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FRENCH BEGAN BIG ATTACK TODAY

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, July 9.—The French attacked this morning on a front of two and a half miles, west of Antheuil, between Montdidier and the Oise, gaining a depth of a mile at some points. A German counter attack was repulsed. Four hundred and fifty prisoners including fourteen officers were taken by the French. In the Longpoint region the French increased their gains and took more prisoners.

BIG CORN AND WHEAT CROP ESTIMATED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—The corn crop is estimated to be three billion, and a hundred and 60 million bushels. The wheat crop is eight hundred and ninety one million bushels, by the department of agriculture. This is a reduction of forty million bushels of wheat over the last estimate.

EMBARGO ON COAL WHERE WOOD IS PLENTIFUL

DALLAS, July 8.—An embargo on the shipment of coal will be ordered into counties which have an adequate gas and wood supply will be put in effect, fuel administrator Blair announced today.

CHANGE TOO FAST FOR U. S. TO INTERFERE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 10.—The government regards the Russian situation as so constantly changing that it is impossible for America to decide on any course of giving military aid. All plans involving giving Russia military aid has been weakening the western front. This, the United States has decided not to do. The question of extending economic aid is going forward favorably, says an announcement.

REDUCTION IN BOND GRANTED NEW YORK MAN

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, July 8.—The assertions of Doctor Edward Rumley, publisher of the Evening Mail who placed his records at the disposal of the department of justice, led today to a reduction in his bond to \$35,000. Rumley was arrested yesterday after the disclosure that his was a Germany owned newspaper. He had denied German ownership.

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U. S. AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS REPORT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—Ambassador Francis at Vologda confirms the assassination of Mirbach. In a message dated July 7 he said there was fighting on the streets of Moscow. Prominent Bolshevik leaders were arrested by the revolutionists and revolution leaders were arrested by Bolshevik forces. The message is the first word received from Francis since June 24. The Associated Press notified the government that there had been fighting at Moscow and Maroslav.

CARDINALS APPEAL FOR PRAYER OF NATION

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, July 9.—An appeal to the nation to pray for the success of American arms was issued today by Cardinals Gibbons, Farley and O'Connell.

CROIX DE GUERRE FOR LIEUT. ROBERT E. LEE

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, July 9.—Lieut. Robert E. Lee, grandson of the Confederate chief, has been cited for the Croix De Guerre, his wife hears.

ITALIAN TROOPS IN AL- BANIA CONTINUE ADVANCE

(By Associated Press)
ROME, July 10.—The Italian troops on an offensive in Albania continue to advance says an official statement. The Austrians were beaten back on both sides of the Osum river yesterday.

SLOVAKS CAPTURE THE VILLAGE OF NIKOLSK

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 10.—The American consul at Vladivostok tells of the capture by the Czech Slovaks of the village of Nikolsk, eighty miles northwest of Vladivostok. An armed body of Bolsheviks, German and Hungarian prisoners was badly beaten.

U. S. DON'T SYMPATHIZE MEXICAN REVOLUTIONS

(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, July 10.—Lansing in a telegram to Consul Sholes says: "You should emphatically deny that the United States assists, sanctions or sympathizes with any Mexican revolutionary movement."

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ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON ALL SECTORS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 10.—German artillery was active this morning East of Amiens from Villers Bretonneux, to the river Ancre, says the official statement today.

Artillery Active on French Sector
PARIS, July 10.—Artillery duels north of Montdidier and south of the river Aisne, where the French recently made inroads on the Germans, is reported in the official statement to-

BRITISH DROP MANY TONS OF BOMBS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 9.—British naval planes on July 4th to 7th dropped six tons of explosives on Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges, German works. Five German planes were destroyed and three others brought down.

KAISER VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

(By Associated Press)
ROME, July 10.—Kaiser Wilhelm has fallen victim to the influenza, prevalent in the German army, says a Swiss dispatch. The emperor goes home because of an attack of the "Spanish gripe," the dispatch says.

DEMAND INVESTIGATION BEFORE TAKING OVER

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—Senators demanding an investigation before the action authorizing the taking over of telegraph lines won a partial victory when the senate commerce committee heard behind closed doors today the testimony on the situation today from President Carlton of the Western Union.

ANOTHER BATTLE IS EX- PECTED DRAFT RESISTERS

(By Associated Press)
LITTLE ROCK, July 9.—Another battle is expected between draft resisters and a posse composed of militiamen and soldiers, in the hills near Heber Springs as a result of the arrest of five women, charged with harboring the resisters.

CONTRACTS LET FOR MANY ARMY TRANSPORTS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—Chairman Hurley announced today that contracts had been let for ninety-two army transports, which will be put in passenger service after the war.

TYPHOON DESTROYS THE ISLAND OF GUAM

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—The island of Guam was devastated by a typhoon July 6th, Governor Roy Smith reports. He says half of the inhabitants are destitute with their crops destroyed. The material damage was heavy.

RUSSIA ON EVE OF MILITARY CONSCRIPTION

PARIS, July 10.—Russia is on the eve of a general military service conscription, says Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik war minister, in opening the Russia Soviet congress, according to a Swiss dispatch.

NO DANGER IN SUGAR FAMINE SAYS HOOVER

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 9.—Assurance that there is no danger of a sugar famine was given by the Food Administration today.

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BRITISH RAIDS GET PRISONERS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 9.—British raids last night east of Arras netted prisoners, says the official statement today. South of the Somme German artillery was active.

ABNORMAL MOVEMENT OF HUNS NEAR VAUX

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Pershing's communique today mentions the abnormal movement of troops in the German rear, around Vaux. The artillery and aircraft are active.

HEAVY FIGHTING IS EX- PECTED ON AMERICAN LINE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE MARNE, July 10.—Heavy fighting will break loose at any moment is the belief, on the fronts east and west of Chateau Thierry, where the Americans are stationed.

PLEADS INTERVENTION OF JAPAN IN RUSSIA

LONDON, July 10.—Doctor Sakue Takahashi, of the Tokio University, pleads for the intervention of Japan in Russia. He says that a Japanese defeat of Russia exposed Russia's weakness. The Kaiser and Japan are responsible for Russia's collapse, he said.

FINNISH GOVERNMENT TO EXPEL THE JEWS

STOCKHOLM, July 10.—The Finnish government has ordered the Jews expelled by September 30th. It will deny food after that date, says the Jewish Press Bureau.

DISCIPLINE BREAKING SECOND GERMAN ARMY

LONDON, July 10.—The indications are that a breakdown in the discipline of the second German army, found in captured orders admitting the discipline was breaking to an alarming extent.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE URBANIA CONTINUES

ROME, July 9.—The Allied offensive in Albania is continuing the war office announces. New progress has been made on the left wing, along the Adriatic coast. British monitors are aiding the land forces. The Italians have captured the town of Fieri and thirteen hundred prisoners.

Capt. S. L. Harris, a prominent planter and ginnee from the northern part of the county, was among the visitors who came down to hear the governor speak.

MANY KILLED TRAINS COLLIDE

(By Associated Press)
NASHVILLE, July 9.—Twenty-five are believed to have been killed and fifty to seventy-five injured when passenger trains of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis collided near here. The estimates of the dead in the N. C. & St. Louis wreck now are one hundred, mostly negroes (3:15 p. m.)

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Are the Packers Profiteers?

Plain Facts About the Meat Business

The Federal Trade Commission in its recent report on war profits, stated that the five large meat packers have been profiteering and that they have a monopoly of the market.

These conclusions, if fair and just, are matters of serious concern not only to those engaged in the meat packing business but to every other citizen of our country.

The figures given on profits are misleading and the statement that the packers have a monopoly is unsupported by the facts. The packers mentioned in the report stand ready to prove their profits reasonable and necessary.

The meat business is one of the largest American industries. Any citizen who would familiarize himself with its details must be prepared for large totals.

The report states that the aggregate profits of four large packers were \$140,000,000 for the three war years.

This sum is compared with \$19,000,000 as the average annual profit for the three years before the war, making it appear that the war profit was \$121,000,000 greater than the pre-war profit.

This compares a three-year profit with a one-year profit—a manifestly unfair method of comparison. It is not only misleading, but the Federal Trade Commission apparently has made a mistake in the figures themselves.

The aggregate three-year profit of \$140,000,000 was earned on sales of over four and a half billion dollars. It means about three cents on each dollar of sales—or a mere fraction of a cent per pound of product. Packers' profits are a negligible factor in prices of live stock and meats. No other large business is conducted upon such small margins of profit.

Furthermore—and this is very important—only a small portion of this profit has been paid in dividends. The balance has been put back into the business. It had to be, as you realize when you consider the problems the packers have had to solve—and solve quickly—during these war years.

To conduct this business in war times, with higher costs and the necessity of paying two or three times the former prices for live stock, has required the use of two or three times the ordinary amount of working capital. The additional profit makes only a fair return on this, and as has been stated, the larger portion of the profits earned has been used to finance huge stocks of goods and to provide addi-

tions and improvements made necessary by the enormous demands of our army and navy and the Allies.

If you are a business man you will appreciate the significance of these facts. If you are unacquainted with business talk this matter over with some business acquaintance—with your banker, say—and ask him to compare profits of the packing industry with those of any other large industry at the present time.

No evidence is offered by the Federal Trade Commission in support of the statement that the large packers have a monopoly. The Commission's own report shows the large number and importance of other packers.

The packers mentioned in the statement stand ready to prove to any fair minded person that they are in keen competition with each other, and that they have no power to manipulate prices.

If this were not true they would not dare to make this positive statement.

Furthermore, government figures show that the five large packers mentioned in the report account for only about one third of the meat business of the country.

They wish it were possible to interest you in the details of their business. Of how, for instance, they can sell dressed beef for less than the cost of the live animal, owing to utilization of by-products, and of the wonderful story of the methods of distribution throughout this broad land, as well as in other countries.

The five packers mentioned feel justified in co-operating with each other to the extent of together presenting this public statement.

They have been able to do a big job for your government in its time of need; they have met all war time demands promptly and completely and they are willing to trust their case to the fairmindedness of the American people with the facts before them.

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CENSUS OF CHINESE OUTLAWS IS MADE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 8.—Following the recent capture of three American engineers by bandits in China, a census of Chinese outlaws has been made, showing that in five provinces there are a total of 37,000 brigands. This total does not include the bandits of Mongolia, who are very numerous and have been extremely active this year, nor include those of Honan, where the Americans were taken prisoners.

Shantung leads the five Chinese provinces in outlaw population, having 19,000. Shensi has 7,000, Anhwei 5,000, Hunan 3,000 and Fukien 3,000. The largest single band is in Shantaung under the leadership of Fan Yu-lin, who rules a veritable principality, inhabited by 7,000 persons. Yu Shan-hei, whose followers number 6,000 is the chief rival of Fan Yu-lin.

The daring of the brigands in and took refuge in the Dutch leopon that the Tuchun of the province, Chang Hui-chin, asked permission to resign his command as a leader of the army against the disaffected southern provinces, and return to his own state to restore order. Many of the bandits are believed to be disbanded soldiers of Chang Esun, who endeavored to restore the monarchy; but was defeated and took refuge in the Dutch legation at Peking.

The Shantung bandits not long ago abducted three American missionaries and an American employe of the British-American tobacco company, but let them go after a brief captivity. G. A. Kyle of Portland, Ore., and two other engineers, captured in Honan, were not so fortunate, however. Besides losing all their personal property and \$12,000 they were kept many days, enduring the hardships of long marches and wretched surroundings.

ASSASSINATION CAUSES A BATTLE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 8.—Fighting took place in Moscow between the Bolsheviks and revolutionary socialists following the assassination of von Mirbach, says a Swiss dispatch.

On leaving the German embassy the assassins of von Mirbach took refuge in a house occupied by revolutionary socialists and was defended by machine guns.

SAYS SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH COLUMBIA

(By Associated Press)
PEORIA, July 8.—That something was wrong with the steamer Columbia several hours before she sank, is the statement of a survivor. The death list is now 93.

AMERICANS GET BACK AT THE HUNS

(By Associated Press)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 8.—A German counter attack against the new Australian-American positions near Hamel resulted in the capture of two Americans and five Australians. Volunteers organized to recapture them. The Americans led by a corporal recaptured the two Americans and a German officer. Twelve Australians brought back their men and fifty Germans.

SPANISH PRESS IS VERY FRIENDLY TO ALLIES

(By Associated Press)
BARCELONIA, Spain, July 8.—The Spanish press shows a tendency that Spain's position as a neutral, tolerant of German

intrigue, was an unwise policy. Neutrality frankly friendly to all allies is deemed better by the press.

THE AUSTRALIANS ADVANCE LINES

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 8.—The Australians advanced their lines last night astride the Somme on a three thousand foot front, says the official report issued today. The German artillery was active in the Somme region during the night.

BAKER ABOLISHES THE WAR COUNCIL

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, July 8.—Baker has abolished the war council and turned over the work to his assistant secretaries of war, Generals March and Goethals.

SERIOUS FIGHTING IN MOSCOW

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, July 8.—A serious counter revolution has broken out in Moscow, according to the Wolff Bureau. Fighting in great severity in the streets is reported. Another dispatch says that the revolt has been suppressed.

Several hundred Russians, including Alexandrovitch, the Revolutionary socialist leader have been arrested in Moscow.

A strong guard has been placed at the residence of the Bolshevik ambassador at Berlin to prevent anti-Russian demonstrations.

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