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NOTABLE GAINS BY ALLIES TUESDAY

CANADIANS CAPTURE STRONGEST LENS OUTPOST

EXPECT FINAL ASSAULT SOON

French Fling Themselves in Teeth of German Drive, Capturing Important Positions and Prisoners

London, June 26.—For the British and French arms this has been the successful day in weeks along the Western front. Nightfall saw the Canadians firmly established in the village of Laucoulette, only a few miles south of Lens, and in possession of the strongest defense post protecting the great coal city.

The Germans yielded to British pressure on a considerable front. The final storming of Lens is believed to be a matter of days. There were strong indications tonight that the crown prince proposes to make a house-to-house battle. That he must abandon the city is no longer doubted.

Not only is Lens being surrounded, but the British forces below are extending considerably eastward, threatening a strong flanking menace.

The French last night accomplished one of the most notable feats of the war. In the very moment that the German crown prince's preparations for a big counter-drive on the Aisne were entering their final stage, Gen. Petain's troops flung themselves in the teeth of the Teuton drum fire and postponed and perhaps frustrated altogether, a German offensive in a vital sector north of the Aisne, around the Chemin des Dames. The charge netted three hundred prisoners, including ten officers, and made them masters of the whole German front line northwest of Hurtlebise farm.

Berlin was forced to admit the penetration of their lines at several points, though it asserted that counter-attacks had ejected the French from the majority of the captured positions.

It is believed that the Germans have destroyed the coal mine around Lens.

ENORMOUS FOOD VALUE OF BANANAS

EACH BUNCH EQUAL TO BUSHEL OF WHEAT

IMPORTS 15,000,000 YEARLY

Exceeding in Food Value State's Entire Grain Crop—Of Vast Importance to U. S.

Unless concerted action is taken by the commercial bodies of New Orleans and its individual citizens, there is some danger that a considerable source of food supply for the city and surrounding territory might be cut off.

The Federal shipping board is casting about for vessels to place in the trans-Atlantic trade, and those of New Orleans might be requisitioned for the purpose.

The greater part of the vessels making regular trips out of New Orleans are banana carriers, and their removal to the trans-Atlantic trade would interfere very seriously with a source of food that plays a bigger part in the economic life of the city than many people think. The banana is cheap, is easily digested, and is fully as nutritious, pound for pound, as potatoes and similar staple articles of food.

Big Banana Fleet

Last year there were thirty-four vessels engaged in the banana trade between Costa, Honduras, and other Central American ports, and New Orleans. These ships ranged in size from 628 tons up to 4,963 tons, and had a total capacity of 77,926 tons, of which about 55,000 tons were available for cargo. The vessels averaged fourteen trips each year during the year, and brought to the city 15,728,411 bunches of bananas.

The average weight of a bunch of bananas is around 60 or 70 pounds, which is above the weight of a bushel of wheat or rice. This means that there is brought through the port of New Orleans annually the equivalent in food value of over 15,000,000 bushels of wheat.

More Food Value

In view of the scarcity of crops in the United States this year, and the possibility of a serious food shortage, the banana imports into New Orleans have an importance not to be overestimated. It may be noted that the bananas in food value exceed the entire rice crop of Louisiana, and that they are much cheaper than rice, and several times cheaper than wheat.

Another item of importance is that these bananas are grown in other countries, and that to replace them in the food scale by raising additional home crops it would be necessary to employ additional labor that may be urgently needed elsewhere.

COLORADO CITIES MAY SELL COAL AND BREAD

Denver, Colo., June 26.—When the Colorado General Assembly meets here in July in a special session it will be asked to authorize cities and towns of the State to establish municipal coal yards, bakeries and grocery stores. This step may be taken in an effort to hold down the cost of living.

FOOD PREPAREDNESS RALLY AT SOPHIE WRIGHT

The Sophie B. Wright high school will be the scene of a mass meeting to-night which has been called by the food preparedness commission. John M. Parker, H. E. Armstrong, general superintendent; Mr. Wilkinson, state agriculturist; W. P. Clayton, state demonstrator; Mrs. E. J. Graham and Mrs. C. J. Altman, chairman of the twelfth ward, will be among the speakers.

Woman Has Gun; Child Is Wounded

Frank Heinrich, of 512 St. Mary street, a flagman for the Illinois Central railroad, works at night, so he left his wife a revolver with which to protect herself. This was the occasion of a neighborhood tragedy last night.

The Hinrichs and Joseph Smith are neighbors, Smith living at 510 St. Mary street. About 9 o'clock in the evening Mrs. Hinrich stopped by the Smith gate to show Mr. Smith how the revolver worked. Little Bernard John Smith, seven-year-old, crowded close. He wanted to see too.

While Mrs. Heinrich was manipulating the firearm it exploded, and the bullet struck little Bernard in the right side. He was rushed to the Charity hospital in a serious condition from the wound.

STONE SUCCEEDS HAROLD NEWMAN

Samuel Stone, Jr., a well-known local architect, was appointed commissioner of public safety yesterday to succeed Harold Newman, who resigned a week ago. The position pays \$6,000 a year, and the unexpired term is for a period of three and a half years.

Mr. Stone announced that it would be his policy to enforce all laws now on the statute books, including the Sunday closing law. Mr. Newman's resignation followed a difference of opinion over the best manner of enforcing that law. The new commissioner will have jurisdiction over the police and fire departments.

Mr. Stone has been a resident of New Orleans since 1891. He engaged in business with Thomas Sully as an architect, and the firm built New Orleans' first skyscraper, the Hennen building, demonstrating that the foundation difficulties for tall buildings could be solved here. In more recent years Mr. Stone has designed the Maison Blanche, Athenaeum, Milliken Memorial building, a number of local theatres and many other large structures. He was a member of the Orleans Levee board during the Sanders administration, and has always been identified with the regular organization. His offices are in the London and Liverpool and Globe buildings, while he resides at 1919 Jeanette street.

DO YOU BREAK YOUR SEVEN DISHES A YEAR?

Cleveland, O., June 26.—They're breaking dishes faster than they can make them in the United States and the other countries are too busy warring to make pottery. Every man, woman and child in this country breaks on the average seven dishes a year. Over 700,000,000 dishes a year are broken by irate married folk and others, who drop them accidentally, and others who drop them on purpose to keep from washing them.

This is the statement of C. P. Redrup in announcing the construction of the "world's fastest china making plant" at Bedford, near here.

NAVY COMFORT LEAGUE

The Diamond theatre will donate part of its proceeds to the Naval Comforts league on July 6 and 7. Members of the committee are busy selling tickets. The membership of the league has passed the 500 mark.

DEWEY'S OLD FLAGSHIP RUNS ASHORE OFF L. I.

New York, June 26.—The cruiser Olympia, Dewey's old flagship, was run ashore off Block Island Long Island, today, while at target practice in a heavy fog. The cruiser is in a dangerous position. The boatswain mate was killed.

MORRIS HONORED BY N. O. A. OF C.

STANDARD OIL MAN IS NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

General Manager Suggests That Directors Foster Piping of Natural Gas into City—Goes on Trip

Election of Captain P. S. Morris as vice president; the adoption of the annual budget and new by-laws; and acceptance of recommendations to better New Orleans as a port, marked yesterday afternoon's meeting of the board of directors of the New Orleans Association of Commerce.

Captain Morris is connected with the Standard Oil company of Louisiana with offices in this city and long has been identified with public improvements. He will succeed to the position made vacant through the resignation of R. S. Hecht.

Has Four Recommendations

Resides a number of things which in Mr. Parker's opinion would aid New Orleans in developing as a port. Mr. Parker paid particular attention to four recommendations which he urged the board of directors to get behind.

His first suggestion was that the board bend its efforts toward securing sea level navigable waterfrontage sites for factory, mill, ship-building yards and warehouses through means of locks on the river.

Second, the encouragement of large lines on all navigable waterways entering New Orleans.

He also suggested that the association should foster a movement toward the piping of natural gas from the nearest permanent gas wells into New Orleans. At present the nearest field which could supply the city is located at Houma.

His last suggestion was that the directors should do all in their power toward the encouragement of the building of highways to and from New Orleans and through the country generally.

Goes to Washington

The board of directors granted Mr. Parker permission to go to Washington and he left last night to confer with Secretary of Commerce Redfield. Press dispatches Monday announced that Mr. Parker had been offered a position as the head of a bureau under the department of commerce to have charge of navigable stream transportation in the United States, but Mr. Parker declined that he had never received any official notification of this fact from Washington.

His friends, however, believe that such a position will be offered him upon his reaching the national capital.

Man Gets Light Also Pocketbook

Sidney S. Goldberg, an automobile salesman residing at 4918 Degrades street, accumulated a stranger with a match last night and his politeness cost him \$11. Goldberg was climbing into his automobile at Grandebat and Canal streets, about 10:30 last night when a man walked up to him and borrowed a match.

After the stranger departed Mr. Goldberg found that his wallet, containing \$11, also was missing. Goldberg says he can identify the man, and furnished the police with a description.

Martial Law is Declared in Spain

Buenos Ayres, June 26.—The Spanish constitution has been suspended, according to authentic word received from Madrid late today. Martial law is being enforced in the Spanish capital.

The recent revolt has flared up again and is reported to be assuming grave proportions.

London, June 26.—A dispatch to The Times from Athens says French troops yesterday entered Athens and occupied several points in the city.

A Reuter dispatch from Athens says there was a demonstration in the city on Sunday night and that the Allied troops entered the city to assist in maintenance of order. The demonstration was organized by a member of reservists and sailors under the leadership of followers of Demetrios Gounaris.

DOESN'T PAY TO SELL TO SOLDIERS

Four liquor dealers were fined, or sentenced to imprisonment yesterday for violating the liquor laws. The heaviest penalties were drawn by A. R. Cabrae, proprietor of a saloon at Esplanade and Bayou St. John, who sold liquor to soldiers in uniform, and Maurice J. Healy. Cabrae was sentenced to thirty days in the House of Detention, Judge Foster refusing to impose an alternative fine. This is the first sentence imposed for violation of the Federal law prohibiting the sale of liquor to uniformed men.

Maurice J. Healy, 1610 Moss street, was given thirty days for a similar offense, while George Sauton was fined \$10 on the same transaction. Sauton went into Healy's saloon on June 3 and purchased two bottles of beer for soldiers. The court held that Healy had knowledge that the liquor was intended for the soldiers.

C. L. Baker, of Slidell, La., was fined \$250 for shipping four quarts of whiskey and twelve of beer to Meridian, Miss., which is in dry territory. Baker's attorney represented him before Federal Judge Foster, entered a plea of guilty for his client, and paid the fine.

Anthony Fernandez, bartender for Louis Sierra, 637 Bellevue street, pled guilty in the juvenile court to selling liquor to Leslie Johnson, 13 years old, and was fined \$50. Similar charges against the proprietor of the saloon and another man were dropped.

\$500 DAMAGE BY FIRE

Fire in the lap room of the Kohlman Cotton mills, 1224 St. Thomas street, caused a damage of \$500 yesterday afternoon. The blaze started in a number of bales of cotton, and was extinguished by employees of the firm.

USES HOT SPRINGS TO HATCH OUT CHICKENS

Steamboat Springs, Colo., June 26.—Talk about "spring" chickens! A chicken farmer of this place is hatching chickens with thermal spring water. The water here as it comes from the bath springs is about blood heat and just the right temperature for incubation, so it is supplanting the old hen and is feeding a super-incubator. Large shallow tanks are supplied with the warm water and above these are the chicken containers.

EXEMPTION REGULATIONS APPROVED BY WILSON

Washington, June 26.—The exemption regulations were whipped into shape at a cabinet meeting and formally approved by the President. He probably will promulgate them within the next forty-eight hours. Those who are not conscripted for active service, will be for other duties.

DRAFT FOR THE NATIONAL ARMY

WILL BE MADE ABOUT JULY 15, IT IS EXPECTED

WILL BE IN CAMP BY SEPT. 1

Exemption Regulations Not Yet Published—Dependent Relatives the Best Excuse

Washington, June 26.—With all the military registration returns in and pronounced a 100 per cent showing by Provost Marshal General Crowder, further developments in the stupendous job of forming the new national army are:

1. July 15 is the date for the first drawing, now being considered by the War department. It has not been definitely fixed, but the drawing will be within a few days of that date in any event. July 4 is the earliest date suggested. Arrangements cannot be completed for selective process to be put in operation by then, and the former date practically is certain.

2. The regulations for exemptions practically are finished and before the President. They will be promulgated next week, probably Monday night. They may be summed up as being unusually liberal in the way of relieving those men who are really needed at home, and extremely rigid against the exemption of any man who can physically and financially afford to go to war and who otherwise can be spared.

Changes Cantonment Plans

3. Following a report from the surgeon general's office of the army

MAY DOCK AT RAT PROOF WHARVES

The amendment to the rat-guard ordinance, designed to permit vessels to dock at rat-proof wharves without fending off, or using rat-guards, was passed by the commission council yesterday. Dr. Friend Simpson, of the United States public health service, was present to ask its adoption, while a protest against the measure was presented by local taxpayers, members of the organization which has opposed rat-proofing.

Authorities Approve

Dr. Simpson told the commissioners that the measure had the approval of the public health authorities, and for this reason it was adopted by the council. The original ordinance had been adopted at the request of the government when tubercle plague was discovered in New Orleans three years ago.

The property-owners present protested against any amendment to the ordinance until all the wharves in the city are rat-proofed. They stated that they did not wish the city to be exposed again to an invasion of the plague, and asked to be assured that they would not run this danger through any amendment to the ordinance.

Ordinance Explained

It is explained by the health authorities that the "rat-guard" ordinance is designed to keep infected rats from leaving the city on outgoing vessels, and thus entering other seaports. New Orleans is protected from the plague by similar measures in force at all ports where the infection is known to exist. At vessels entering this port which have come from a port where plague infection is known to exist, either docked at rat-proof wharves or those ports, or else were obliged to fend off and use rat-guards; consequently they have no infected rats aboard.

U. S. TO DECLARE WHEAT EMBARGO

EXPORTS COUNCIL INDICATES FIRST MOVE PLANNED

TO CONTROL STEEL AND IRON

Canada Will Send 200,000,000 Bushels of Grain to Allies—Neutral Buyers Rush Market

Washington, June 26.—An absolute embargo on wheat to neutral countries promises to be the first action of the exports council which was named yesterday by President Wilson.

Three items were discussed by the council today, placing an embargo on grain to prevent neutrals from exporting huge quantities of foodstuffs, some of which may find its way to Germany; restricting the exportation of coal, and regulating the export of steel and pig iron, particularly from Pacific ports.

Buyers for neutral countries have been making a drive within the week for wheat and grains.

Canada has two hundred million bushels of wheat from last year. This will be the first sent to the Allies. This is done because it is a shorter haul than wheat from the States and there are safer lines.

SUICIDE NOTE "HOAX" IS BELIEF

Following the finding of a note from a prospective suicide yesterday, the police were instructed to keep a sharp lookout along the waterfront. Up to a late hour last night there had been no new developments, and there had been no new developments, and there is some inclination to regard the matter as a hoax.

The "suicide" note was found by Miss Annie DeFranco, of 6023 Constance street, while she was on her way to market. It was fluttering about at Calhoun and Laurel streets when she saw it on the sidewalk and picked it up. The note read as follows:

"If anyone finds this note give it to the police. My name is Charles Gray. My address is 142 Twenty-second street, Chicago, Ill. I have a mother in New York, but my wife is at the above address; haven't seen her in two years.

"I am suffering with that dreaded disease, consumption of the lungs. I have a ring on my finger with C. G. on it, also a cheap watch with my wife's photograph in it. She is the cause of my downfall.

"I will say a prayer for all that did me harm and for those to whom I did harm. You will find my body in the river, as I am going before my Maker and to hell at the same time. If it's not too much trouble see that my body gets to my mother if my wife don't want it. Good luck, good-bye, and God bless all of us.

Signed, Charles Gray. "My body will be in the river when this note is found."

HAS SIX SONS, ALL OVER DRAFT AGE, IN GUARD

Denver, Colo., June 26.—Six star-wart sons of one family, although beyond the age limit of registration, are in the National Guard of Colorado, and the mother, Mrs. Mary A. Chase, is very proud.

The eldest son is Alpha M. Chase, forty-four; Willis G. is forty-two, James A. thirty-seven, Lawrence A. thirty-five, Sylvanus L. thirty-three, and Benjamin T. the "baby," thirty-one. Their uncle, Dr. John Chase, was Adjutant-General of the Colorado National Guard.