.

A UNION MAN.

Our son Bill, has been anxious to earn some money during the vacation, and has been after his mother to give him some work for this purpose. After suggesting several different jobs, none of which appealed to Bill, she told him she would pay him twenty-five cents per week to keep the lot cleaned up. Bill informed us of the offer, saying that he could not do the work for that as the regular price is thirty cents.

2,000 U. S. AIRPLANES NOW FLYING IN FRANCE

Indianapolis, Ind., June 19.—The United States has 6,000 airplanes complete and 2,000 flying over the trenches of France.

This was the declaration of Representative Scott Ferris, chairman of the national Democratic congressional campaign committee, addressing the Democratic State convention here this afternoon.

EXPRESS MERGER MUST DISSOLVE AFTER WAR

Washington, June 19.—Federal control of the merged express companies will end 21 months after the declaration of peace, it was officially learned this afternoon. Geo. C. Taylor will be placed in charge and the name of the merger will be either the American National Express Company or the Federal Express Company.

BRITISH HOLD GROUND.

London, June 19.—The Austrians have been able to make virtually no progress against the British forces holding an important section of the line on the Italian front. The situation on the British front is unchanged, according to the official communication tonight describing these operations.

Washington, June 19.—Major General Henry A. Greene, who has been in command of the 91st division national army, at Camp Lewis, Washington, has been ordered to report to Washington.

TEUTONS LOSING GRIP IN FACE OF FAILURES

Austria's Grain Supply Is Out

GETTING SCANT AMOUNT NOW FROM GERMANY AND UKRAINA.

London, June 19.—"Austria's grain supplies have completely run out and such food of this nature as she is getting is coming from what Germany has allotted to her of the Ukrainian supplies according to indications in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

This message quotes an interview with Herr Paul, the Austrian food minister, obtained by the Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt in which the minister confirmed the news of the recent reduction in the Austrian bread ration. This, he said was due to insufficient supplies from Bessarabia and Hungary.

The entire 1917 harvest from these sources had been distributed and consumed the minister stated and the Rumanian harvest had also been used up.

The supplies exported from the Ukraine were very unsatisfactory in quantity, while the agreement with Germany had been altered with Germany taking over the entire distribution of the Ukrainian supplies. Of these Austria was guaranteed certain quantities.

Herr Paul arrived in Berlin on Tuesday, the message adds, to confer with the military authorities.

NEWS FROM LIEUT. DICK.

The many friends in Abbeville of Lieut. Blanding Dick will be delighted to know that he has escaped all the German horrors and is back in South Carolina after eight months in France.

Lieut. Dick is in the artillery branch of the service and has been in the trenches. He is now stationed at Camp Jackson as instructor. Lieut. Dick aided in the War Savings Stamp Campaign, making an address in the court house at Sumter last Sunday.

AMERICANS JOIN ITALIANS IN AIR

Washington, June 19.—The first escadrille of American aviators trained in Italy started today for the Italian front, and will go into action immediately upon their arrival, the Italian embassy was informed today by cable from Rome. The aviators are accompanied by Captain Laguardia, a member of congress, who has been in Italy several months.

"This first contingent," said the cablegram, "is composed entirely of volunteers representing the finest specimen of American youth. This morning they were received by Commissioner of Aeronautics Chiesa and Assistant Secretary of State Galenga and numerous civil and military authorities.

"After many evidences of solidarity given by the United States this contribution of airmen to our fighting front constitutes a fresh truth of the invaluable support of America, the significance of which is deeply appreciated by the Italian nation."

The Government needs your money; you need the stamps.

Do or Die Spirit Now Seems Lacking With Teutonic Allies.

EFFORTS BREAK DOWN BEFORE ALLIED FIRE

In Days Gone by Followers of Wilhelm and Karl Have Gone Ahead Dispositions Seem to Have Changed.

The Teutonic allies apparently have lost their spirit of do or die. Their attacks everywhere lately have lacked the tenaciousness of days gone by.

Instead of ploughing through allied lines with stubborn indifference to casualties so long as an objective was gained, they now waver and then halt in the face of the artillery and rifle fire of the men barring their way and with the points they were trying to gain still far beyond their reach.

Ambitious attempts by the troops of the central powers in the past few weeks have proven this. The opening of a gateway to Paris thru the western front running from Montdidier to the Marne have failed completely, the offensive on the Italian battle line launched by the Austrians seemingly has failed miserably in the mountain regions and apparently has almost been stopped along the Piave, while a stroke started by the Germans against Rheims broke down in its inception without the enemy taking a yard of terrain.

Troops Mown Down.

And in these various attempted enterprises the high commands of the German and Austro-Hungarian armies have seen their men literally mown down until battle fields have been clogged with dead or wounded as recompense to the allied troops for the small bits of terrain they yielded.

Claims of Austria.

The Austrian war office asserts that the Austro-Hungarian troops have crossed the Fossata canal at some points.

Rome, on the other hand, declares that all the weak attempts made in the Montello region were completely repulsed.

The attacks of the Germans near Rheims resulted disastrously to them.

SAVANNAH FIRM TO LAUNCH ITS SECOND SHIP JULY 4TH

Savannah, June 19.—The Terry Shipbuilding Corporation will launch its second standard composite ship July 4, when the Oglethorpe will be floated. She is 3,600 tons register, 300 feet over all and valued at \$500,000. She is built of steel frame with wooden skin. The name Oglethorpe was selected in commemoration of the famous man who settled Georgia.

NOTICE W. S. S. WORKERS

All school teachers and other W. S. S. Workers are requested to meet at Abbeville Saturday, June 22nd, at 12 o'clock.

Come if possible, if not please send us a report of your canvass.

F. E. Harrison, Co. Chm'n.

COLORED SOLDIERS LEAVE.

Rev. H. M. Moore, pastor of the colored Baptist church, will make an address, and Rev. Massey will offer prayer on the departure of the fifty-one colored men to Camp Jackson today.