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FIGHTING IS RESUMED WITH INCREASED FURY ALONG EASTERN FRONT

RUSSIANS MAKING DETERMINED EFFORT TO REGAIN INITIATIVE

GERMANS REPORT GAIN IN CENTER

On North End Mackensen and Austrian Generals are Placed on Defensive.

London, Sept. 8.—Almost simultaneously with the announcement that Emperor Nicholas had taken personal charge of the Russian armies and despite the beginning of autumn rains, fighting has been resumed on the eastern front with great intensity on both wings in Courland, in the north and in Volhynia, Podolia and east Galicia. In the south the Russians are making determined efforts to regain the initiative. In the center the Germans continue to increase their advantage.

Thus Hindenburg, in Courland, is still denying his objective, the river Drina, and Mackensen and the Austrian generals on the other end of the line are opposing a Russian offensive. In the center Eichhorn and Prince Leopold of Bavaria are pushing forward, and according to Berlin, have occupied Wolkowysk, an important railway junction.

Another day of heavy artillery engagements is recorded in the west. There have also been a series of air raids as well as the bombardment of the German coast batteries by the British fleet.

The Italians claim to have captured several Austrian positions on Cadore front.

Long distance fighting appears the feature in the Dardanelles, where the Turks claim they successfully bombarded the allied positions at Anafarta and Sedat Bahr.

The Zeppelin raid on England last night resulted in the death of thirteen persons, of whom ten were women and children.

London, Sept. 8.—Emperor Nicholas is now in command of the Russian military and naval forces and the grand duke has been transferred to the Caucasus. London is speculating as to what section of the eastern front has been selected by the emperor for headquarters. Courland appears to be the critical section of the line. General Ruzsky is in command there, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg is apparently not making any great progress against him. The central section is held by the grand duke and the efforts of the Germans to drive a wedge through the swamps is proceeding slowly, while the Galician wing, in command of Gen. Ivanoff, is making a stubborn stand against the Austro-Germans.

Ten persons were killed and 46 others were wounded in a German air raid on the east coast of England. The weather conditions, which favored the allies last fall in the east, is again helping them. A dispatch from Copenhagen says the rivers are swollen by the autumn floods to such an extent that they promise to be impassable barriers to the German advance. The dispatch represents the immediate objective of the German campaign as the seizure of the entire railroad system from Riga to Lemberg, and securing the central lines for further penetration into Russia.

On the other fronts events point to a concerted movement by the allies. General Joffre is back from the Italian front and British warships have joined the chorus of artillery on the Belgian coast, which leads London to believe an offensive is imminent.

SUBMARINE SUNK FRENCH STEAMER

Guatemala Torpedoed Near Belle Island—Crew Landed at St. Nazaire.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The French steamship, Guatemala, was torpedoed and sunk about 50 miles off of Belle Isle. The crew escaped in two boats. The men were picked up by a British steamer and taken to St. Nazaire. The Guatemala is a vessel of six thousand tons, owned by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, which owned the Bordeaux, the sinking of which was announced yesterday.

SAYS ARABIC WAS SUNK IN SELF DEFENSE

COMMANDER OF SUBMARINE REPORTS REASON FOR SINKING

BELIEVES ARABIC INTENDED ATTACK

Watched Steamer Till Satisfied His Vessel Was in Danger Then Fired.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—A German submarine commander just returned to his base, has reported to the admiralty that he torpedoed the liner Arabic believing the Arabic's actions indicated she was about to attack the submarine. He says he fired in self-defense.

The report says he was destroying a freighter when the Arabic was sighted. The submarine was then on the surface. The Arabic swung around and headed toward the freighter as if to attack the submarine. The commander was still in doubt as to the Arabic's intentions when she changed her course a few points but kept headed in a direction bring her near the scene.

He continued to observe the liner's actions until the Arabic again changed her course and headed directly for the spot where the submarine lay as if she had sighted the under sea boat. Then the submarine commander, believing his craft endangered, submerged and fired the torpedo.

TWO INDICTED FOR POISONING AGED PAIR

Conspired to Kill Wealthy Farmer and Wife and Divide Property.

Decatur, Ga., Sept. 8.—Dr. Bryce Sprayberry and John Osner were indicted today on the charge of poisoning William Sprayberry, aged 89, a wealthy farmer and his wife aged 82, near Ellenwood in nineteen ten based on an alleged confession made by Dr. Sprayberry when he thought he was dying last May. It is alleged he said he, his brother William and Osner conspired to kill the aged couple and divide their property.

Dr. Sprayberry attended the aged couple, who were taken suddenly ill. Their ailment was diagnosed as potassium poisoning.

KILLS TWO AND SELF ON NASHVILLE CAR

George Smith Shot Wife and Her Sister—Went to Home and Succeeded.

Nashville, Sept. 8.—Panic stricken passengers in a street car, saw George Smith fatally shoot his wife, and her sister, Mrs. Maud Hunter. Smith left the car at once and went directly home and shot himself through the head. All are dead.

America's New Policy, Control of Caribbean Sea



Secretary of State Lansing.

Secretary of State Robert Lansing has announced a new and great American policy, nothing less than the control of the Caribbean sea, which is necessary to the protection and control of the Panama Canal. Such is the interpretation put on the treaty he has just offered the new Haytian government providing for a protectorate of ten years. Of course,

the policy is not stated in the broad terms that the purpose of it is to dominate the Caribbean; but far seeing Washington observers, who have believed ever since the American government decided to build the Panama Canal, that domination of the Caribbean was absolutely necessary to its protection, think the time has at last come when this new American policy has taken shape.

Map of the Caribbean Sea.

Control of the Caribbean requires a port like Port au Prince at the east end. The Panama strip itself serves as a naval base on the west end of the sea, while New Orleans naturally becomes the large naval base necessary for the success of the policy. The treaty the secretary of state has offered to Hayti must, of course, be confirmed by the United States senate, and many members of that body may disagree with the new policy. But

Admiral William B. Caperton.

there is little doubt in Washington that the administration has committed itself.

Admiral William B. Caperton is now in control of Hayti. Although a new president has been elected the American is almost dictator. He or some other representative of the navy department will likely remain there until the treaty for an American protectorate has been acted on.

RECORD GRAIN CROPS ASSURED

Total Wheat Production Will Probably Reach Billion Bushels—New Records Also Indicated For Other Food Products.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Bumper grain crops with half a dozen new production records seem assured. The agriculture department estimates based on September 1, census showed that prospects were improved greatly during August. The wheat crop is placed at 981 million bushels, ninety millions over last year. When the final census is made the entire wheat production will probably reach a billion bushels.

Corn prospects increased sixty-seven million the forecast being now two billion nine hundred and eighty-five million bushels. This is one hundred and thirty-nine million under the nineteen twelve record. Oats may make a record. The September forecast is on billion four hundred and eight million. This is ten million below the nineteen twelve record.

Indications point to records for barley, rye, sweet potatoes, tobacco, rice and hay.

Apples and peaches are far above the average.

SCHOONER SUNK, ONLY ONE SAVED
Captain and Seven of Crew Lost When John G. Whilden Was Wrecked Sunday.

Mobile, Sept. 8.—Charles Foss, sole survivor of the fishing schooner, John G. Whilden, wrecked off the Florida coast Sunday, here today said Captain Henderson and seven of the crew, including George Olson of Pennsylvania, were lost.

Due to Need of Merchant Marine. Washington, Sept. 8.—The need of the Merchant Marine for a naval auxiliary, was the reason given by Secretary McAdoo for the administration's intent on enlarging American ships.

This is to be a part of the plan for the national defense co-ordinate with the forthcoming session of congress.

U. S. OFFICIALS ARE CLOSELY WATCHING MEXICAN SITUATION

Washington, Sept. 8.—Administration officials are closely watching the military situation in Central Mexico where Carranza forces are planning a general attack on the Villa forces either at Torreon or Cuahuahua. Consuls have been asked for all available information on troop movements.

A message, dated yesterday, from the consul at Torreon said Villa troops from Sattilo are arriving there. Several train loads artillery have been shipped by Villa.

Lansing said plans for the meeting of the Pan-American conference next week have been completed.

GERARD HAS GERMAN NOTE ON THE ARABIC

Ascribed Sinking to Self Defense and Offers to Refer Matter of Pay to The Hague.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—Germany's note concerning the sinking of the Arabic was sent to Ambassador Gerard yesterday. It ascribed the sinking to an act of self defense. It expressed regret for American loss and offers to refer the question of reparation and compensation to The Hague. It says submarines are instructed not to attack passenger vessels unless they try to escape or attack the submarine.

Welsh Miners Strike Again. Cardiff, Sept. 8.—For the third time since the war began a strike has been called in the South Wales Coal district. Thirty-five hundred miners in two collieries have quit protesting against the employment of non-union miners.

Von Tirpitz Hasn't Quit. Berlin, Sept. 8.—The report that Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz contemplated resigning is declared untrue. He is on a short vacation and will resume his duties shortly.

England Justified. Bristol, England, Sept. 8.—The British Trade Union has adopted resolutions expressing belief in the complete justification in the participation of England in the war.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN MACHINISTS STRIKE

Quit Shops Making Tools Used in Manufacture of Shrapnel for Allies.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Seventy-five German and Austrian machinists employed by Terrie-Wold and company, struck today when they learned the company had taken a contract to make tools used in manufacturing shrapnel for the allies. They made no demands, the officials said.

President Harding, of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, said the strike was one of many called to his attention recently and that an investigation is being made. He may report to President Wilson, after the Dumba case is settled.

Gold Statement Overestimated. New York, Sept. 8.—Great Britain's third shipment of gold to the United States in five weeks was put in the sub-treasury here today. It amounted to \$19,465,000, and not \$66,000,000 as reported by the J. P. Morgan company. No statement was made of the value of American securities accompanying the gold but it is reported at thirty millions.

Hesperian Enquiry. Washington, Sept. 8.—Secretary Lansing today called Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to forward information available in the sinking of the Hesperian.

GRAND DUKE IS TRANSFERRED

Ordered to Caucasus By Emperor—Made Viceroy and Commander of Southern Army—Is Demotion.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas. The emperor took this action on assuming command of the Russian military and naval forces. The Grand Duke was made viceroy of Caucasus, and commander of the army of the southern front.

The action of the czar in transferring the grand duke is perhaps the most important change of this nature made by any belligerent nation. The only comparable incident was the retirement by Emperor William last October of Count Von Moltke, chief of the German general staff. The part to which the grand duke has been transferred is relatively unimportant, compared with his former vast power, as the Caucasian campaign presents only minor aspects of the war. The Russian forces in the Caucasus is not large and the fighting there has been perfunctory for several months.

BELIEVED LYNCHED, NEGRO ESCAPED MOB

Seriously Wounded By Husband of Woman to Whom He Was Disrespectful.

Orlando, Fla., Sept. 8.—George Thompson, a negro who was taken near St. Cloud by a mob last night and was thought to have been lynched, escaped. He was found near Taft today in a critical condition from wounds inflicted yesterday by the husband of the woman he was disrespectful to. The mob told him to run, fired and missed.

JOHNSON AND GRIFFIN WIN TENNIS DOUBLES TITLES

Forest Hills, N. Y., Sept. 8.—William Johnson, national tennis champion, and C. J. Griffin today wrested the national doubles from Maurice E. McLaughlin and Thomas C. Bundy. Scores 2-6; 6-3; 4-1; 3-6; 6-3.

DUMBA UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM VIENNA

EXPLANATION PLACES MATTER IN MORE SERIOUS LIGHT

WILSON CONFERS WITH LANSING

Goes Unattended to State Department to Discuss Matter With Secretary.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Austrian Dumba returned late today to the summer embassy at Lenox, Mass., to await word from Secretary Lansing whether the United States is satisfied with the explanation of his intercepted letter to Vienna outlining plans for withdrawing Austro-Hungarian labor and thereby handicapping American war supply factories. The ambassador's statement to Lansing that he was acting under instructions from his government apparently made the affair more serious than the mere question of ethics or propriety involving Dumba himself.

Officials are silent on the subject. Wilson, carrying a cable copy of the letter, walked to the state department and talked over the question fifteen minutes with Lansing.

Before leaving Dumba called at the labor department to seek co-operation in his program for providing employment for the workmen expected to walk out of munitions plants. Secretary Wilson was not in and Dumba talked to Acting Secretary Denmore.

It is no secret in official circles that the administration would not countenance any sort of participation in such a movement. It is understood the ambassador proposes to go ahead with his plans without regard to the attitude of the American government.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Unattended, President Wilson went to the state department today to confer with Secretary Lansing. The president said that he just brought over papers of a routine nature.

The action was so unusual that White House men and state department attaches were slow to realize what had happened. The president left his study and passed out of the executive building through a little-used entrance, crossed the avenue and walked up the main stairway to the state department building, while surprised tourists stopped to look. Mrs. Lansing was calling on the secretary, who was at his desk with his coat removed. Men of the secret service guard fled out of the White House into the state department building and finally caught up with the president.

It is customary for the president to summon the secretary to the White House when he wishes to confer with him.

It is assumed that the president conferred with the secretary of state in the case of the Austrian ambassador.

Ambassador Dumba called on Secretary Lansing yesterday and announced that his concern in the manufacture of munitions in America was due to the Austrian governmental instruction. It is known that officials regard this statement as making the situation more complex, as they had previously supposed Dr. Dumba was acting for himself.

It was later learned that the president took Secretary Lansing a copy of the letter that Dr. Dumba sent his foreign office, and which was found by the British secret service.

GERMANY WANTS MILLION BALES

Hoke Smith Gets Notice This Amount Will Be Purchased for Civilian Use at 15 Cents.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Hoke Smith announced the receipt of a cablegram from Berlin stating that guarantees to take a million bales of American cotton at fifteen cents for the use of the civilian population was being deposited with the American consul.

British Steamer Sunk. London, Sept. 8.—The British steamship Down, has been sunk by gun fire, presumably by a submarine. The crew was saved. It was of the Douro-Silerman line.