

# BELGIANS KILLED WHEN GERMANS FORCE THEM TO WORK IN FRONT TRENCHES

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—That several Belgians whom the Germans have forced to work in Teuton trenches have been killed by bursting shells, is the statement contained in a communication received here today by the Belgian legation. The details of this case of flagrant violation of the rules of civilized warfare were smuggled through the lines to Havre, France, where the statements, all made by reliable eye witnesses, were forwarded to the Belgian legations all over the world.

The communication declares that Belgian men ranging in age from sixteen to sixty years, living in the Belgian towns behind the lines, have been separated from their families by trickery and forced to perform trench work such as the construction of communicating trenches and repairing the damages of French and British shell fire. Several of these enslaved Belgian civilians were killed by shell fragments, the statement concludes.

# "DARK HOSS" WITH "RED DEVIL" WINS LABOR DAY AUTO RACE

Driving his little red roadster of special make, but with Ford engine and gears, Abe McCord yesterday won the Labor Day automobile race. His time was one hour, twelve minutes and twenty seconds. Bobbie Sheldon, in a specially made Ford racer imported from the coast, was second, his time being one hour, thirteen minutes and four-fifths of a second, or approximately forty seconds behind McCord, while Bob Sommers was third. Sommers' time was one hour, thirteen minutes and thirty-five seconds. None of the three other cars finished the race. They were The Citizen car, driven by John Griswold; the Jones runabout, driven by Homer Winfrey, and the Lorenzen Metz, driven by Harry Stacer. Griswold held second place in the race for the first twenty miles and, although not on the track at the finish, had more miles than Winfrey. The Metz withdrew from the track after running six laps.

By winning the race McCord won the first prize of \$250 offered by the park commission. Sheldon received second money of \$100 and Sommers took third prize, \$50.

More than 800 people witnessed the race, the grand stand and bleachers being filled to overflowing in addition to the large number of automobiles in the paddock. Secretary E. H. Mack of the park board reported last night that there were 730 paid admissions at one dollar each.

The following is the order in which the cars started, at intervals of five seconds, including their owners, drivers, mechanics and pitmen:

No. 1.—Owner, Bob Sheldon; driver, Sheldon; mechanic, Charley Hayes; pitmen, Charlie Williams and Harry Woodward.

No. 2.—Owner, J. B. Caskey; driver, John Griswold; mechanic, Howard Logan; pitmen, Harry Shure and "The Hungry Kid."

No. 3.—Owner, "Deacon" Jones; driver, Homer Winfrey; mechanic, Harley Rutherford; pitmen, Axel Carlsten and Dan Berger.

No. 5.—Stanley Scanlon. Did not race. Entry fee refunded.

No. 6.—Owner, Peter Lorenzen; driver, Harry Stacer; mechanic, "The Dutch Kid"; pitmen, Axel Running and Louis Thimme.

No. 7.—Owner, Bob Sommers; driver, Sommers; mechanic, Joe Enos; pitmen, H. B. Parkin and Glenn Noyes.

Leaving scratch at the sound of the first shot of Starter Tom Marquam's pistol, Sheldon held the lead for the first sixteen laps of the race. At that time, however, it was seen that Sommers, Griswold and McCord were gaining on him. And it was finally necessary for Sheldon to stop and make repairs on a new engine part which had become overheated, and the three leading cars were two laps ahead of him before he got started again.

In the meantime Sommers had taken the lead, having slowly forced his way past Griswold and McCord, leaving Griswold in second place and McCord in third. This lead he maintained until twenty miles of the race were completed, with Griswold and McCord racing neck and neck most of the time for second place until Griswold's car became overheated, and he had to stop at his pit. Then Sommers' car began to miss and McCord slowly overhauled him, gaining a lap and maintaining it until the end of the race.

After making repairs to his car Sheldon started again. Slowly but surely he gained on Griswold, who was running third, then, when it was seen that nothing but a breakdown could keep McCord from winning, he overhauled Sommers, whose car was acting badly, but who still had had two laps the best of him. It was then neck and neck to the finish for second money between Sheldon and Sommers.

Certain it is that Sheldon's actual running time was the best of all. For he was halted about two minutes in making repairs, which would cut his running time down from one hour and thirteen minutes to one hour and approximately eleven minutes. This would have defeated McCord,

whose time was one hour, twelve minutes and twenty seconds, and who made no stops, by at least a minute.

Sheldon is taking his defeat philosophically. Just prior to entering his car at the start he handed \$300 in gold to a friend, asking that it be bet on himself to win. Only \$135 of it, however, was covered, and Bobbie now expresses himself as glad that but few people had the nerve to bet against him. He also says that in one way he is glad he didn't win, for had he done so, interest in coming automobile races might have lagged for the reason that he won the first two. Now the next race, which will probably be held next Fourth of July, will be anybody's race until it is over.

The day yesterday was ideal for racing. The track was in good condition at the start, but by the time the race was over, it was pretty badly cut up and rutted, making driving difficult.

# CHICAGO MAN NOW CHAMPION OF ATHLETICS

(Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 3.—P. Goetz, representing the Chicago Athletic Association, won the all around amateur championship of the United States here today.

The Chicago man won his title in competition with state amateur champions who participated in the amateur athletic tournament at this place. Goetz made a wonderful showing in the meet, taking first place in the majority of events.

# BELGIANS PUT BEHIND LINES

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Aug. 30.—The seeming contradiction between the news of continued deportations in Belgium, the German declarations that no deportations to Germany have taken place since February last, apparently is to be explained by the fact that deported Belgians are now being sent to work behind the lines on the western front, in the repair of roads, the laying of railroads and construction of works of defense. Instead of the former economic pretext, military grounds are put forward to justify these measures.

# ORDNANCE CHIEF ASKS FOR BOARD OF INQUIRY

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—That the American expedition in France, which is soon to take its place on the battlefield, has been supplied with defective ammunition, was made known today when General Wm. Crozier, chief of the ordnance department of the U. S. army, asked that an inquiry be instituted. Secretary of War Baker seems to be the center of this seemingly bad case of official muddling.

The discovery of the defective ammunition was made by ordnance officers with the

American forces in France. This condition of affairs was reported through official channels to General Crozier. After satisfying himself that the report could be substantiated, the general today asked the war department to name a board of inquiry to investigate the causes and place the responsibility, if any, for the supplying of the faulty munitions.

The military committee of the senate, on learning of the state of affairs, decided to call upon Secretary of War Newton D. Baker for an ex-

planation tomorrow.

Secretary Baker himself will decide upon General Crozier's request for a board of inquiry.

General Crozier tonight, while admitted the gravity of the situation, expressed a hope and belief that the board of inquiry will find that the defect was unavoidable and that no blame can be attached to the inspectors of the manufacture and ordnance departments of the army.

The extent of the faulty manufacture has not been made known.

# GERMAN PAPER DECLARES COUNTRY SHOULD FOLLOW ADVICE IN WILSON NOTE

(Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 3.—Indicating the far-reaching effect of President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's peace offer, the Volks Zeitung, the powerful Independent Socialist paper of Leipzig, editorially advises the German people that they must demand the democratization of their political regime, despite the fact that the suggestion comes from an enemy country.

Copies of the issue containing this editorial were received here today and attracted much interest in allied diplomatic circles. The editorial declares that the democratization of Germany is of the utmost importance to the best interests of the German people themselves.

President Wilson, in his reply to the pope's peace offer, declared that the allies cannot place any confidence in any agreement that might be made by the present German government, but inferred that the entente is willing to treat with the German people once they have thrown off the yoke of Prussianism.

# PACIFISTS SAY AMERICA NEEDS DEMOCRACY BADLY AND CENSURE PRESIDENT

(Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 3.—The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace, which concluded its session here today, adopted a resolution declaring that the past few days' events showed how far America is depriving herself of democracy in order to export it abroad.

This declaration refers to the fact that the council had an exceedingly hard time to find a meeting place. The convention was to have been held in Minneapolis, but the governor of the state refused to allow the pacifists to meet in Minnesota. Five leaders of the movement then went to the little town of Hudson, Wisconsin, to arrange for a meeting place and were hustled out of the city by irate townsmen.

Not until Mayor Thompson of Chicago came to their rescue was the council able to find a meeting place. Mayor Thompson not only granted permission to meet in Chicago, but also furnished police protection.

The report of the resolutions committee adopted by the convention as a whole, and made public tonight, declares that while favoring the democratization of Germany, President Wilson should not demand a measure of democracy exceeding that allowed Americans.

# SENATE TURNS DOWN DRASTIC WAR TAX BILL

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—The U. S. senate today, by a vote of fifty-three to seventeen, rejected the LaFollette amendment to the war tax bill, providing for a war tax of sixty-five per cent on all war profits.

The opposition to the amendment held that the passage of such a drastic tax on war profits would have the effect of making the law inoperative. Doubts as to the constitutionality of the LaFollette amendment were also expressed, many of the opponents of the amendment expressing the belief that the levy would be confiscatory.

The rejection of the amendment is taken to mean that the senate will also reject the amendment submitted by Senator Hiram Johnson of California, in which he asks that the levy on war profits be eighty per cent.

The townsite of Haines is being surveyed preparatory to obtaining a patent from the government.

# MILITARY MEN OF ENTENTE TO DISCUSS PLANS

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—A cablegram received by the Italian embassy here today announced that an international military conference is to be held in Paris in the near future. The plans for the holding of the conference are now being worked out. Military experts of the entente powers are to participate in the conference, the object of which is to bring about a closer co-ordination of the military activities of the allies.

The conference is expected to have a vast effect upon the future conduct of the war by the military forces of the allies.

Superintendent Patching of the Fortham hatchery, has filed a sworn statement with the clerk of the federal court showing that 57,500,000 red fry were released last year. This entitles the Alaska Packers, owners of the hatchery, to a rebate of federal tax on over one-half million cases of salmon.

# VACHON WINS THE MILE RACE

Defeating George Hering, his nearest competitor, by the margin of but a few seconds, Chris Vachon won the mile race yesterday afternoon in four minutes and fifty-eight seconds. The event was the curtain raiser of the main event of the afternoon, the automobile race. Sam Dumbolton was the third contestant.

For the first three-quarters of a mile the three racers were bunched, with Dumbolton setting the pace. Coming to the last quarter, however, Vachon started sprinting, crossing the line a few seconds in advance of Hering and Dumbolton, who was but a short distance behind.

# GERMANS MAKE AIR RAID ON BRITISH ISLES

(Associated Press)

LONDON, Sept. 3.—An official statement of the war office tonight declared that German aeroplanes had visited the southeastern coast of England and had dropped bombs on various places. The report declares that reports of casualties, if any, and of destruction of property have not yet been received. The raid was still in progress at the time the statement was issued. After dropping all their supply of bombs, the German planes turned about and departed for their base, pursued by British airmen belonging to the home defense contingent.

The towns attacked in the raid are not named in the dispatch.

# DUTCH WORKERS ASK FOR LOWER COST OF LIVING

(Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 3.—That the cost of living and the price of the bare necessities of life have soared almost beyond reach of the ordinary family in Holland, is indicated by the fact that the trades union congress in session here today, passed a resolution asking the government to lower the maximum prices of food, fuel and shoe leather as a means of reducing want among the working class of Holland during the coming winter months.

The Trades Union Congress represents 150,000 Holland workers, exclusive of their families, and is one of the most powerful and, at the same time, most popular organizations in the empire.

Important mining deals are reported to be under way in the Willow creek district.

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# FOUR THOUSAND MEN TO STRIKE IN SHIPYARDS ON WILLAMETTE NEXT FRIDAY

(Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 3.—Unless their demands are granted, four thousand workers in five of the largest shipyards in Portland will go on a strike next Friday, according to the announcement made by union officials this evening.

Conferences were held on several occasions today between the employers and the working men. No developments took place today, as the result of these conferences, promising to modify the prospects of the strike of the four thousand men.

Arbitration of grievances has been suggested by the employers, but this plan has been rejected by the workingmen, who state that they must have their demands granted in full or else they will walk out.

The builders will probably ask that the government take immediate steps to intervene, as was done in Seattle. As the five shipyards are engaged in work for the government, it is believed the government can be prevailed upon to insist that the differences be mediated without any delay in the shipbuilding program.

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.**  
To Samuel Jacobsen, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns:  
You are hereby notified that the undersigned has expended in labor and improvements the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each of the years 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916, upon each of the following placer mining claims, No. 5 1/2 fraction, Yellow Jacket Bench, upper half of No. 7 and bench adjoining right limit, all on Chicken creek, also No. 6 Napoleon creek, in the Forty Mile Mining and Recording district, Alaska, for S. Jacobsen. You are hereby notified that if at the expiration of ninety (90) days after the last publication of this notice, to-wit, within ninety days after the third day of December, 1917, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures, your interests in said claims shall become the property of the undersigned, your co-owner, under Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.  
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