

CZERNOWITZ FAST BEING DESTROYED IN FIERCE BATTLE

Russians Cut Off Austrians From Their Bukovina Army.

NO SIGNS OF HALT IN POWERFUL OFFENSIVE

Czar's Forces Attacking Enemy Soldiers All Along the Volhynian Front.

THEIR PROGRESS LESS RAPID

French Positions in Dead Man's Hill Sector Object of German Attacks.

The drive of the Russian offensive in Volhynia, Galicia and Bukovina shows little slackening in power, although the progress of General Brusiloff's armies apparently is much less rapid than in the early stages of the campaign.

From the Volhynian triangle fortresses the Russians have thrust sharply to the west and southwest. In the former direction they are battering on the Austrian defensive line along the Styria and the Stokhod, not more than thirty miles from Kovel, the important railway junction essential to close connection between the southern Teutonic armies and those to the north.

To the southwest they are close to the Galician border, pushing down the railway from Dubno. The current Russian official statement reports the occupation of Radzilow, less than ten miles from Brody, across the frontier line, and approximately sixty miles southeast of Lemberg, the Galician capital, the Russian objective in this drive.

GERMANS TAKE PART IN FIGHTING AGAINST RUSSIANS

Berlin records the participation of German troops in the fighting against the Russians, reporting General von Linsingen's forces engaged in the Stokhod-Styria sector and others under General Count von Bothmer taking part in the battles north of Przewloka.

Rome announces an important success northeast of Asiago, in the Trentino, where several positions at the head of the Frenzella Valley were captured.

AIRMEN VERY ACTIVE ON VARIOUS FRONTS

Airmen have been unusually active on the various fronts. Austrian aviators raided Padua and other Italian towns near-by; German machines have dropped bombs freely on several points of military importance along the western front, including Bar-le-Duc and Dunkirk, and a French air squadron has bombarded various railroad stations behind the German lines.

An attack by three torpedo-boats of the entente allies on the Austrian seaport of Parenzo, in Istria, was a failure, according to Vienna. Austrian coast batteries and aeroplanes driving off the hostile craft.

CZERNOWITZ ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED

PETROGRAD, June 17 (via London).—Czernowitz has been almost completely destroyed in the fierce battle that has been raging there, and the Austrian forces are being fast enveloped by Russian troops, which are cutting them off from their Bukovina army, according to a telegram to the Ruskly Invalid.

GERMANS ENGAGE RUSSIANS IN BATTLE IN EAST

BERLIN, June 17 (via London).—General von Linsingen's troops have engaged the Russians in battle in the Stokhod and Styria sectors, says the official statement issued to-day by German army headquarters. The statement adds that parts of the army of General Count von Bothmer are engaged in battle with the Russians to the north of Przewloka.

The statement follows: "Western theater: A French patrol attack near Beaulieu, north of the Aisne, was easily repulsed.

"In the Meuse district the activity of the artillery continued with considerable strength, and was increased in the early morning hours with special violence at certain points.

"In the Vosges we inflicted considerable losses on the enemy by an explosion northeast of Celles, and we repulsed a minor enemy detachment west of Sennheim, which had succeeded in penetrating temporarily our trenches.

"Our squadrons dropped bombs freely at points of military importance in Burgues (French Flanders), in Bar-le-Duc (Continued on Second Page.)

VIRGINIA BEACH. C. & O. Fast Train leaving Richmond 12:00 Noon, with parlor car, arrives Virginia Beach 3:45 P. M. Connection Norfolk with other Fast Trains.—A. V.

Move Mails by Wagons and Autos

Arrangements Made if N. & S. Carries Out Threat to Abandon Service.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Tentative arrangements are being made by the Post-Office Department to handle mail by wagons and automobiles along the line of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, between Norfolk, Va., and Charlotte, N. C., if the railroad carries out a threat to abandon its mail service at midnight on June 30 because the department refuses to grant certain demands. Officials of the road made the threat verbally some time ago, and though no formal notice has been given, the department is preparing to have the mails carried through the territory from nearest points on other roads if necessary.

Eleven demands of the Norfolk and Southern were refused, the most important of them being for pay on back hauls to stations having no facilities for handling mail at night. A provision eliminated by the House from the pending post-office appropriation bill would impose a fine of \$5,000 for each refusal of a common carrier to transport mail. Officials of the department hope to have the clause reinserted by the Senate before the measure is finally passed.

NEW ITALIAN CABINET

King Victor Emmanuel Approves Personnel of Reorganized National Ministry.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] ROME, June 17.—King Victor Emmanuel to-night approved the personnel of the new national ministry, as follows:

- President without portfolio, Paolo Boselli. Political Commissioner for War Services, Bisolati. Minister of Home Affairs, Vittorio Sidney E. Orlando. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Sidney Sonnino. Minister of the Treasury Paolo Carrasco. Minister of Instruction, Ruffini. Minister of War, General Morone. Minister of Marine, Vice-Admiral Camillo Corci. Minister of Railways and Merchant Marine, Arlotta. Minister of Justice, Sacchi. Minister of Finance, Meda. Minister of Public Works, Bonomi. Minister of Posts, Fera. Minister of Colonies, Colasissimo. Minister of Agriculture, Raineri. Minister of Industries and Commerce, Denava. Minister without portfolio will be named to-morrow.

BERLIN BLAMES MAYOR

People Indignant With Him on Account of Increasing Shortage of Food.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] BERLIN, June 17.—Press and people of Berlin are indignant with the Mayor, whom they blame for the increasing shortage of food, and accuse of having stocked his own house with such articles of food as the population are clamoring for in vain.

The conservative Berliner Morgen Post says: "The Mayor of Berlin appears to be blissfully ignorant of the real situation here. It was he, we are told, who suggested the 'meatless' days, which was absolutely superfluous in view of the fact that it would be exceedingly difficult to find in all Berlin a single family that does not have to get along without meat at least four days a week. We have written before of the crowds that gather outside of the big stores. It is absolutely scandalous that after two years of warfare the municipal authorities have not put an end to this gathering of quarreling and fighting crowds. What a wonderful proof of our talent for organization!"

COSTELLO IS COMMITTEEMAN

National Body Ignores Protests Made by John S. Miller, of Washington.

ST. LOUIS, MO., June 17.—An attempt by John S. Miller, of Washington, to contest the position of John Costello as national committeeman for the District of Columbia failed to hold last night, when the national committee refused to consider the protest. Telegrams from Miller were read by members of the committee, declaring that Costello had been irregularly appointed. Inasmuch as no one appeared to substantiate the claim, the national committee declared no contest was before it, and Mr. Costello was declared national committeeman.

BEATS PREVIOUS RECORD

Supreme Court Disposes of Unusual Number of Cases in Term Just Closing.

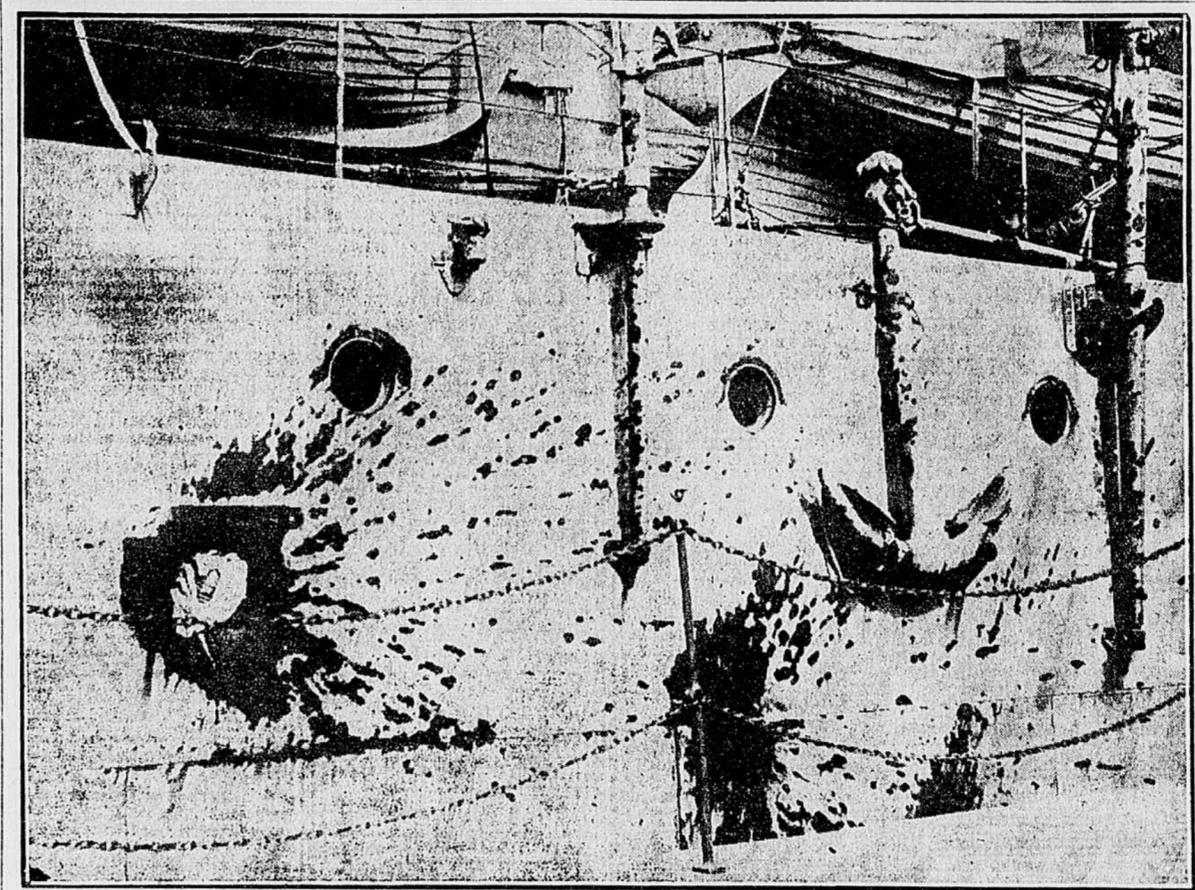
WASHINGTON, June 17.—More cases were disposed of by the Supreme Court during its recent term than during any other term since 1890, according to a summary of business just completed by James D. Maher, clerk of the court. A total of 547 cases were passed on, while in 1890 the court considered 610 cases. There still remain on the docket 522 cases.

GREEKS SEEK CITIZENSHIP

One of Results of Recent Great Preparedness Parade in Memphis, Tenn.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MEMPHIS, TENN., June 17.—Following the recent great Memphis preparedness parade, in which 30,000 people participated, and in which every member of the local Greek colony marched, sixty Greeks have made application for naturalization papers.

AMERICAN FLYING COLUMN IN COMBAT WITH MEXICANS



First photograph to arrive in this country of the great naval battle in the North Sea between the English and German fleets. View of the battle-scarred side of a British warship which participated in the battle. The shell hole is plugged with bedding.

HUGHES DECIDES ON MAN TO DIRECT HIS CAMPAIGN

May Be Col. William Hayward, of New York, but Is Not Frank H. Hitchcock.

ANNOUNCEMENT ON MONDAY

Bridgehampton, L. I., Believed to Be in Lead as Summer Headquarters for Republican Candidate—Steady Stream of Callers During Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, June 17.—Charles E. Hughes to-day decided definitely upon the man who will manage his campaign for the presidency.

Announcement of the name of the candidate probably will be made on Monday immediately after the conference of the Republican candidate with the subcommittee.

It will not be Frank H. Hitchcock—that much is known. A younger man and one not so prominently identified with the old management of the party is more to be desired.

On the heels of the news that a national chairman has been selected there was a revival of the story that Colonel William Hayward, public service commissioner of New York, would be the chosen one. Mr. Hughes would not discuss the matter. Hayward, who is Mr. Hughes's personal friend, had a long conference in New York last Friday. Hayward was the manager of Whitman's gubernatorial campaign two years ago. And, too, if Mr. Hitchcock is to be placated at all, it may be borne in mind that Hayward and Mr. Hitchcock are close friends—the former having acted as Hitchcock's assistant in the Taft campaign of 1908.

Doubt is expressed here as to Hayward's acceptance of the position, since it would involve an abandonment of his \$15,000-a-year position. Moreover, Hayward is being quoted by friends as having declared the other day that he did not want the job.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON SUMMER HEADQUARTERS

The news regarding the national chairmanship, which comes from a reliable source, and a tentative agreement on summer headquarters, were the big developments in the campaign today.

Bridgehampton, L. I., is in the lead as the resting place of the candidate for July at least. It has not yet been definitely decided upon. Dr. Collins Carter, brother of Mrs. Hughes, owns an estate there. He has offered it to Mr. Hughes, and it is being considered favorably. But there are several other places also under consideration, one or two of them in the mountains.

Mr. Hughes prefers the mountains, but Mrs. Hughes will go to New York with him to-morrow night and look over the place at Bridgehampton, which is midway between Easthampton and Southampton.

If Mrs. Hughes is satisfied, the candidate and his family will go there (Continued on Second Page.)

Thru Train to Buffalo Lithia Springs, Leave Richmond 3:00 P. M., arrive Buffalo 7:45 P. M., daily except Sunday. Visit this delightful resort. SOUTHERN RAILWAY.—Adv.

Lid Clamped Down, but No Inconvenience for Public Expected

Various Businesses Will Not Be Interrupted To-day—Only Luxuries Cannot Be Bought.

Richmonders this morning will awake to find themselves under the ban of the blue laws, but, except for their inability to purchase gasoline, cigars or confections, they will hardly be conscious of the fact that Major Werner and his men have "clamped on the lid." The situation righted itself yesterday afternoon when the final conference between the chief and the various police precinct captains was held. Then it was that the confusion occasioned by the number and variety of arrests which would be made to-day was straightened out.

Contrary to the first reports, the telephones will be working, and Faithful John will be enabled to make a "date" for his Sunday afternoon walk or car ride with the winsome Priscilla. The police will not interfere with the operation of the street cars. Nor will telegraph operators be given an enforced holiday or happy vacationists be forced to remain in the city another day because of the inability to have their baggage transferred or the absence of railroad or steamboat transportation facilities.

ARREST ONE WORKER IN EACH INDUSTRY

Richmond will be under the ban of the blue laws, but their enforcement, in the opinion of public people, will be sane and common-sense. Of course, those acts especially prohibited will not be permitted, and any violators will be arrested. However, Major Werner has decided that, as future enforcement of the laws will be controlled by the court's interpretation of the word "necessity," the activities of Richmond people will not be curtailed at the present time.

He will arrest one Sunday worker from each business or establishment, in the opinion of public people, which as a matter of necessity or convenience operates on Sunday, and hale him to court that a test may be made. The arrest of this one man will not interfere with the business or work a hardship on the establishment, yet it will permit the police to secure an interpretation of the law as a basis upon which to work in the future.

The jitneys will be stopped, it is said, but no definite announcement was made last night whether only one driver would be arrested or whether all drivers would be. Soda fountains and cigar stands will be closed by the police, except those which are operated by Jews who have closed on Saturday. Most of the stands operated by Gentiles will close of their own accord, the police have been informed. Baggage will be delivered, as will news-

papers and ice cream, which is manufactured before Sunday. SEGREGATED DISTRICTS VANISH FROM STATE Closing of the segregated districts of Norfolk and Newport News at midnight last night was the first action taken as a result of Virginia's new ouster law, by which public officials of trust may be removed for not enforcing all statutes. The measure was passed by the recent Legislature to secure rigid enforcement of the prohibition and anti-vice laws, but it also gives renewed life to "blue laws" that for years have remained all but forgotten. One of the most perplexing problems the authorities have to face is contained in a law written on the statute books many years ago, prohibiting "unnecessary" work on Sunday. Earlier in the week word had gone forth that the officials would take no chances, and would enforce every law to the letter, but last night indications were that in the majority of the cities of Virginia a more liberal interpretation would be made, and what promised to be the "blue" Sunday in Virginia history probably will not fulfill first expectations. Various Commonwealth's attorneys have given conflicting opinions as to what the word "necessary" embraces. Richmond officials have admitted themselves puzzled as to what course to pursue; test cases will be made for future guidance. Beyond closing the segregated districts, Norfolk will not be greatly affected under the new order. Under an opinion by Commonwealth's Attorney Shackelford, sale of soft drinks, newspapers and works of general utility will be recognized as public necessities. Sales of candles and other confections by drug stores, however, will not be permitted. NEWPORT NEWS WILL FOLLOW RICHMOND'S LEAD Newport News, in addition to abolishing the segregated district, will follow the example of Richmond in making test cases, but will make exceptions in the cases of steamship companies, street railways and railroads. Hebrew merchants who observe the closing law on Saturday will not be molested. The Mayor of Bristol has announced that all labor, except that of charity and necessity must cease for the day. Newspapers will be sold on the streets, but will be prohibited on subsequent Sundays. Restaurants, hotels, street cars, taxicabs and transfer companies will be allowed to do business. In Danville hotel lobbies signs appeared last night reading: "Don't ask for cigars or tobacco on Sunday. We cannot sell." Lynchburg will prohibit the sale of gasoline, soft drinks and tobacco and the operation of shoe-shine establishments, but will allow the operation of newspapers, street cars, telephones and telegraph companies. The Mayor of Roanoke last night instructed the police that the ouster act must not alter the present enforcement. (Continued on Fourth Page.)

FIGHTING BEGINS AS FORCES START ON "HOT TRAIL"

Men, Boys and Girls in Matamoros Armed When Ri-caut Hears of Crossing.

AUTHORITIES PREPARED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY

Pershing Refuses to Recognize Carranza Authority Over U. S. Troop Movements.

BACKED UP BY WASHINGTON

Lansing Says Policy of Administration Is Unchanged by Trevino Threat.

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, June 17—

The second squadron of the Third United States Cavalry, upwards of 400 strong, after a skirmish with border bandits, is sleeping to-night on Mexican soil, less than ten miles from Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite here, where the Mexican population, fully armed with pistols and rifles, is awaiting developments with anxiety. The soldiers' crossing was occasioned by the pursuit by the cavalry, under command of Major Edward Anderson and Lieutenant A. D. Newman, on a "hot trail" of about thirty Mexican marauders who attacked detachments of the Twenty-sixth Infantry near San Benito last night. Crossing, which was started at 1 A. M., had finished at sundown, without mishap, at Naranjos, a small Mexican river settlement about ten miles from here. Within half an hour after the first troops had crossed, volleys of shots were heard from the brushy ambushes on the Mexican side of the river, indicating that at least a party of bandits had been encountered. They were known to have been chased across the river by Lieutenant Newman, and Troop H, of the third.

No casualty on either side attended the crossing. A field wireless apparatus has been established on the American side of the river to-night, which will keep in close touch with the fourth punitive expedition into Mexico. FIRST SOLDIERS TO CROSS EXCHANGE SHOTS WITH BANDITS Troop H, the first body of soldiers to cross, exchanged a number of shots with the bandits, but the sole "casualty" was one Mexican bandit's horse, which was captured. After an all-night chase, Lieutenant Newman's troops ran the bandits from a point east of the sleeping town of San Benito, fifteen miles to the bank of the Rio Grande near San Pedro ranch. Here the band apparently split in two sections, one crossing the river above the ranch, and the other below. The cavalry followed this on Mexican soil. At 11 o'clock this morning, after spending one hour on Mexican soil, Lieutenant Newman's command came in contact with the marauders, and a lively, though bloodless skirmish ensued, neither being able to see the other on account of the dense brush.

After crossing the river, Newman dispatched a messenger to inform headquarters at Port Brown of his crossing. The messenger, a private of Troop H, lost his horse in the middle of the Rio Grande and swam to the other side, almost losing his own life. The trail of blood followed last night by the cavalry led to the body of a Mexican peon. His only possessions were two bullet holes, a rifle and some ammunition. He carried no papers which might have disclosed his name or affiliations. SITUATION IN MATAMOROS REGARDED AS SERIOUS The situation in Matamoros to-night was serious. Every business house in the town was closed, with the exception of one saloon. In this rendezvous were gathered army officers, who gave out threats calculated to arouse the already alarmed populace into a frenzy.

General Alfredo Ricaut, commander of the Matamoros garrison, did not learn of the crossing of American troops into Mexico until early in the afternoon. He then called the population of the town together at his headquarters, where he distributed rifles, pistols and ammunition to men, boys and even girls. By mid-afternoon at least 1,500 men were patrolling the streets under full arms.

Consul J. J. Garza, who has been making efforts to avoid a clash between Americans and Mexicans on the Mexican side, to-night held a conference with General James Parker. The result of this conference was not disclosed here.

It was reported to-night that Aniceto Pizana, the alleged bandit leader, said to have been implicated in last summer's raids, who was held in Matamoros, had disappeared.

COURSE OF PRESIDENT NOT YET DETERMINED

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Confirmation of General Trevino's warning that any movement of American troops in Mexico except toward the border would be treated by the Carranza commanders

ATTACK ON U. S. FORCES MEANS WAR WITH MEXICO

Army Officers on Border Express Believe That Clash Is Almost Unavoidable.

TACIT ADMISSION BY GARZA

Consul at Brownsville Intimates He Expects His Government to Resist Entrance of Latest Punitive Expedition.

Ultimatum Delivered to Parker by Garza

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, June 17.—Carranza Consul J. G. Garza, stationed here, delivered early to-night General Alfredo Ricaut's ultimatum to General James Parker, Brownsville commander, that unless the Anderson punitive expedition was withdrawn, an attack would be made by Carranza troops. Immediately afterward General Garza closed the consulate and moved to Matamoros.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., June 17—

United States Army officers at headquarters here to-night regarded the Mexican situation as most serious. Assuming that the de facto Mexican government would authorize, General Alfredo Ricaut to carry out his threat to attack any American force that crossed the line into Mexico, some declared their belief that war was almost unavoidable. That opportunity was presented to-day, when more than 300 men of the Third Cavalry crossed the river below Brownsville in pursuit of bandits that attacked a little detachment of the Twenty-sixth Infantry at San Benito last night. General James Parker, commanding at Brownsville, sent cavalry scouting the country in the vicinity of San Benito and on a "hot trail" discovered Lieutenant Newman, commanding Troop H, of the Third Cavalry. The Americans were sent toward the border. The trail led across the river, and Lieutenant Newman led his troop across late in the forenoon. Major Anderson, with a squadron of the same regiment and a machine-gun company, closed in on the same trail, and early in the afternoon followed the lieutenant and his troop into Mexico. He was too late for the bloodless skirmish between Troop H and the bandits, which occurred almost immediately after the crossing. General Parker indicated no one on either side was injured. The bandits fled without great resistance. ANDERSON AND FORCES STILL ON MEXICAN SIDE The pursuit was continued. Late to-day Major Anderson had moved his force up the river towards Matamoros, the Mexican town opposite Brownsville. He was still on the Mexican side to-night. General Parker reported that he had sent to Consul Andreas Garza, at Brownsville, a note informing him that American troops had crossed the international boundary in conformity (Continued on Second Page.)