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## KAISER STRIVES TO AVOID BREAK WITH THE U. S.

Next Communication From Berlin to Be Satisfactory. Reassuring Word From Sources Close to Bernstorff. PLUNGER CRISIS IS PASSING Telegram Answers Arabic Inquiry Sent to Gerard. Lansing Silent, But Tension Is Visibly Eased.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The administration today was said to feel so sure of a satisfactory settlement with Germany, that it was deemed likely President Wilson will be able to return to Omaha the last of this week or the first of next.

Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson has been informed unofficially from sources close to Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that the next communication from Berlin on the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic will be of a character satisfactory to the United States. Coming close on the telegram which the ambassador forwarded to the state department yesterday by direction of his government, that it was not the intention of Germany that any American lives should be sacrificed in the sinking of the ship, this development was regarded as indicating that Germany would make a proposal satisfactory to the United States respecting submarine attacks on vessels carrying a passenger carrying nature.

Officials Are Guessing. Officials are at a loss to conjecture what the German government will propose but the assurance that there is every desire in Berlin to avoid a break with the United States has relieved the situation much.

Officials were eager to know what position Germany would now take without surrendering her contended right to submarine warfare against enemy commerce.

Admission officials did not accept Count Von Bernstorff's message as a disavowal, but were hopeful that it indicated that a disavowal will be forthcoming.

Berlin Answers For Gerard. Secretary Lansing would not comment on the ambassador's telegram. The message, however, was regarded as answering the inquiry which the state department had asked for Gerard, on whether he had received any report, because it showed that the German government itself was lacking in information necessary for an explanation.

Chairman Simmons of the senate finance committee, who saw President Wilson today, said he believed the situation looked much better as a result of the message from Count Von Bernstorff.

"I do not believe the telegram would have been sent unless the German government intended to meet the position of the United States," said Senator Simmons. "I think the message shows that Germany has decided to break with the United States."

Von Bernstorff to Washington? New York, Aug. 25.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, remained in seclusion here today with his plans for the next few days undeveloped. He had received no further advice from Berlin regarding the sinking of the Arabic, he said, and did not know when such would be received.

It is within the range of possibilities, the ambassador said, that he would go to Washington to confer with Secretary Lansing before receiving further word from Berlin, but this would be, if at all, upon Secretary Lansing's invitation.

Gerard Sees Von Jagow. Berlin, Aug. 25.—(Via London).—The American ambassador, James W. Gerard, called on Foreign Minister Von Jagow last night and asked for information concerning the sinking of the steamship Arabic. Mr. Gerard learned that the government had no official news to give on this subject.

The only information which the government has is that contained in newspaper dispatches from abroad which throw little light on the subject. The circumstances attending the destruction of the steamer, it is not even clear whether the disaster was due to a torpedo or a mine and whether, in case the vessel was torpedoed, there were special circumstances which impelled the commander of the submarine to attack the Arabic.

Final official advice has been received definitely clearing up these points, the foreign office will hardly be in a position to discuss the case or make any declaration of policy concerning the incident.

Officials of the foreign office make it clear that they have no intention of outlining the United States' position to bring about a situation such as that dealt with hypothetically in the last American note.

## IT BREAKS A RECORD

Coollest August 25 in History of the Weather Bureau. This is the coolest August 25 in the twenty-nine years that local government records have been kept. The minimum temperature of 52 degrees was 13 degrees below normal for this date. The previous low temperature for this date was 54 in 1887.

The minimum for the state was 48 degrees at Manhattan. There was fog this morning in the northeast and northwest sections of Kansas. The fog at Topeka early this morning was dense. There was sunshine in a large section of the state today. Rain was falling at Scott City at 7 o'clock.

## AUSTRIAN PRESS BREAKS SILENCE ON ARABIC; U. S. POLICY AGAIN IS BLAMED

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 25.—(Via London).—The silence hitherto observed by the German and Austrian press regarding the sinking of the steamer Arabic has been broken. The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna, whose relations with the German embassy are of the closest, declared that "one thing is certain; the American government has every ground to consider the grave perils to peace which its policy involves. It is absurd that the accidents of two or three Americans being injured in the war zone should decide the question of peace between two great nations. Germany has made reasonable proposals which absolutely would exclude such threatening incidents. If the Arabic affair should develop further difficulties, the dual monarchy would deeply deplore it. Perhaps the affair, after it is cleared up, may lead America to revise her policy."

## RAID ON CAPITAL Russ Air Fleet Drops Bombs on Constantinople.

Forty-one Dead or Injured; People Panic Stricken. London, Aug. 25.—Bombardment of the outskirts of Constantinople by a Russian aeroplane squadron, resulting in the death or injury of 41 persons is announced in a dispatch from Athens to the Central News agency. According to these advices the attack was made on Monday on the Asiatic suburbs of Constantinople. A number of bombs were dropped, throwing the people into panic. Thirty Turks, three Greeks and three Armenians were killed or wounded. Bombs on German Civilians. Berlin, Aug. 25.—(Via wireless to London).—An official statement says that an hostile aviator last night dropped bombs on the town of Offenbach, which is situated outside the zone of warlike operations. The material damage was insignificant. Twelve civilians were injured, several seriously.

## NEW OIL TARIFFS Readjustment of Mid-Century Rates Is Ordered.

Realignment Invaders Increases and Decreases. Washington, Aug. 25.—Realignment of rates on petroleum oil and its products in carloads from the Mid-continent field, which includes producing and refining points in Kansas and Oklahoma, was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. Numerous railroads were ordered to establish new rates by November 1. The readjustment involves increases as well as decreases. The commission holds that the present rate of 17 cents a hundred pounds from the Mid-continent field to St. Louis is too low and fixed 20 cents as a reasonable maximum, including all Mississippi river points north of St. Louis and south of Keokuk. Other new rates fixed are: Twenty-one cents to Keokuk and 22 1/2 cents to Chicago. Missions, 21 cents to Chicago and territory taking the Chicago rate and to territory in western Indiana and eastern Illinois, but 30 cents to points north of Chicago to which Chicago rates on traffic generally from west of the Missouri river apply, including Milwaukee and La Crosse; St. Paul territory, 31 cents; to Winnipeg, 13 cents added to the rate to St. Paul; Des Moines, Ia., 20 cents from Kansas; and 22 1/2 cents from Oklahoma, Omaha, 21 cents from Kansas, and 23 cents from Oklahoma and 25 cents from Kansas.

The commission reaffirmed its approval of increased rates from Kansas refining points to New Orleans and other Gulf territory. The decision disallows all the numerous formal complaints involving the mid-continent rates without prejudice and denies all reparation, but the complaints may be brought again if the railroads fail to establish the re-adjustment all along the line.

## WAS HE LOVING? Wife, Sued for Divorce, Questions Husband's Fondlings.

On November 4, 1914, William Bacon, claiming that he had always been a faithful and loving husband and that his wife stayed out nights until late hours, filed suit for divorce in the Shawnee county district court against Loris M. Bacon. Today answer and cross petition was filed by the defendant. She questions his claims as to being a loving husband by alleging among other things, that Bacon "abandoned her, refuses to support her, that he knocked her down, split her lip and knocked three teeth out." Today a cross petition, Mrs. Bacon prays for a divorce. Weather Forecast for Kansas. Chicago, Aug. 25.—Forecast for Kansas—Partly cloudy and warmer in east; showers in west portion tonight; Thursday probably showers.

## GIRL CHARGES HIM BOTKIN ON STAND ARMY OF ARMOR

H. A. Wineland of Belleville, The Deposed Warden Testifies in His Own Defense. Topekan Says He Is Father of Her Little Boy Baby. Makes General Denial of Charges Filed Against Him. PROBABLY CASE CLOSE TODAY Arguments Will Be Held Up for Two Weeks. One Witness Tells About Killing of Jack Thomas.

Lansing, Kan., Aug. 25.—Warden J. D. Botkin of the state penitentiary, today went to the witness stand to testify in his own behalf concerning the charges filed against him by Governor Capper. Botkin's testimony will close the case for the defense. Unless rebuttal evidence is offered by the prosecution, the case will close late today. Arguments will be suspended for perhaps two weeks, pending the completion of the transcript of the testimony. The warden's story before the commission today was chiefly a general denial of the charges against his record. He denied emphatically that employees of the prison had been discharged for political reasons and stated that in every instance an employee who had been discharged was dropped from the service for cause. He declared that he was willing that a complete transcript of his administrative record be offered with that of any of his predecessors and stated that a high standard of efficiency had been maintained since he succeeded J. J. Jones in 1913. Every phase of the charges against him during both his direct and indirect administration. "I want to declare before God that I never authorized or permitted the use of the straight jacket or gag upon any convict," declared Warden Botkin. "No one gave me information as to the use of gags or straight jackets while Jones was an employee in the prison. When I came back from Wyoming in January, 1914, I heard of the use of straight jackets and ordered an investigation. Six gags and ten straight jackets were found and they were locked up and never used again."

Botkin pointed out that there were now thirty-five Republican and forty Democrats on the prison payroll. That had discharged nineteen Democrats and twenty-five Republicans and that ten Democrats and fifteen Republicans had resigned. Most of the (Continued on Page Two.)

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It is 1.72 Mills Above That of Last Year. Figures compiled by Oscar Swayze, county clerk, show that the tax levies for the year of 1915 for state, county, city and board of education are all higher than in 1914. Combined, the city and board of education levy is considerably more than three times as large as the combined state and county levy. Following are the comparisons: 1915. 1914. State . . . . . 1.25 mills 1.20 mills County . . . . . 1.72 mills 1.29 mills City . . . . . 1.15 mills 1.05 mills Board of Education . . . . . 7.00 mills 7.00 mills Total . . . . . 10.04 mills 12.55 mills The city valuation is \$55,015,352. The county valuation, \$85,505,813.

## Rate Decision Postponed.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The interstate commerce commission has postponed until December 24 the proposed withdrawal by the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad of the joint through commodity rates on grain in carloads from Fort Scott, Kan., and other points to Little Rock and other Arkansas destinations on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, which are applicable by way of Bridge Junction, Ark., or Wister, Okla. The commission proposes to investigate the effect of a change.

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British Left Wing Occupies 800 Yards of Trenches. Big Transport of Sultan's Sunk by French Aviator. TEUTONIC LEGIONS DRIVE ON Smash Russ Advance Positions Near Brest-Litovsk. Germans Claim Recapture of Ground in Vosges.

London, Aug. 25.—Further advances by the forces of the entente allies in the Dardanelles are reported by the French war department, the British left wing having occupied 800 yards of Turkish trenches. A large Turkish transport was sunk by a French aviator on August 20, the official report says.

German troops have broken through the Russian advanced positions south-west of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk, according to today's official statement.

German's Break Through. A movement of parts of General Von Linsingen's army northward along the eastward bank of the Bug toward the fortresses also is reported. The armies of Prince Leopold of Bavaria coming from the east are meeting stiff opposition, but are pressing on through the Baleskoff forest region. The army groups further to the north also are making progress.

The Germans claim the recapture of the trench sections in the Vosges, near Souderbach, that were taken by the French last week. Balkans a Guess. The Balkan states are unquestionably nearer determination of their future relations with the warring powers, but so far as Balkan affairs announced officially, no definite step has been taken in the direction of the Balkan league and its adherence to the cause of the entente allies. There was no confirmation today of various rumors which excited (Continued on Page 2.)

## DRUMMERS TODAY Savages Begin Last Series With Josies This Afternoon.

Dasher and Monroe Form the Local Battery. The lineup. Topeka. St. Joseph. . . . . Bostick, ss. Nicholson, lf. . . . . Cochran, 2b. Grodick, 2b. . . . . Brown, lf. Helmer, cf. . . . . Taylor, cf. Eddy, cf. . . . . Lattimore, 2b. Boutles, 3b. . . . . Jackson, cf. Williams, rf. . . . . Fisher, 1b. Groeling, ss. . . . . Monroe, c. McDonnelly, c. . . . . Dasher, p. Wideman, p. . . . . Vance, p. The St. Joe Drummers, minus Jack Holland, arrived in the city this morning and this afternoon began their last series with the Savages. Holland, who is said to be in the dumps over the showing his team made, is not making the last trip. The Savages spent Tuesday fishing and report that their luck was working fine. More than 40 fish were taken from their watery home. Grover is alleged to have made the biggest catch and Dasher to have caught the largest number. Manager Jackson was confident his warriors would take this afternoon's game and said that he thought Des Moines would be given a good stiff battle when the Izlees come after St. Joe leaves.

## CARRANZA STILL SILENT No Reply Yet to Pan-American Note; To Speak for Garza.

Washington, Aug. 25.—General Reynaldo Garza, Carranza commander at Laramie, Mexico, responding today to the Pan-American peace appeal, joined with his military associates in declaring the proposal could be answered only by General Carranza himself. State department officials said General Carranza's response had not been received. His representatives here say he has prepared it. A personal message from General Carranza denied reports that Villa troops had captured Durango.

## MORE RAIDING BANDS Sheriff of Jim Hogg County, Texas, Appeals For Troops.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 25.—Sheriff Oscar Thompson, of Hebronville, Jim Hogg county, Texas, has requested Captain Ransom, commanding United States troops at Harlingen to send soldiers into Jim Hogg county for protection against roving bands of Mexicans, who, according to the sheriff, are stealing horses and threatening citizens in the eastern end of the county. Sheriff says: "There are two bands of Mexicans, the sheriff says, one composed of four and the other of sixteen members, with which the small force of deputies cannot cope. Veteran "Katy" Engineer Dead. Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 24.—George Workman, 71 years old, employed for more than thirty years as a locomotive engineer on the M. K. & T. railroad, died here early today. He was a veteran of the Civil war.