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WARSAW APEX OF LETTER 'V'—LINES OF GERMANS ARE CLOSING UP.

TEUTONS NOW INFEST PRAGA

Few Details at Hand Concerning Stand of Grand Duke's Army at That Point—British and French Forces Capture Trenches at Hooge.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—The Austro-German armies are still making progress in their campaign against the Russians. The conflict on the western front has also taken on a new impetus, Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary forces, reporting a fierce artillery engagement in which British and French forces captured trenches at Hooge, along a front of 1,200 yards.

Warsaw is now the apex of a vast letter V, the arms of which are the River Narew on the north and Vistula on the south. The German lines spread along these rivers are contracting gradually as the armies in the north and those in the south approach each other. The strip of territory across which the Russians may withdraw to safer positions is hardly more than thirty miles across.

DIPLOMATS ARE OPTIMISTIC.

Washington, D. C.—The powers of North and South America already have agreed upon a definite plan for dealing with the Mexican problem. This information came from Secretary Lansing, who, though he would not discuss details, said he was decidedly encouraged over the prospect.

Peace Near in Haiti.

Washington, D. C.—Encouraging reports on conditions in Haiti come from Rear Admiral Caperton. With American marines and blue jackets controlling the principal towns, officials hope for a rapid progress toward restoring a permanent native government.

Sioux City, Ia.—Stanbury Wright, of Stanley, Ark., said to have been about 115 years old, died in a Sioux City hospital of senility. Mr. Wright was en route from Shelby to Rapid City, S. D., to visit two sons.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canadian casualties up to date number 10,680, made up of 1,977 dead, 6,738 wounded and 2,065 missing.

Washington.—Three billion bushels of corn, one and a half billion bushels of oats, and a billion bushels of wheat are in prospect for this year's American harvest. Record crops of rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco and rice also are predicted for the prosperous farmers, who have planted 310,546,000 acres, or 10,000,000 acres more than last year, to their principal products.

New York.—The date of Gen. George W. Goethals' resignation as governor of the Panama canal zone has been postponed at November 1, in his formal resignation sent to Washington, according to an announcement made by him upon his arrival here from Colon.

Memphis Starve to Death. Washington, Aug. 4.—Actual deaths from starvation in Mexico City were reported to the American Red Cross here by its agent, Charles O'Connor, at the Mexican capital. The food situation is growing worse.

NO TREATY VIOLATION

GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFERS TO PAY FOR FRYE, WHICH WAS SUNK BY RAIDER.

ARBITRATION IS SUGGESTED

Berlin Offers Indemnity to Owners of Vessel and Cargo Provided Payment Is Not Accepted as Reparation for Violation of American Rights.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The state department on Wednesday gave out the latest note of Germany in the case of the William P. Frye, an American vessel sunk by the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich on January 28.

It insists that the treaty stipulations merely oblige Germany to make compensation for the damage sustained by American citizens in the sinking of the vessel.

It suggests that each government designate an expert, who shall fix the amount of indemnity for the vessel and any American property which may have been sunk with her.

TROOPS TO SHELL MEXICANS

Funston's Men Massed Along Line Near Nogales See Villa Force Beaten by Carranzistas.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 6.—After defeating the major portion of Governor Jose Maytorena's Villa army at Mas Carras, ten miles south, on Wednesday, the Carranza forces under Gen. P. Elias Calles began an attack up Nogales, Sonora, while American troops lined the border to enforce if necessary the order to repel any invasion of American rights by Mexican factions.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Unusual activity in the war and navy departments was evident during the day, and an order from the chief of staff, directing a battery of the Fifth field artillery to proceed from Fort Sill, Okla., to El Paso, Tex., aroused considerable surprise.

LONE BANDIT ROBS A BANK

Escapes With \$23,500 After Holding Up Cedar Rapids (Ia.) National—Teller Bound and Gagged.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 6.—A lone bandit held up and robbed the Cedar Rapids National bank. He is said to have made his escape with \$23,500. Lee Ferris, paying teller in the bank, was discovered bound and gagged an hour later. He was taken to a hospital, temporarily insane from the shock. The bank is one of the largest in the city, having a capitalization of \$500,000, surplus \$200,000, and deposits of \$6,000,000, according to the last statement. Ralph Van Vechten, vice-president of the Continental and Commercial National bank of Chicago, is president of the bank.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 6.—James T. Bannan, an eleven-year-old boy, attempted to hold up H. I. Williams, teller of the Merchants' National bank here, shortly after noon Wednesday, failed and was captured.

WILSON PREPARES MESSAGE

President Will Make National Defense Principal Topic in His Communication to Congress.

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 6.—President Wilson is planning to make national defense one of the principal subjects in his next message to congress. While he will not decide finally on the policy he will ask congress to approve until after he has received the reports requested from Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, it became known that he already has given much preliminary thought to the question. While the president will make recommendations to congress on other subjects, the discussion of national defense is expected to attract most attention. He is expected to devote more time to the preparation of this portion of his message than he usually does to general recommendations.

James A. Flaherty Heads Knights.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6.—Knights of Columbus on Wednesday elected James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia supreme knight, at the annual convention here. This is his fourth term. The vote was unanimous.

Must Give Up Their Arms.

Washington, Aug. 6.—All residents of Mexico City have been ordered to give up their arms to General Gonzalez, Carranza commander, within five days, under penalty of death. Advice to this effect reached here.

Remington Employees Quit.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Word from Utica, where the big plant of the Remington Arms company is located, was to the effect that a strike had been precipitated there among Remington employees by a dispute over wages.

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THE EUROPEAN HARVEST MOON



N. Y. EVENING MAIL.

RUSS IN TEUTON TRAP BEGIN SUBSEA RAIDS

ARMIES AND MUNITIONS SEEK ESCAPE FROM WARSAW.

German Destroyer, Turk Steamer and Two Ottoman Transports Are Sent to Bottom of Sea.

London, Aug. 3.—With the evacuation of Warsaw by its civilian population apparently completed and the retirement of the military forces actively under way, according to various dispatches received here, a close analysis of the situation is being made. The official statement also announces an advance post Cholm, on the Lublin-Cholm railway, and just west of the Bug, which the Russ are expecting to make their next evacuated stand if Poland is evacuated.

London, Aug. 4.—Great Britain and France have started to carry the submarine war to Germany. From the Dardanelles to the North sea the allies' undersea craft have opened a campaign against the Germans and Turks which already has cut Constantinople off from Asia, thrown the city into terror and sunk a German torpedo-boat destroyer, a 3,000-ton Turkish steamer and two Turkish transports.

One French and a second British submarine, according to official announcements on Monday, augmented by press dispatches, succeeded in forcing the Dardanelles and dashing to Constantinople through the Sea of Marmora. Within sight of the Turkish capital the submarines shelled and blew up the Galata bridge across the Golden Horn, connecting Constantinople with Asiatic Turkey, according to a dispatch to the Times from Mitylene.

To add to the terror of the Turks the British submarine then stole into the harbor and almost under the walls of the Top-Kaneh arsenal in Constantinople, where it sent a torpedo into a transport and sent it to the bottom. The craft followed this by sinking another transport in Karabogha bay.

According to dispatches from Mitylene this exploit threw the entire Turkish capital into terror.

The feat of the British submarine, as announced by the admiralty, has added another exploit to the annals of warfare by bombarding shore positions with torpedoes. Turkish powder mills and the railway of Kara Burnu, along the Sea of Marmora, were attacked.

Another admiralty statement says: "A British submarine has returned and reports the sinking of a German torpedo-boat destroyer, believed to be the G-796 class, on July 26, near the German coast."

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 4.—The International Motor company has granted an increase of 20 per cent in wages to its 1,200 employees. The increase was termed a "war bonus." War orders on hand are said to total \$5,000,000.

Dublin, Aug. 4.—Richard Croker, the former political "boss" of New York, announced that he would contribute all his turf earnings to the British Red Cross.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—George H. Jones, wealthy garage owner and a leader in church activity in the suburb of Maywood, died Tuesday, the fourth victim of the tragedy that followed his wife's starting divorce proceedings against him. Margaret Bitner, who was named in Mrs. Jones' complaint and who helped Jones escape after he had killed his wife, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, wept when told that Jones had died from a self-inflicted bullet wound. The girl is a prisoner in the Desplaines street police station.

Kills Son and Self. Meriden, Conn., Aug. 6.—Mrs. Nellie Brooks Allen, forty-seven, wife of a prominent business man, shot and killed her son, Gordon, age eight, and then committed suicide. She had been in ill health.

Italians Take Railway Lines. Geneva, Aug. 6.—The Italian army of invasion in Austria is reported to have occupied two railway lines, one near Malborghetto in the region of Pella valley, and the other near Livis in Trentino.

Landslide Wrecks Flyer. Parkers Landing, Pa., Aug. 5.—The Buffalo express, on the Buffalo & Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania railroad, ran into a landslide near here. Jesse Williams, engineer of Pittsburgh, was killed.

Marshall Field Manager Dies. Chicago, Aug. 4.—Lindsay T. Woodcock, aged fifty-seven, general manager of Marshall Field & Company's retail store, dropped dead on a bridge over the Chicago river as he was walking to work.

Maxim on New Naval Board. New York, Aug. 5.—Hudson Maxim and M. B. Sellers, editor of an aeronautical publication, have been elected by the Aeronautical Society of America to represent that organization on the navy advisory board.

Celebrates Declaration of War. London, Aug. 5.—With a splendid showing of patriotic devotion, earnestness and solemnity, Great Britain observed the first anniversary of her declaration of war on Germany for the violation of Belgian neutrality.

Bolide Display is Brilliant. St. Louis, Aug. 4.—A huge bolide of great brilliancy fell from a cloudy sky and exploded with a terrific crash in a suburb of this city. The heavenly visitor was not unlike a huge comet in appearance.

MANY DIE IN FLOOD

CLOUDBURST SWEEPS SCORES TO DEATH AT ERIE, PA.—DAMS BURST.

HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS

Police and Firemen Rescue Residents From Raging Torrent—Buildings Are Swept Away—Fifty Persons Reported Dead.

Erie, Pa., Aug. 5.—About fifty persons reported drowned, nearly one hundred buildings swept from their foundations, the city in total darkness, and the eastern section inundated and damaged to property estimated at several million dollars is the toll of a cloudburst shortly after six o'clock Tuesday night.

It is impossible to ascertain the loss of life. Many are still imprisoned in their houses by the waters and the eastern portion of the city is cut off. Bands of rescuers, led by Mayor Stern and members of the city council, rescued families from the flooded districts.

The cloudburst came as the climax of three days of steady rain. Mill creek, which divides the city, already swollen beyond its banks, became a torrent when the clouds opened up and swept through the city, carrying all before it. The business section was flooded to a depth of five feet and all lines of communication were blocked.

Then houses and buildings along the course of the creek began to tumble into the flood and were swept away. The cloudburst lasted fifteen minutes. Police and firemen started out in boats to warn families living along the banks of Mill creek to leave their homes immediately. But by that time houses were toppling into the flood and being swept down stream.

Then the dams south of the city burst and a further torrent of water was added to the flood. In some sections the water reaches the second stories of buildings. Water swirled through the streets of the downtown section neck deep.

A little girl standing on the banks of Mill creek was carried down to her death when the bank caved in.

It is feared that more damage would be done to the downtown property. It was feared some of the older structures would be undermined and would collapse.

REDFIELD STOPS HIS QUIZ

Secretary of Commerce Agrees to Suspend Probe Until the Grand Jury Acts.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield will suspend his inquiry after hearing one witness—George Uhler, supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service. It is rumored this particular inquiry will not be resumed. However, the report that the president had recalled Mr. Redfield was denied in Cornish, N. H., by authority of the president himself.

The cabinet member found it would be impossible to complete his investigation because of Judge Landis' "stop order" prohibiting grand jury witnesses from giving testimony before the Redfield board.

A. W. PETTIBONE IS DEAD

Wealthy Lumberman Succumbs at La Crosse, Wis., Aged Eighty-Four—Donated Island to City.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 4.—Albert W. Pettibone, retired lumberman rated as a millionaire, donor of Pettibone park to La Crosse and author of many local benefactions, died on Monday, aged eighty-four. Years ago he bought Bordons' Island, in the Mississippi river, opposite La Crosse, and spent \$50,000 improving it. He then created a trust fund of \$500,000 and donated the island to the city. Mr. Pettibone was only son died in 1900. His wife died a few weeks ago. It is the belief of the community that his will will give a large part of his estate to La Crosse for public purposes.

FRENCH TROOPS IN HAITI

Washington Gives Consent to Send Marines Ashore—Situation May Be Serious.

Washington, Aug. 3.—France has been given permission by the United States to land marines at Port au Prince, Haiti, for the protection of the French legation in that city, where Admiral Caperton is in control.

Navy officers say the situation may be made critical for the 400 marines in Port au Prince at any moment. They estimate the population at about 60,000. There are therefore about 12,000 men capable of bearing arms in the city and suburbs.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN WEST

British and Germans Engaged in Terrific Battle Near Hooge, East of Ypres.

London, Aug. 5.—Telegrams from Courtrai, by way of Amsterdam, report heavy fighting between Britons and Germans near Hooge, east of Ypres. Many wounded are being sent back to Belgium from the German lines. Paris reports the allied battle line is maintained everywhere. Berlin announces the British have failed to recapture the ground the Germans recently won from the British at Hooge.

Snow in Michigan.

Escanaba, Mich., Aug. 5.—A light snow fall fell here Monday, beginning at three o'clock and continued for several minutes. According to the "oldest resident" this is the first time that snow has fallen here in August.

Drop Bombs on Strasbourg.

Geneva, Aug. 5.—A squadron of French aeroplanes on Tuesday attacked Strasbourg, the capital of Lower Alsace, and dropped 25 bombs. Extensive damage is believed to have been done.

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PREPARE FOR FAIR

NOW IS PROPER TIME TO GET READY FOR FAIR, SAYS WILSON.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and from Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

Brookings.—Begin now to get your live stock in pink of condition for exhibition at the state fair, says J. W. Wilson, professor of animal husbandry at the South Dakota State college. "But do not get your stock so fat that it will destroy their breeding qualities." Concerning this subject, Prof. Wilson offers the following valuable suggestions:

The exhibits of live stock at the South Dakota state fair for the past several years have included some of the choicest representatives of the popular breeds found in the United States. For numbers and quality I do not believe they have been excelled anywhere in the country. These animals were bred, to a large extent, not by practical farmers or breeders, but by men of wealth who begin about one year ahead of the shows to make selections. They employ Scotch or English boys who were raised with the animals and these boys put the stock in the best possible shape for the shows. These herds begin their show circuit usually at Des Moines, Ia., in August, and wind up at the International in the fall. I am told that this show, as a business enterprise, "pays out," and the breeder has the advertisement for his herd or flock gratis.

This year we will have a different show at Huron. These professional showmen will not be permitted to show with us. With the exception of horses the show will be confined to stock owned in South Dakota. It will be a real breeders' show. We expect to find the exhibits presented in the pink of condition and not fattened to the point where it might be questioned whether they would ever reproduce themselves. However, we must have our stock in a condition so their lines will be well filled out. In this condition any judge can tell which is the best animal.

It is impossible to direct what should be fed, but I would not go to any great expense. Feed from now on liberally with corn and oats and one-third as much oil meal by weight as grain. It might be that some individual would need a full feed of corn to get it in condition. If I did not have hay made from one of the legumes I would feed a little more oil meal. All animals should be handled daily and taught to mind so they can be shown to advantage in the ring.

Cattle should be taken off pasture pretty soon, put in a dark barn during the day time and turned on the grass at night for exercise. The flies do not bother so badly if a little disinfectant, such as sheep dip, is scattered on the floors, in the gutters, and around the stalls.

In addition to the many prizes offered by the state fair management, there is the advertising feature with a value that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. Then, too, many animals are sold either at the fair or after the fair. I never showed a herd at even the county fair but what I sold several animals. It is the best place to advertise. It is the best place to become acquainted with your fellow breeder and compare notes and animals.

If we all said that we did not have time, that we were too busy, we would have no exhibits at either the county or state fairs. Therefore, let us brace up this year, make a creditable exhibit and see whether it will have an influence in making our exhibit at Huron, strictly a South Dakota state fair in the future. We believe this fair should be for our home breeders. We are not alone in this opinion, but the authorities must be assured first that the breeders of this state will turn out and make a creditable exhibit of live stock before they can tell the outside breeder that "we don't need you."

Nearly All Land Filed On.

Lemmon.—E. G. Cokeman, registrar of the Lemmon land office, in an interview here on the dispatch from Washington printed in several northwest-ern dailies relatives to the opening of 2,900,000 acres of land in Harding, Perkins and Corson counties on September 10, states that that report is erroneous. Mr. Cokeman states the land referred to in the dispatch was opened for settlement immediately after the action of the department last March when the additional homestead entry ruling went into effect, and that practically every available quarter has already been filed upon.

Jackson County's Court House.

Kadoka.—The court house of Jackson county, built at this place, the county seat of Jackson county, had been formally dedicated and turned over to the county officials for the use of the people of Jackson county. The building itself, and its site, did not cost the taxpayers of the county a penny, the county only building the basement and the vaults, and the county jail. The dedication featured the completion of a campaign promise made by the Kadoka boosters during the red-hot fight for the county seat.

Since the official census of 1910 was made the population of Elk Point has increased from 1,500 to 1,546, and Union county has increased from 10,676 to 11,436, according to the 1915 census.

For the first time in its history, which dates back twenty-five years, the auditorium at Lake Madison, located three miles southeast of Madison, will be converted into a regular "playhouse." The management has decided to give the people of that vicinity an opportunity to enjoy summer theatricals.

HOMESTEADER WINS CONTEST.

Awarded Valuable Land Near Pringle by State Court.

Hot Springs.—A tract of valuable land near Pringle, which has been in litigation since 1902, has by a decision just rendered by the state supreme court been awarded to the homestead claimant, the opposing claimant having alleged that the ground was placer mining ground and subject to entry under the mining laws instead of the homestead laws.

The case is one of the most notable of its kind ever before the courts of the state. The plaintiff in the action just decided by the supreme court was Frans Olson, the defendant being Frank L. Kirks and others. The Kirks have been in possession of the tract of land since 1884, maintaining since that time that it was a placer mine. Olson claimed it as a homestead. After the litigation commenced in 1902 the rights of the various parties were considered by the officers of the United States land office at Rapid City, ultimately reaching the commissioner of the general land office and the secretary of the interior on more than one occasion.

The decisions of these tribunals were all adverse to the Kirks, but they refused to give up possession of the land. Suit then was started by Olson to enforce his rights. In the state circuit court judgment was entered in favor of Olson. The Kirks appealed from this judgment, and now the state supreme court has affirmed the judgment of the circuit court and the land goes to the homestead claimant. Olson by the decision also secures damages from the Kirks on account of having been deprived of possession of the land in controversy.

Will Do the Work of Many.

DeSmet.—From a plain South Dakota farmer to one of the inventors of America is the stride which R. N. Bunn has made during the past few years. In the early days of settlement of this part of the state himself and family lived on a farm north of DeSmet. From 1884 to 1888 he served as auditor of Kingsbury county. Upon retiring from farming he moved with his family to Chicago and became an employe of the postoffice in that city, a position which he still holds. About eight years ago Bunn and his son began work upon an idea that had occurred to the elder man during his working hours in the mailing department of the Chicago postoffice. It is a package tying machine, which will do the work of many men. A short time ago the result of their joint efforts was put into operation and has proved a great success, with prospects that the two inventors will become wealthy from their invention. The machines now are being introduced into the New York postoffice, and it is expected it will not be long until they have been made a part of all the leading postoffices of the United States where great amounts of mail are handled. The government now is negotiating with them for a large number of additional machines. The little portable tyer is only about three feet high and about a foot square. It begins operations after the mail has been distributed in the racks by hand, ready for tying to go on the trains. Then the machine is rolled along the line of pigeon holes and fed, by hand, by its retainer. Packages of letters four inches thick are placed into position and the instant they are securely tied. Thirty packets a minute are tied by the machine.

University Will Help Farmers.

Vermillion.—The University of South Dakota has opened its engineering and carpentry shops to farmers who wish to make the wooden caterpillar treads to be used on the bull wheel of their binders for saving their crops in wet fields. This device is credited to William Gibson, a farmer living near Salix, Ia., but there is no patent on them. The material is purchased by the farmer and under the direction of E. C. Barton, president of the Vermillion Commercial club, is made into the tread at the university, the cost not exceeding \$15. This is another instance of the state service that the University of South Dakota is anxious to do for the taxpayers of the state.

May Be Sent to Prison.

Millbank.—Arthur W. Nichols, a young man of this city, when arraigned on the charge of giving liquor to an intoxicated man and to a man in the habit of becoming intoxicated, waived his preliminary hearing and was held for trial at the fall term of state circuit court. The crime charged against him is a state offense, and upon conviction he will be subject to a term in the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

First Under the Law.

Pierre.—The first building and loan association to be formed under the provisions of the building and loan act, comes from Burke. In Gregory county, with a capital of \$25,000. The incorporators are: Eric A. Brodball, W. A. Zutz, E. T. Slaughter, Ed. H. Siler, A. M. Church.

Disinfection of Cars.

Pierre.—The state live stock commission has modified its order of May 5 in regard to disinfection of cars used in shipment of live stock. The order required all cars in which stock was shipped into this state to carry certificates that they had been cleaned and disinfected before loading. The present modification lifts this ban, except where the shipments are made from territory which has been infected with foot and mouth disease, and was under federal quarantine.

The mosquito quarantines which come in from the prairie these days are enough to make the average town resident desire to remain and battle with only the limited number which swarm about the city. One rancher declared it to be an absolute hardship to attempt to ride prairie these days, as the mosquitoes gathered about horse and rider in swarms, driving into his nose and eyes, and that he was denied even the slight satisfaction of "missing" was the reason that they filled his mouth if he attempted to open it to give vent to his feelings upon the situation.