



41,000 TEUTONS CAPTURED THIS WEEK U. S. FLYERS IN GREAT AIR BATTLE

AMERICAN FLYERS FIGHTING GREATEST OF ALL BATTLES NOW ON WESTERN FRONT

Lafayette Squadron Daily Gains New Honors and Makes New Scores. CROSS FOR NEW YORKER.

Another From This City Has Just Brought Down His First German Plane.

WITH THE LAFAYETTE SQUADRON IN FRANCE, Aug. 23.—As the lead fighting to-day on the western front is the greatest of all battles on the earth, so are the most brilliant fighting forces on both sides fighting the greatest of all battles of the skies.

German aviators around Verdun are thick. They are vigorously aggressive. Germany has concentrated an unprecedented number of anti-aircraft guns.

Nevertheless the Lafayette flyers are daily gaining new honors and making new scores. The flyers make several patrol trips daily over the entire Verdun front and likewise participate in bombing raids far behind the German lines.

Explosive bullets now used by the Germans. Flyers to-day expressed the utmost indignation against the German airmen's newest atrocity—using exclusively in their machine guns—explosive and incendiary bullets.

Comrades of Sergt. Harold Willis of Boston, officially reported missing and believed a prisoner of the enemy, said to-day his machine was seen to fall after a German shell struck it.

Immediately after the incident Sergt. Edwin C. Parsons of Springfield, Mass., flew over the German aviation camp, dropping messages asking for news of his comrade.

Willis has just been recommended for promotion to a lieutenant. He was ranked as one of the very best in the squadron.

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Officers and Men Resign in a Body, Says Report From Copenhagen. COPENHAGEN, Aug. 23.—The officers and men of the First Regiment of the Polish Legion has resigned in a body.

Committee of Five Appointed to Liquidate Contracts on the Local Exchange. The maximum prices fixed by a committee of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange for the settlement of sugar future contracts, being the closing prices of Aug. 15, the day the exchange suspended future trading, have been approved by Herbert C. Hoover.

LINER DEVONIAN SUNK BY U BOAT; DOUBT AS TO CREW

Leyland Officials Confirm Loss of 10,345-Ton Vessel—Probably on Way to U. S.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—The Leyland liner Devonian, which left an Atlantic port on July 28, has been sunk, presumably by a German submarine.

Officers of the line to-day confirmed the report that the vessel was lost, but stated that they had received no word as to the safety of the crew.

On her last trip to a foreign port the Devonian carried a crew of sixty and there were sixty-five American horse tenders aboard.

The Devonian, long in the Boston-Liverpool service, was the first ship sailing out of this port to arm herself against submarines.

She was of 10,345 tons, built at Belfast in 1900 and registered at Liverpool. She was 552 feet long by fifty-nine feet beam.

The Leyland line is one of the associated companies in the International Mercantile Marine.

M'MILLAN PARTY ON WAY HOME ABOARD NEPTUNE

Relief Ship May Land Arctic Explorers at St. Johns Saturday. Donald B. McMillan's Crockerland exploring party is en route to St. Johns, N. P., on the relief ship Neptune, according to a wireless message received to-day by the American Museum of Natural History.

The Neptune was commanded by Capt. Robert Bartlett, formerly a member of the Peary expedition. It found McMillan and his men at Etah, Greenland, where they had been marooned for four years.

HOOVER APPROVES PRICES FIXED FOR SUGAR FUTURES

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The prices are: January, 4.98; February, 4.80; March, 4.80; April, 4.82; May, 4.81; June, 4.80; July, 4.80; August, 4.78; September, 4.77; October, 4.76; November, 4.75; December, 4.74.

Settlement will not be allowed over these prices, but may be transacted below. The following permanent committee for the liquidation of contracts has been appointed: A. Schriener, F. W. Hopkins, Henry Schaefer, William Bane and Max Mayer.

"I AM FOR JUDGE HYLAN," SAYS MURPHY, BUT HE WILL BACK HEARST IF NOMINATED

"Tammany Will Support Choice of the Democratic Primary," Says Leader. Charles F. Murphy appeared at Tammany Hall to-day for the first time since the organization revealed to a more or less astonished public Judge John F. Hylan as the Democratic candidate for Mayor.

On his arrival at the Wigwag he was asked to state his position in respect to the filing of an independent petition designating William R. Hearst as a contestant in the primaries for the Mayoralty.

"I am for Hylan," said Mr. Murphy. "The organization is for Hylan. There is only one candidate."

This means that Judge Hylan will get the organization support in the primaries—if he sticks. "If Mr. Hearst should enter the primaries and beat Judge Hylan for the nomination would you be for Hearst?" was the next question put to the Tammany leader.

"Certainly," was the reply. "The organization will support the choice of the Democratic Party as expressed in the primaries."

Mr. Murphy said he knew nothing whatever about the intentions of Mr. Hearst as to running in the primaries. When asked if he thought Judge Hylan would draw out before the primary election Mr. Murphy answered:

"Judge Hylan is the man to put that question to. Personally I do not believe he will withdraw."

ARMY OF LEADERS GREET MURPHY AT THE WIGWAG

All the prominent district leaders, most of the minor leaders and a small army of district politicians and would-be officeholders gathered at the Wigwag to greet the boss. There was no outward signs of revolt against the candidacy of Judge Hylan.

Mr. Murphy refused to comment on the resignation of Thomas E. Ruah, leader of the Twenty-ninth Assembly District from the Tammany Executive Committee.

L. J. O'Reilly, Mr. Hearst's political secretary, said this afternoon that he has not heard from the publisher about the petition filed in his behalf. Mr. Hearst is in San Francisco and was at his newspaper office in that city to-day.

Mr. Hearst will have to take some action shortly if he wants to get out of the primary fight. He has until midnight Aug. 31 to file his declaration, and he can't send it by wire, therefore, if he desires to decline he will have to send his message by mail from San Francisco.

If he wants to stay in, all he has to do is to let the petition stand and say nothing. Judge Hylan struck back at Mayor Mitchell to-day and accused the Mayor's friends of trying to obscure local issues in the municipal campaign by raising the issue of patriotism.

"The Judge said he does not want the support of anybody who does not hold that the interests of this country are the supreme consideration in the war and stated that any person questioning his patriotism is in for an interesting session."

BERLIN TO CHANGE POLICY TO ARREST NEUTRAL DEFECTION

Principle of Right as Well as Might Urged by New Foreign Secretary. AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—"A policy based on might alone and not on principle is doomed to failure from the beginning," was the interesting admission made by Dr. Richard von Kuehmann, German Imperial Foreign Secretary, in his maiden speech to the Reichstag yesterday.

The new Secretary, according to a telegram from Berlin, dwelt on the tremendous responsibility in assuming office "when the country is beset by the mightiest of enemies without and grave difficulties within."

Dr. von Kuehmann laid down the following program: the maintenance of cordial relations with the Allies and with the neutrals, "whose rights and necessary conditions of existence we shall be most careful to respect as far as is compatible with enemy trickery and our own military needs."

"To arrest further defection of important neutrals is an extremely serious and important task confronting us," said Dr. Kuehmann. "We can only solve it successfully by observing the principle that in politics might counts, but also right, and that only if we base our conduct on both can we hope to achieve lasting results."

Furthermore, we still have relations with the belligerents, although, of course, official relations are ruptured, yet currents of public opinion waft across the border lines of the trenches."

Dr. von Kuehmann concluded with an appeal for trust in the army and navy.

The Liberal press at Berlin points out as a significant feature of Tuesday's session Chancellor Michaelis's statement that the Government would not take final action on the Papal peace note without consulting and advising with the committee. This is being received as a pledge that the Government henceforth intends to collaborate with the Reichstag factions in dealing with the chief problems of the Nation's foreign policy, and that it would continue to work in harmony with the committee in the direction of achieving peace of reconciliation and mutual understanding.

While the Chancellor's informal statements and specific reference to the peace note are in keeping with expectations, it is not unlikely that the Vatican's message will prove the basis of an extended debate on war aims during the committee's present sitting, at which the issues of Parliamentary reform are equally pertinent to be discussed.

The ultra-Conservative and Pan-German press continue to view the Papal note with plain-spoken suspicions and wars against asserting the Reichstag coalition parties an opportunity to influence the Government's attitude.

BROOKLYN MAN WAR VICTIM.

Peter E. Jennings, With Canadians, Killed in France. Peter E. Jennings, formerly a resident of Brooklyn, has been killed somewhere in France with a Canadian regiment in the headquarters at Ottawa, Canada, when he enlisted he gave the name of his next friend as Eugene Woods, No. 292 De Graw Street, Brooklyn.

The Canadian army authorities asked the Brooklyn police to look up Woods. He could not be found at the De Graw Street address, nor was Jennings known there. Capt. Coughlin of the Sixth Branch Detective Bureau has information for relatives or friends of the dead soldier.

Bernstorff's Nephew Taken Prisoner on the Dead Man Hill

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Among the 400 prisoners made in the hollow recesses of Dead Man Hill was a battalion commander with his staff, including Count Eugene Bernstorff, the nephew of the former German Ambassador to Washington.

THIRTY GERMAN ATTACKS DRIVEN BACK NEAR LENS; ITALIANS MAKE BIG GAINS

London Announces Officially the Capture of 25,000 Prisoners in Three Days—Italians Have Taken 16,000 Austrians in Same Time. AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—British warships last evening bombarded the German submarine base at the Belgian port of Zeebrugge, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraf.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The important submarine base of Zeebrugge and other military objectives in Belgium were attacked yesterday by British airmen, the Admiralty announced.

"A bombing raid was made by naval aircraft Wednesday morning on the Zeebrugge Mole, shipping and batteries," the statement says. "Some hits were obtained. The Ghistelles Airdrome also was bombed. There were explosions near the western shed and a fire was started. All the machines returned."

"In the last three days the Entente Allies on the western front have taken 25,000 prisoners and since July 31 they have taken 32,500 prisoners," said Major Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, Chief Director of the War Intelligence Office.

RUSSIANS FALL BACK ON THE RIGA FRONT

Petrograd Says Withdrawal Followed an Intense Bombardment by Germans. PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—The Russian forces on the northern end of the Russian front, where the Germans have begun an offensive, have retired under pressure from the region of Ragelien and Kemmern to the Lako Shoyrin and Frankendorf region.

The official statement issued to-day by the Russian War Department, announcing this withdrawal, says that the German artillery conducted an intense fire in this sector.

BERLIN, Aug. 23 (via London).—German forces yesterday occupied without fighting the Russian positions west of the River Aa to the Oding-Gigaun line, on the Riga front, according to the official announcement made to-day by the German War Department.

THIRD "RAINBOW" FORCE MAY BE FROM NORTHWEST

National Guard Troops That Were to Train at Palo Alto, Cal., Shifted to North Carolina. WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—National Guard troops which were to train at Palo Alto, Cal., will be shifted to North Carolina under present War Department plans.

This indicates that after the first two Rainbow divisions are in France the third will be the northwestern forces.

Canadians Beat Back Thirty Attacks Near Lens.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 23.—A few yards back was all that more than thirty successive and desperately waged German counter attacks throughout last night could wrench from the Canadians' grip around Lens. To-day found the Maple Leaf fighters still beating back the picked Teutonic troops and still crawling, inch by inch, into the city.

In the western outskirts of Lens a new advanced post was established and firmly held to-day. It survived a veritable storm of German counter thrusts.

Home Reports Italian Gains on Both Wings of Front. ROME, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues of the Isonzo front. The War Office announces further gains for the Italians on both the northern