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KAISER CALLS WAR COUNCIL

Heavy Losses, Without Reserves, Cause Germans Serious Problem.

PRINCE RUPPRECHT

Is Holding the British and French Forces Back in Belgium.

(United Press Service) Washington, D. C., Aug. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—While official reports continued to indicate comparatively small operations on the western front in raids and artillery duels today, the kaiser summoned his chiefs to grand headquarters for what is expected to be a conference of great importance.

After repeated attempts the German crown prince has failed to dent French lines in the Verdun sector. Although Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has prevented the British and French from breaking through in Belgium up to date, he has not been able to stop the German slaughter. Continued heavy losses without the proper reserve forces to call upon is furnishing the Germans a serious problem.

Whether a new strategic alignment of the German forces will be undertaken may be decided by the conferences.

The submarine warfare is also likely to be a subject of great consideration. The weekly toll taken by the U-boat is shrinking. A policy of restricting the submarine campaign to a smaller area than at present would not be surprising.

(United Press Service) Amsterdam, Aug. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—One of the most important conferences in months has been called by the kaiser at Grand headquarters.

Chancellor Nicholas has left Berlin headquarters in response to a summons from the kaiser, reports received here today state.

Participating in the conference will be the military governmental and diplomatic leaders of the empire.

Those attending furnish one of the most important arrays of German leaders that have come together since the outbreak of the war.

In the conference with the kaiser will be: The crown prince; Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, chief of staff; Quartermaster General Ludendorff, Hindenburg's right hand man; Chancellor Michaelis; Dr. Kuhlmann, the new foreign secretary; Vice Chancellor and Minister of Interior Helfrich, and Dr. Von Steffin.

It is believed the entire military and foreign policies of the country are to be discussed and a definite program outlined.

(United Press Service) Washington, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Both houses of congress rested today, preparatory to swinging in Friday on the final lap of the war session. Leaders hope to adjourn by September 15, at the latest.

The senate tomorrow begins consideration of the \$2,000,000,000 tax bill. A general agreement has been reached to limit discussion as much as possible.

Senator Simmons, chairman finance committee, believes it will pass without much change. Other measures still to be considered are the trading with the enemy act and the deficiency appropriation bill.

Majority Leader Martin, of the senate said today that night sessions may be held to expedite work on the revenue bill.

(United Press Service) London, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Complete confidence was expressed today that with the inquiries in the house of commons as to the assurances the kaiser claimed King George gave him that England would keep out of the war, it will be found that his majesty acted with all propriety.

Unofficial statements today were that Prince Henry had undoubtedly deliberately mistated the facts relating to his conference with the king.

Paris, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Artillery duels again raged in the Aisne sector of the French front during last night.

The war office today reported artillery exchanges in the regions of Pithon Ridge and Chrevigny. In the reg-

ion of Eparges and north of Vauxes Palameix detachments cleaned up an enemy trench, inflicted losses of the Germans and returned to their own lines unhurt.

London, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Extensive movements behind the German lines, reported by aerial observers today, were believed to indicate growing nervousness on the part of the enemy as the days pass without a general resumption of the Flanders offensive.

Quick thrusts are being made at the German lines along the entire front by both British and French forces. Field Marshal Haig, having established a reputation for "mixing his blows," there is the greatest speculation regarding where the next big rush will come.

Having impressed upon the Russian people the necessity of a stern, dictatorial administration in a new proclamation, Premier Kerensky is organizing his new government today. With his administrative work disposed of, it would bring no surprise in London to hear that Kerensky has again left for the front to inspire the Russian troops.

Latest war office reports state that the Slav soldiers are fighting with the greatest bravery on the Galician front. Continued progress is reported in the offensive launched against the German lines, and in the region of Klimpolin, where the Germans are attacking, good order is being maintained, despite reverses met.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With the first draft of America's citizen soldier, only three weeks off the government today prepared to resist any legal assaults on the selective draft law.

Assured that the point of unconstitutionality is to be raised against the measure by Emma Goldman and others, Solicitor General Davis is at work to prove that drafted men may be sent to service over seas.

Both legal and military authorities say the law will stand any assault.

"The courts will approve sending drafted men to Europe," General Crowder said today. "The entire question was settled by the supreme court in the civil war draft. Service anywhere was approved by those decisions."

Authorities of the justice department hold likewise. Quick action will be necessary in case of test, because little time now remains before the troop movements are under way.

Decision of the provost marshal general to have the first 200,000 men entrained for cantonment camps by September 5 has necessitated tremendous action in all supply departments of the government.

Vast amounts of supplies are yet to be mobilized.

Meantime Herbert Hoover was on the job early today prepared to launch out on the greatest food conservation program ever attempted in a republic. To set the giant wheels of his food control machine into motion he awaits only the president's signature on the bill approved by the senate yesterday. Congress was resting today preparatory to starting out on the last lap of this session tomorrow, when the senate begins discussion of the \$200,000,000 appropriation.

(By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Armies Afield, Aug. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Great masses of smoke clouds hang over the German lines today as the French and the enemy exchange blows along various sections of the front.

Unable to wrest from the French the mastery of the air and thus prevent French aviators from flying over the German lines, the enemy is now taking recourse of a larger scale than ever before, to smoke clouds, which conceal the location of their guns.

The moment a French aviator appears over the German lines, huge clouds of smoke immediately rise and are continued until the aviator disappears. The Germans first began using smoke clouds to mask their batteries on the Flanders front. They soon brought it into general use. A smoke generator has now been developed by the Germans and it is part of the equipment of every battery. The smoke makers are known as the "Nebeltopf" among the Germans. Orders found on recently captured Germans show that they are placed at least 250 meters from battery in the direction from which the wind is blowing and at intervals of eight meters apart.

Emplacements are located around each battery, so that the generator can be changed rapidly with any shifts in the wind.

BASEBALL GAME

Will be Played by Company A Boys to Help Swell Company Fund.

ON NEXT SUNDAY

Two Good Teams Have Been Organized and a Good Game Promised.

Showing that the boys of Company A are not lacking in spirit, they have organized two base ball teams and intend to play their first game next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the old ball grounds, near the Clover Leaf railroad. This game will be played for the benefit of the company and consequently an admission fee will be charged.

As the boys need many things while they are in camp, every dollar added to their fund now, will give them more comfort in the days to come. The price of admission will be twenty-five cents, ladies admitted free.

The two teams are composed of some old star ball players and a good game is promised. They are now practicing diligently and there is a keen rivalry between them. Come out Sunday and help swell the company fund and also enjoy a good game.

The line-up follows:

First Team.
Emery, c; Smelser, p; C. Wilson, 1b; C. Stalter, 2b; Venis, 3b; C. A. Bason, ss; Colts, cf; Peterson, rf; Brown, lf; Hardan, sub; Nevil, sub.

Second Team.

Borne, c; Hixon, p; D. Brown, 1b; Kolter, 2b; F. McConnell, 3b; Lord, ss; Shoemaker, cf; Yahne, rf; Fryback, lf; Bears, sub; Bogner, sub.

LIFE AND DEATH

Births in County Were Six Times Number of Deaths During Month of July.

HIGHEST BIRTH RATE

In Many Years—Forty-two Births—Of This Number

Thirty Were Boys.

However many the war may thin out, nature is already providing the replacement thereof, for the birth list for Adams county, exclusive of Decatur, which has its own report, was forty-two for the month of July. This is a most marvelous record, being the highest in the four years' record made by Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, county health commissioner. Another marvelous feature shown by his monthly report, is, that of this number thirty of those born were males. Only twelve were females.

Another remarkable note is that there were only seven deaths in the county during July, exclusive of this city. Of this number, five were males and two were females. The oldest was seventy-six years old and the youngest, but two hours.

The July report shows that there were seventeen marriages. The oldest male was forty-six and the youngest, twenty. The oldest female was thirty-five and the youngest eighteen years old.

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RECORDS FOR COMPANY A

The Holthouse Drug Company delivered a fine Victrola to Company A at Camp Niblick, today but it will be useless until they have some records. If you have some old records, of which you have grown tired, Company A will be very grateful for them. You can leave them with Albert Sellemeyer at the Holthouse Drug store or give them to any member of the company.

AN ENJOYABLE OUTING

The Rotarians, their families, friends and sweethearts had a very enjoyable outing yesterday in the grove back of the district school, east of Bobo. The picnic party left here about four o'clock and at six their suppers were spread on the grass and a real picnic feast enjoyed.

FIVE MEN DID NOT REPORT.

Of the 212 men called by the local board to appear for the physical examinations, five did not report or file a reason for their absence. By virtue of the law they automatically become members of the regular army, if they do not report to the board by tomorrow. The five men are: Charles Messina, Magley, Ira Smith, First St., Decatur. Orville Wells, Decatur. Clifton Duer, Monroe. Clarence Stalter, Magley, R. R. No. 1.

MODIFIED RULING

Is Given Out Today by General Crowder—Teeth May be Treated.

TO REDUCE WEIGHT

From Five to Twelve Pounds—New Eye and Ear Regulations.

(United Press Service)

Washington, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Further steps were taken by the government today to increase the number of men available for service in the new national army. A ruling of the provost marshal general modified the physical requirements for duty.

If dental work will restore the teeth so as to meet demands of proper mastication, the man with defective teeth, should either be accepted or allowed sufficient time to have the necessary work done, and be enrolled later," General Crowder instructed.

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SAVE THEIR FEET

Is Slogan of American Godmothers' League to Help the Sammies.

MUST KNIT SOCKS

Say Trench Feet Are as Deadly to Soldiers as

Shrapnel.

New York, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"Save the Sammies feet" is the slogan of the American soldiers godmothers' league, organized to send comforts to men in the trenches. Mrs. Leonard Davis, N. Y., just returned from Paris, formed the army of women whose part in the war is to keep each American boy fighting at 100 per cent.

"We can help whip Germany by saving the soldier's feet" said Mrs. Davis today. "In that way we save men."

Trench feet are as deadly as shrapnel. I have seen polio on the operating

table, their shoes frozen tight, their feet about to be amputated.

"To save American soldiers those

horrors, we must send them thousand

of woolen socks."

During one week, 2,000 women vol-

unteered as godmothers, forming an

army of women to stay at home and

help beat the kaiser by sending a

steady stream of letters and comforts

to the battle front.

Godmothers organizations are be-

ing rapidly sent into action in all parts

of the United States.

Recruits who communicate with Mrs.

Davis are sent printed specifications

for knitting mufflers, socks, caps and

other things urgently needed, in the

name of Flanders. Each woman, Mrs.

Davis, said, will supply one article a

month. The Red Cross has taken

over the work of handling all ship-

ments to Europe and will also have

charge of distribution on the other

side.

As Mrs. Davis explained the plan,

she stood in a room banked high on

all sides with little packages.

"These," she said, "are the munitions of the home. They represent the

work of women who start toiling for

our armies often after a hard day's

work has been done. We'll never give

our boys a chance to forget that while

they're fighting in France for us, we're

working at home for them."

FUND IS RAISED

Over \$500 Was Raised by Rotarians for the City Swimming Pool.

THE ATHLETIC FUND

Added to This Amount Will Build a Modern Pool at Waterworks Park.

NO INDIANS WILL FIGHT

(United Press Service) Washington, August 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The only real, sincere Indians, probably never will have a chance to go over the top of an European trench after America's enemy. Government officials question the advisability of trying to put reservation redskins in drafted Sammies uniforms. They feel that while the Indians were great fighters in their day and in their own way, that that day is past.

There are hundreds of Americanized Indians in Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

And even if the government decided to draft the blanketed youths they would be exempt if they so desired, as they are "wards