

# OSNOWIETZ FALLS BEFORE TEUTON GUNS

## Russians Concentrate Great Forces in Effort to Hold Brest Litovsk

### SAVAGE FIGHTING RAGES

#### Great Battle Continues Along 100-Mile Front for Possession of Railroad and Fortress

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—The Russian fortress city of Osnowietz has been captured by the Germans, it was officially announced this afternoon. That the Russians are going to make a mighty effort to hold the fortress of Brest Litovsk, the pivot of their second line, is shown by official dispatches from the front.

It is estimated that the Russians are using 120,000 men to defend Brest Litovsk, counting the troops in the fortress garrison.

It is officially announced that the Teutonic allies in front of Brest Litovsk are meeting with the "most severe resistance."

North and west of the fortress the Austro-German armies, under Prince Leopold of Bavaria and Archduke Joseph Ferdinand of Austria, are hammering away at the Russian line, while south of the stronghold the armies under the immediate command of Field Marshal von Mackensen are slowly pushing their way up the valley of the Bug River.

Fighting of the most savage nature is going on over a front 100 miles long, stretching in a semicircle in front of Brest-Litovsk, from Bielsk, in the north, to Vidava, in the south.

Progress for the Teutonic allies is reported from Wyszko Litovsk, 20 miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk, where Austro-Hungarian troops are valiantly supporting the Germans.

The German army, 75,000 strong, that took Novo Georgievsk, is already moving eastward to reinforce the Austro-German troops that are pounding away at the second line of the Russians. Only sufficient men were left behind to maintain a nominal garrison, repair the forts and take charge of the booty, which is now being sorted and shipped to Posen.

General von Beseler, conqueror of Antwerp and Novo Georgievsk, who has become known as "42-Centimeter von Beseler" because he is always put in command where a powerful fortress is to be reduced by the biggest German and Austro-German guns, is preparing to join forces further east. If Brest-Litovsk is invested and the Austro-German armies sweep on past it, von Beseler will probably be

# PENNSYLVANIA'S DELEGATION LEAVES FOR FAIR



## GOVERNOR AND PARTY OF STATE'S OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR BIG FAIR

### Panama - Pacific Exposition Commission Starts to San Francisco — Brumbaugh Jumps Moving Train

#### ONLY 11 MEMBERS GO

##### Tourists to Be Honored and Entertained in Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake

Trains, like time and tide, wait for no man, not even if that man is so important a personage as the Governor of a State. While Governor Brumbaugh was still busy shaking hands with a group of his friends in Broad Street Station at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the special train, which is to carry him to the Panama-Pacific Exposition for the celebration of Pennsylvania Day, started to pull out, and the Governor was forced to finish saying adieu by waving one hand, while he used the other to climb aboard the moving train.

Accompanying the Governor were members of the Pennsylvania Panama-Pacific Exposition Commission and their wives. Only 11 of the 21 appointed to the Commission are making the trip. Several hundred persons were in the station to witness the departure.

At top, from left to right—Governor Brumbaugh, Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown and Recorder of Deeds Ernest L. Tustin. Below, from left to right—Elizabeth Kolb, Emeline Cushman and Katherine Anderson.

# BERLIN DOUBTS GERMAN BOAT SENT LINER ARABIC TO BOTTOM

## Admiralty Official Hints at Floating Mines as Responsible for Disaster — Government Apprehensive

By CARL W. ACKERMAN  
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BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Officials here expressed doubt that a German submarine sank the liner Arabic especially without warning.

They are reading carefully every dispatch on the disaster, but every one in official circles with whom I talked said he doubted if the Arabic was sunk by a German torpedo.

I talked today at the Admiralty with a captain who is in close touch with the American situation. He has just been promoted to be commander of a large ship.

"It will be from eight to 14 days before the submarines which are away now can report," said he. "Until then we will have no official information."

"From reports in the English, Dutch and Scandinavian press it is not certain that a submarine sank the Arabic. No one saw the submarine. The Arabic's captain says he saw a torpedo 300 feet away, but this does not seem probable."

The captain produced a Rotterdam telegram to a Berlin newspaper saying that the Arabic's passengers were provided with lifebelts when the ship reached the "danger zone."

"What 'danger zone' was reached?" asked the captain. "It is possible the Arabic struck a mine. A Copenhagen paper says that mines are floating off the east and west coasts of England. There are so many doubtful points at issue that I hope America will not jump to conclusions until an investigation determines the facts."

# ABE RUEF, GRAFTER, QUILTS JAIL AFTER SERVING SEVEN YEARS

## Was One of California's Mightiest Political Powers Prior to His Conviction on Bribery Charge

### LOST FIGHT IN COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Abe Ruef, former political power, and convicted of enormous grafts following the San Francisco earthquake, was released from San Quentin prison today on parole. His aged mother was waiting to greet him at the prison gates. He had served seven years of his 14-year sentence.

Ruef, once one of the mightiest political powers in California, where he held the charge of corruption brought by the San Francisco Examiner. The original charges were printed in 1906, but Ruef fought them for two years before he was convicted by a jury in San Francisco in December, 1908.

On December 23, 1908, Judge William P. Lawler sentenced him to serve 14 years in San Quentin prison.

The specific charge on which Ruef was convicted was offering a bribe to John J. Furey, a member of the Board of Supervisors, for an affirmative vote on the question of giving new franchises in San Francisco to the United Railways Company.

The trial of Ruef was long and sensational, and during its progress an attempt was made to assassinate Francis J. Heney, prosecuting attorney who handled the case against Ruef.

Ruef was indicted on 116 counts. After his arrest he was released on \$200,000 bail—one of the largest amounts ever asked for a prisoner's bond.

# BRITISH U-BOAT SINKS MOLTKE IN FIGHT OFF RIGA

## Russians Destroy Two German Cruisers and Eight Torpedoboats in Battle

### PETROGRAD IS JUBILANT

#### Rout of Powerful Teuton Squadron Ends Three-Day Encounter in Baltic

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—A British submarine has sunk the German dreadnought Moltke in the Gulf of Riga. This was confirmed in an official statement issued by the Admiralty today. Russian warships sank two German cruisers and eight torpedoboats, but the Russian gunboat Sivutich was sunk.

All the officers and sailors of the Sivutich, numbering 153, are believed to have perished. Her guns continued the battle until the vessel was entirely submerged. A last shot, fired as the water closed over her, sank a German torpedoboot.

The Admiralty's statement, which shows there was fighting the Gulf of Riga for three days, follows:

"In the Gulf of Riga, between August 18 and August 19, the Russian fleet sank two German cruisers and eight torpedoboats.

"An English submarine sank one of the best German dreadnoughts.

"A strong German fleet, on August 15, recommenced its attack against our positions at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. Our ships, during August 15 and August 16, repulsed the enemy's ships and impeded their secret operations and preparations to break through the entrance.

"The Germans were helped by a fog. Aided by a thick fog, considerable German forces succeeded in entering the gulf. Our ships strenuously resisted and retired without losing touch with the enemy.

"On Thursday and Friday the Germans made reconnaissances in the gulf in various directions, during which a series of fighting with the Russian fleet occurred. The result was that the Germans suffered considerable loss among their torpedoboats. We lost the gunboat Sivutich, which perished gloriously in the unequal combat with a cruiser which, on Thursday evening, by torpedoboot, attacked her, firing at a distance of 150 yards.

"The Sivutich, offame and her decks red hot, continued firing until she went down, sinking a German torpedoboot as she sank beneath the water. The guns of the Sivutich continued to fire until she was totally submerged.

"The enemy on Saturday, in consequence of his losses, apparently quit the gulf."

For the first time since the Russians took Pleskoy with 17,000 prisoners, Petrograd celebrated an important victory today with services of thanksgiving in the cathedrals.

Sinking of the German dreadnought

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# FRANK BAKER TO JOIN FEDS THIS WEEK, SAYS REPORT

## \$10,000 for Three Years Offer to Home-Run King

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—"Home-run" Frank Baker will sign a contract to play with the Newark Federals before the end of the week, unless some unlooked-for hitch occurs, according to information here.

Baker will sign for three years, and will get a yearly salary close to \$10,000.

Baker has a contract with the Athletics at the present time, which has one year still to run and which calls for about \$4000 annually. Organized baseball insists that Baker's contract with the Athletics is of the iron-clad nature, but the Federals will put Baker into the game immediately after he signs a contract, and will take a chance in the courts.

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# IDENTITY OF KAISER'S 'SECRET AGENT' SETS WASHINGTON GUESSING

## Mysterious "M. P." Divulges President's Policies From Confidential Information

### "LEAK" FROM THE INSIDE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Curiosity concerning "M. P." identity almost overshadowed interest in official Washington today in the Arabic case.

The mysterious individual referred to by the New York World in its latest data of the "expose" of alleged German activities in the United States, as having talked with Secretary Lansing and even the President concerning German-American relations and Administration plans.

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# LOST AND FOUND

## WHAT DID YOU LOSE? WHAT DID YOU FIND?

All lost articles advertised in the Ledger will be listed in a permanent file at Ledger Central, where the finder can locate the owner at any time. If you have found an article that has not been advertised as lost the Ledger will also record your name and address and assist in finding the rightful owner, who will be pleased to reach with you. Send all other services at Ledger Central is free.

SMALL LEATHER OVERNIGHT BAG last waterproof cover, containing jewelry and toilet articles, left outside gate of owner's residence at Moylan, Pa. Reward if returned intact to E. M. Fisher, Moylan, Pa., or telephone, 33 W. Media.

POCKETBOOK lost on Thursday last, between 10th and Chestnut and Chestnut 11th via Pennsylvania Railroad, with considerable money and papers, with W. H. Strain name. Reward if returned to the First Chestnut Hill, Pa.

SCOTCH COLLEGE, large, brown, with white collar and buttons by name of Kaye. Reward if returned or for information leading to its recovery. Dr. Thomas, 1125 Spruce St.

POCKETBOOK lost near 10th and Chestnut August 9, 5 p. m. Liberal reward if returned. Marston, 1500 Chestnut.

Other classified advertisements on page 12

# BOX SCORE PHILLIES—CHICAGO GAME

PHILLIES	r	h	e	CHICAGO	r	h	e
Byrne, 3b	0	0	1	Good, rf	0	0	1
Bancroft, ss	1	1	4	Fisher, ss	1	1	1
Paskert, cf	0	0	2	Schulte, lf	0	2	4
Cravath, rf	1	1	1	Zimm'n, 2b	1	2	3
Luderus, lf	0	2	9	Saler, 1b	1	1	0
Whitted, lf	1	0	1	Williams, cf	1	1	4
Niehoff, 2b	0	1	3	Phelan, 3b	0	0	2
Killefer, c	0	1	7	Archer, c	0	0	4
Mayer, p	0	1	2	Cheney, p	0	0	4
Alexander, p	0	0	0	Murray	0	1	0
				Zabel, p	0	0	0
Totals	3	7	27	Totals	4	8	27

# TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

CHICAGO, 1st g	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	—	4	8	3
PHILLIES	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	—	3	7	1
Cheney and Archer; Mayer and Killefer.											
ST. LOUIS, 1st g	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	—			
NEW YORK	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—			
Ames and Snyder; Ferritt and Dooin.											

# TWELVE SUBMARINES CAPTURED BY ENGLISH, IS REPORT

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Twelve German submarines were captured by Great Britain during July, according to W. D. Gregory, an attorney of Toronto, who arrived here today on the Anchor liner Tuscania. There were 33 Americans aboard the Tuscania.

# BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK, TEN LIVES LOST

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The British steamship Diomed, 4672 tons, owned by Lamport & Holt, has been sunk by a German submarine. Ten lives were lost.

# APPOINTED TO WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

The last official act of Governor Brumbaugh before leaving Broad street station for the Panama-Pacific Exposition was the appointment of Robert A. Zentmyer, of Tyrone, Pa., as a member of the Water Supply Commission. The announcement of the appointment of the new member of the commission was made by Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown after the train carrying the Governor's party left Broad Street Station.

# GERMANS SINK ANCIENT SCHOONER

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The three-masted British schooner Martha Edmonds has been sunk by a German submarine, it was announced today. Her crew has been landed. The Martha Edmonds was one of the oldest schooners in service, being built in 1873. She had a tonnage of 185.

# 197,705 FREE BATHS LAST WEEK

Attendance at the 25 bathhouses in the city last week was 197,705. Of that record, 119,817 baths were taken by boys, 34,510 by men, 31,647 by girls and 11,731 by women.

# "DRYS" WILL INSIST ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Prohibition leaders here today said the "wet" and "dry" issue will not be kept out of the 1916 Presidential fight, regardless of ex-Secretary Bryan's wishes, except on the condition that Congress vote to submit a national prohibition constitutional amendment to the States when it meets next winter.

# SIX MORE GENERALS DEPOSED BY JOFFRE

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Six more generals, it is officially announced, have been transferred from the active to the reserve list.

This is in pursuance of the policy of General Joffre in placing only young and active men in responsible commands.

Since the outbreak of the war this policy has resulted in reducing the average age of French generals from 51 to 51.

# BRITISH ARREST TWO GERMANS OFF UNITED STATES COAST

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Two Germans—a third officer and a seaman—of the crew of the Norwegian steamship Starkad, which arrived today from Bordeaux, were taken off just outside the harbor near Fire Island by the British cruiser Herwick.

The Germans were transferred to the warship after a boarding party came alongside in a small boat.

It was the first appearance off this port of any of the British patrolling cruisers in nearly five months.

# BRITISH FLYER SINKS TURK TRANSPORT

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A Mytilene dispatch to the Times says: "An exploit comparable in importance of its result, if not in the daring of its execution with that of Flight Lieutenant Warneford, V. C., was, I learn, performed by Flight Lieutenant Edmunds in the Dardanelles.

"While flying over the straits in a seaplane he sighted a Turkish transport carrying troops. Making straight for his quarry, he descended low enough to be able to drop a heavy bomb full on the deck of the vessel, resulting in an explosion, which split up the transport. All the troops on board are believed to have perished."

# WILL COIN CHRISTMAS DIMES

Work will begin today at the United States Mint here, according to a dispatch from Washington, on a new lot of dimes to be made from 500,000 ounces of silver just purchased by the Treasury. The new dimes are being made in preparation for the Christmas rush.

# WITTE'S ADVISER CONFIDENT OF SLAV SUCCESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Dr. E. J. Dillon, Count Witte's chief adviser in the Russian-Japanese peace conference at Portsmouth, generally admitted to be the ablest correspondent in Europe writes:

"The freedom of Russia is brought nearer by recent events. She will lay down her arms. She will translate her words into deeds. The victory of public liberties has been greatly accelerated by military reverses. But in that Russia is temporarily immobilized the question of absorbing territory what new element will come into the war. Bulgaria's co-operation will at the Allies Constantinople in less than a month."

# LA NUOVA GUERRA TRA L'ITALIA ED I TURCHI

## 150,000 Soldati Italiani Partiranno dalle Puglie alla Volta della Penisola di Gallipoli

Da sabato scorso l'Italia e' in istato di guerra con la Turchia. Si sapeva di gia' che il sabato accadeva l'ultimo atto della guerra italiana aveva mandato a quello ottomano, e si sapeva pure che l'Italia non intendeva affatto di ritirarsi piu' oltre. E' sabato infatti si ebbe la nuova dichiarazione di guerra.

A Roma si ritiene che si avra' presto la partecipazione effettiva dell'Italia alla guerra contro la Turchia, e si crede che un esercito italiano di circa 150,000 uomini, che era da parecchi giorni concentrato nelle pu' Puglie ed attendeva l'ordine di imbarcarsi, salpera' od e' gia' salpato alla volta del Dardanelli dove si unira' alle forze anglo-francesi che operano contro i turchi nella Penisola di Gallipoli. Questo aiuto italiano agli alleati nella campagna del Dardanelli avra' grande valore, non soltanto perche' varra' a portare a tal punto le forze degli alleati che i turchi non potranno piu' tenere le loro posizioni, ma anche perche', come si ritiene, l'intervento dell'Italia nella guerra contro la Turchia decidera' gli stati balcanici a non ritirare piu' oltre la schiera con la Quadruplice Intesa. E che coal' debba essere sembra gia' vero, perche' si ha notizia di preparativi che si fanno in Russia per l'intervento, che si fanno in Romania per l'intervento.

Per quanto riguarda la guerra dell'Italia contro l'Austria il rapporto del generale Cernaio dice che le truppe italiane hanno avanzato sul Carso, prendendo al nemico una serie di forti trincee, ed altre trincee sono state conquistate nella vallata del Travenacco. Aeroplani italiani hanno gettato sessanta bombe su un accampamento nemico ad Aidussana facendo gravi danni.

Leggere in 2a pagina le ultime e piu' dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.

# AUGUST B. LOEB DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

## President of Tradesmen's National Bank Succumbs to Disease



AUGUST B. LOEB  
August B. Loeb, president of the Tradesmen's National Bank of this city, and identified with several other banking and corporate interests, died early today at his home, 106 Frankford avenue, Ventnor, Atlantic City. Death was due to a complication of diseases and an attack of pneumonia suffered last fall, from which Mr. Loeb never fully recovered. Arrangements for the funeral are being made.

Mr. Loeb was born at Darmstadt, Germany, and came to this city as a young man. He was about 74 years old. He entered the Tradesmen's Bank in 1865, when George H. Earle was president, and when George H. Earle was president, as vice president and general manager. In 1910 Mr. Earle resigned and Mr. Loeb

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# THE WEATHER

FORECAST  
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; gentle winds, mostly southwest.