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GERMAN REVERSES IN GULF OF RIGA CHECKS ADVANCE

MAY MEAN END OF SWEEPING ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD

GERMAN VERSION NOT YET GIVEN

Observers Declare Entire Campaign is Hinged on Enveloping Move in North.

London, Aug. 23.—The German naval reverses in the Gulf of Riga and the Baltic sea, German occupation of Osowetz, and British naval bombardment of the German naval base at Zebrugges today temporarily diverted attention from the issues arising from the sinking of the Arabic.

Great Britain, however, announced definitely that the Arabic was torpedoed by a German submarine without warning and without having attempted to escape or to ram the submarine.

All affidavits from American passengers agree no warning was given. The approaching torpedo was seen but not the submarine.

The result of the German defeat in the Gulf of Riga, in which the Russians state the Germans lost the battle cruiser Moltke, and two other cruisers and eight torpedo boats, will be to check and possibly to end the German operations in that section sweeping toward Petrograd.

The German version of this sea battle has not yet been given. The definiteness of the Russian statement, however, sent a wave of enthusiasm throughout Great Britain.

The German center has pressed steadily forward until it is near to the new Russian line of defense. Military observers declare the entire campaign is hinged on the vast enveloping movement of von Hindenburg in the north, who pushed beyond Riga, and that the Russian held on Riga is a continuous menace to Von Hindenburg's rear.

The Germans' capture of Osowetz gives them another stronghold, only Grodno and Brest Litovsk remaining in the central section.

Special reports from Petrograd declare Russian positions at Brest Litovsk are gradually coming untenable.

Meagre details received concerning the British bombardment Zebrugges. Berlin reports forty British ships attacked and the firing lasted several hours. German heavy artillery responded. No British statement has been issued.

Marked artillery activity north of Zouchea and near Neville Roclin-court is reported from Paris.

Rome reports the capture of several strong Austrian trenches on the Carso front. Other minor engagements are reported.

Vienna reports the repulse of Italians on the high plateau of Dobardo and the bridgehead of Tolmino, and says that in the three months since Italy declared war innumerable Italian attacks now here have not attained their object, and the Austrians are still maintaining positions on or near the Austrian frontier.

London, Aug. 23.—The allies' caustic are jubilant today over the unexpected naval victory which the Russians, according to their accounts, have won in the Riga gulf. England had more than a sympathetic interest, as a British submarine accounted for the loss of the German battle cruiser Moltke. The loss of the two cruisers, eight torpedo boats and four transports is the greatest naval disaster that Germany has suffered during the war.

Both Petrograd and Berlin for a week have been sending meager reports of naval operations in the Riga gulf. These were interpreted as meaning that Germany was trying to land forces along the coast route and force to support the left flank of von Hindenburg, who is trying to overrun Courland, thereby establishing the armies along the coast route to Petrograd.

The Russian official report claiming a decisive victory contains few details. It is assumed that the Russian mosquito flotilla assisted by submarines and the land defenses weakened an unexpected destruction on part of Germany's conveying fleet and transports. Petrograd announced some days ago that the large flotilla had withdrawn from the gulf.

The moral effect of the victory on the Russian people is expected here to be great and will probably do much to allay the depression caused by the

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U. S. AWAITING MORE DETAILS ABOUT ARABIC

COURSE WILL NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL OFFICIAL REPORTS ARRIVE

WON'T WAIT ON GERMANY LONG

It is Known Officials Don't Intend to Encourage Lengthy Argument.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Four days have passed since a German submarine sank the Arabic with a loss of two American lives and the United States is still without details and official information necessary to shape its course.

The United States is trying to get affidavits from American passengers and has cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin asking if he has received a report from Germany. Gerard, however, was not instructed to seek one. It is said the United States will not wait indefinitely on Germany and doesn't intend to encourage argument. The only development today was a break in the official silence when Secretary Tumulty, after conferring with Wilson, announced: "Soon as all the facts regarding the Arabic are ascertained, our course of action will be determined."

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary Lansing cabled Ambassador Gerard asking if the German government had received an official report of the Arabic's sinking. The ambassador however, is not told to ask for one. It is officially stated that the American government is not sure of the facts but considers the information fragmentary.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Lansing said that no steps had been taken other than to get accurate information. An inference is drawn from the fact that Ambassador Gerard was not desired to seek an explanation that the state department had decided to let the German government initiate any explanation. Ambassador Page at London mailed some affidavits and other data. He has been instructed to cable a synopsis.

In the view of the state department no points are established beyond doubt. All information received aside from newspaper reports which reflect censorship is embodied in the brief affidavit of Zillah Covington an American. The department considers a corroboration of this essential. The apparent delay in securing the affidavit is accounted for by the fact that the survivors of the Arabic left Queenstown almost immediately.

FRENCH AVIATOR MAKES ESCAPE

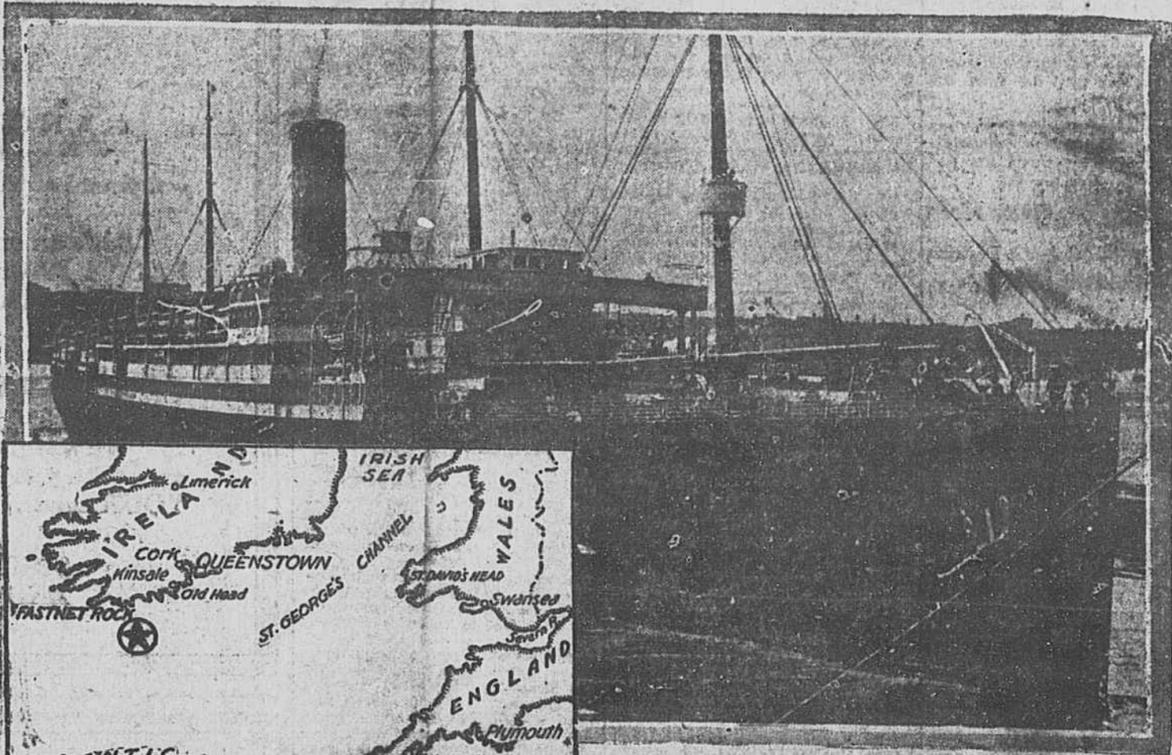
Paris, Aug. 23.—Eugene Glibert, the French aviator who landed in Switzerland on June 27 through an accident to his motor, after bombarding a Zeppelin with shells at Friedrichshafen has escaped. He was interned near St. Gothard. He arrived in Paris last night, it is reported today.

CALL DEPUTIES IN TRACTION CO. STRIKE

Cars on Allegheny Division of W. Penn. Traction Co. Stopped by Strikers.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 23.—Deputy sheriffs were called out today to protect the property of the West Pennsylvania Traction Co., as a result of violence growing out of a strike of employees on the Allegheny division. The cars were stopped and damaged. Cars ran at intervals today but suspended tonight.

White Star Liner Sunk by a German Submarine



The Arabic.

This is the latest photograph of the Arabic, the steamship of the White Star line, which was sunk, August 19, by a German submarine. The map shows her position at the time; she was some forty or fifty miles from the point where the Lusitania went down.

REDRAFT NOTE TO ENGLAND

New Draft to Include Protest Against Making Cotton Contraband Besides Other Protests.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The new American note to Great Britain on interference with neutral trade will probably be redrafted in order to include a protest against making cotton contraband. Lengthy diplomatic exchanges and a final settlement of the cotton contraband order by arbitration are expected. While redrafting the note the United States will continue its efforts to release millions of dollars worth of Austrian and German goods consigned to the United States now held up at neutral ports by Great Britain.

ADMIRALTY SAYS ARABIC UNARMED

Statement Says it Was Impossible for Her to Have Carried Contraband.

London, Aug. 23.—The British admiralty announces that the Arabic was an unarmed passenger ship, outward bound to a neutral port. Thus it was impossible for her to have been carrying contraband to this country. She was sunk by a German submarine without warning and neither attempted to attack the submarine nor to escape.

EXCITING SCENES ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Doubtful Result of Arabic Incident Caused Sharp Decline.

New York, Aug. 23.—Wild and erratic charges attended today's stock market mainly as a result of the anxiety resulting from the Arabic incident. Leading shares fell one to three points after a fairly steady opening, while shares of the so-called war group registered extreme declines of three to almost eight points.

SAYS GERMANY NEAR BANKRUPT

Amsterdam Report Said Secretary of Treasury and Von Hollweg Advise Honorable Peace at Once.

Amsterdam, Aug. 23.—The Telegraaf says that Karl Helfferich, the secretary of the German treasury, explained to a secret conference of cabinet ministers, political leaders and influential writers that the new German war loan completely exhausts the empire's financial resources and said an increase of exchequer bonds would cause bankruptcy. Therefore, he urged the need of preparing for an honorable peace. The meeting was called by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg before the reassembling of the Reichstag last Thursday.

The chancellor, according to the report, declared the difficulties of the empire were increasing and advised his hearers to use their influence to soften a bellicose inclination and an expansion policy in the Reichstag and in the country and to carefully prepare a peace proposal acceptable to the four members of the entente.

Dr. Dernburg's report of the failure of his mission to the United States and other neutral countries, The Telegraaf says, made a strong impression.

Gen. von Moltke, former chief of the general staff, declared he fully agreed with the chancellor and added that only those who are not fully informed on the situation could hope for the possibility of a complete Russian defeat. Despite those declarations, the story concludes, the meeting refused to adopt a resolution advocating moderation in the Reichstag. The chancellor then declared if the Reichstag majority should show an irreconcilably chauvinistic attitude he would be obliged to resign as he could not accept the responsibility for a disaster.

WOULD REPEAL W. VA. LIQUOR LAW

Petition in Circulation for Extra Session of Legislature to Act on Repeal.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 23.—A petition is being circulated in Fairleeburg and other cities calling on Governor Hatfield to convene the legislature for a special session to repeal the West Virginia prohibition law which became operative last year.

NONE LOST IN MERAMAC FLOOD

Property Loss Very Heavy, But Receding River Fails to Substantiate Reports That Twelve Were Drowned.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—The receding Meramec river flood today failed to substantiate reports that twelve drowned Sunday when the river rose to a high mark. It is believed now that none perished. It is impossible to estimate the property loss, but it is heavy.

Earlier Report.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—St. Louis county is recovering from the third flood in as many days, twenty lives were lost and a million in property damage while two thousand families are homeless. Almost a hundred persons are listed as missing. Rivermen fear that the fall of the Meramec river will disclose a heavy death list.

Conditions are equally distressing in southeastern Missouri and parts of western Illinois. The property damage will probably aggregate five millions are homeless.

The flood was due to the tropical storm Friday which swept Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois. St. Louis had hardly recovered from the effects of the storm when the river Desperes went a mile out of its banks and drowned eleven. Before the Desperes fell to normal the Meramec river went two to four miles out of its banks.

The Meramec rose during the night and caught thousands of summer cottages and clubhouses dotting its banks. Many of the inhabitants spent twenty-four hours in the tree tops. Twenty-five hundred families of Valley Park were forced to flee.

GERMAN SUBMARINE GROUNDED IN BALTIC

Dispatch From Petrograd Adds Another Vessel to German Losses.

London, Aug. 23.—A Morning Post dispatch from Petrograd says in addition to the German losses previously reported in the Riga attack, a German submarine was grounded on Jago Island in the Baltic Sea, just outside the Gulf of Riga, and doubtless was also lost.

ARABIC REPORTS CONTRADICTORY

Germans Call Attention to Many Varied Accounts Given by British Press—Say Vessel May Have Struck Mine.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The Overseas News Agency today announced: Naval circles call attention to the remarkable contradiction in English press reports concerning the Arabic. One report says the passengers crew received lifebelts when they entered the danger zone. This statement is declared nonsensical because a vessel leaving Liverpool is immediately in the danger zone. However the distribution of lifebelts it is argued, admits of the conclusion that the steamer's captain was obeying admiralty orders and spurred on by high money reward, intended to ram the submarine as soon as it was sighted. Other reports state that no submarine or torpedo was sighted, permitting the assumption that the ship struck a loose mine. All this shows the necessity of awaiting the official report.

British Sink Collier.

Sona, Bulgaria, Aug. 23.—A British submarine has torpedoed the Turkish collier Espanan at Kaldar Pass. The steamer Bodas of the German-Levant line, loaded with munitions and provisions has been sunk in the Marmora sea.

New Greek Cabinet Formed.

Athens, Aug. 23.—The new Greek cabinet was formed today and took the oath of office in the presence of an immense crowd which enthusiastically cheered Eleutherios Venizelos, the new premier.

ARABIAN CHIEFTAIN WILL AID ITALIANS

Revolts Against Turks and Will Attempt to Free Hode Idea From Turkish Rule.

Rome, Aug. 23.—It is said Idris, one of the most powerful Arabian chieftains in Yemen, who, during the Libyan war, was aided by Italians, is reported to have rebelled against the Turks. It is said he is gathered forces to free Hode idea from Turkish domination.

\$30,000,000 TO FINANCE COTTON CROP

THIS AMOUNT, OR MORE, TO BE PLACED IN NATIONAL OR RESERVE BANKS

TO REDISCOUNT LOANS ON COTTON

May Be Deposited Directly With National Banks to Loan at Six Percent.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Treasury officials tonight made public an announcement by Secretary McAdoo, that in view of the action of the allies in making cotton contraband he would, if it became necessary, deposit thirty million dollars or more in gold in the federal reserve banks in Atlanta, Richmond and Dallas to enable the reserve banks to rediscount loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts made by national banks and state banks belonging to the federal reserve system.

The gold would be deposited, temporarily at least, without interest. It was explained that if the object could be accomplished with greater efficiency by depositing the money directly with national banks which would agree to lend the money on cotton at not more than six per cent, this would be done.

U. S. SOLDIERS SOLD MUNITIONS

Stole Several Thousand Rounds Rifle Cartridges and Sold Them to Mexicans—Many Under Arrest.

El Paso, Aug. 23.—Jesus Real, a Mexican, was arrested today on a charge of purchasing ammunition from United States soldiers. Several thousand rounds of rifle ammunition belonging to the Sixteenth Infantry disappeared recently. The investigation is said to have disclosed the fact that soldiers have been selling to Mexicans who sold it to the revolutionary factions. A number of soldiers are said to be under arrest.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Vice Consul Blocker at Piedras, Negras, reports a terrific battle on Sunday near Monterey. Villistas and Carranzistas both claim victory. It is believed that the battle was an important one.

Secretary Lansing today conferred with the Brazilian minister to Mexico, Cradock. It is believed that he wished to get the latter's opinion on the Mexican situation. The important details of the conference have been withheld.

JAPAN TO RENDER RUSSIA MORE AID

Arranging Greater Facilities for Supplying Munitions to Allied Forces.

Tokio, Aug. 23.—The Kokum Shimbun says: Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss the details but allowed it to be understood that this assistance will take the form of forwarding greater munitions supplies.

The Associated Press learns that Japan has decided to employ all the available governmental and private resources in increasing the output of munitions for her allies, particularly Russia.

JOINT ACTION ARRANGED FOR ALLIES AGAINST TURKS

Undine, Aug. 23.—A joint military action with England, France and Russia against Turkey was arranged by the Italian general Erro during his visit to the Anglo-French front in July. It is disclosed. The plans studied then it is said will immediately be put into action.