

of the Polish capital is exciting the concern of the entente allies. It is feared by observers here that the evacuation of Warsaw may be too late to save the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas from the grave disaster which would be inevitable if Field Marshal von Hindenburg should get astride the Warsaw-Petrograd railway.

In the north the Russians now are defending the line of the River Ekau, east of Mitau. This means that the Germans are at a point forty miles south of Riga and about one march from that town.

The critical situation at Riga is indicated by the evacuation of the city by the non-military elements of the population, the banks being the last to leave. German cavalry forces are scouring the country in such numbers that the Warsaw-Petrograd line always is in danger of being cut.

At Kupischki, fifty miles west of Dvinsk, heavy fighting is in progress, with the Russians resisting stubbornly, as the breaking of the defense here would mean the early loss of Dvinsk, a most important junction of the Petrograd-Warsaw railroad.

Desperate Battles Raging.

Desperate battles still are prevailing along the Narva river, with the German main meeting the stone wall of the Russian defense, except at a point near Ostrolenka, where they forced the river, captured several thousand prisoners and forced the Russians back to the outer defenses on the northern front of the fortress of Lomza.

Russians Hurdled Back.

According to the official statement given out by the German army headquarters the Russians have been thrown from their position at the Poles, fifteen miles west of the Polish capital, back on to the outer line of defenses of the city.

An official statement issued from Russian general headquarters admits that the Russians have retired from the Blonie-Nadarzyn line on Warsaw. It reports the Germans have occupied the western portion of the Petrograd railroad, but Petrograd claims that the Ivanogrod-Warsaw railroad still is in German hands.

Germans Massing Troops.

A Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says: "West of the Narva between Ostrolenka and Rozan the Germans, who have thrown considerable forces across the river, are assembling on a front of ten miles a compact body of troops similar to von Mackensen's phalanx."

At present the German line of land about seven miles from the left bank of the Narva and every forward step is stubbornly contested by the Russians. The Austro-Germans are closing in on three sides of Ivanogrod, and a few days probably will decide the fate of the secondary fortress, for the sake of which the Russians are not likely to make a heavy sacrifice of men.

Do Utmost to Save Warsaw.

A dispatch to the Times from Petrograd says: "During the past week the Russians have been doing their utmost to save Warsaw, more for the sake of the city than for their own strategic advantages, but it is feared they must abandon their gallant attempt, because the Germans are still bringing up reinforcements to the Narva front."

Although Warsaw has occupied the main public interest in the past few days, most of the Petrograd correspondents insist on directing attention also to Riga, which is almost equally as important as Warsaw as an administrative center of the Russian empire.

"The evacuation of Riga, a civilian population is proceeding," says the Times Petrograd correspondent, "although it is still uncertain what place the evacuation of the city has been determined upon. The Germans are anxious to capture Riga because it would place their hands on the line of the Dvina river, enabling them to debouch in the rear of the fortress of Dvinsk and sever the direct lines of communication between the city and Petrograd. The Russian troops already are withdrawing beyond the River Tokau, within fifteen miles of Riga."

Russ Withdraw of Situation.

PETROGRAD, August 5.—A race against time for the line of Kovno, and Brest-Litovsk, in which the Germans are trying to forestall the Russians and secure a foothold there while the summer still favors military operations, is the view held by local military authorities.

Direct operations against Warsaw are being conducted by the Germans with concern to the Germans that the business of advancing their wings through the eastern front of the Petrograd front will become impossible.

See Plan to Cut Railway.

Observers see in the German operations to the east, the evacuation of the vicinity of Matziewitz, a design to cut the railroad from Ivanogrod to Warsaw, and to draw a ring about Ivanogrod, compel the evacuation of that fortress and open the way for Field Marshal von Mackensen to the Warsaw-Brest-Litovsk railway. The Matziewitz-Ivanogrod operation is regarded here as the most important at the present time.

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Austrians in Advances.

AUSTRIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, August 5.—News of the evacuation by the Russians of the fortresses of Warsaw and Ivanogrod is expected here from hour to hour.

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Kovel Possible Destination.

The destination of the Austrian wedge which crossed the Bug river between Sokal and Krylow is apparently Kovel, an important railroad junction located on the southern edge of the great Rokytne swamps. The effect of this advance will be to cut communication between the Russian armies operating in Poland and southern Russia and accomplish what Field Marshal von Hindenburg hitherto has been unable to do, namely, strike a communications factor in the Russian battle front and leave one set of armies operating to the northwest and the other to the southwest in this region, without the possibility of transferring elements from one to the other except by a long, circuitous railway journey through central Russia.

Repulse of Germans in Bloody Battle at Fontenelle Described

PARIS, August 5.—An official eyewitness account of a French success at Han de Sept, in the Vosges mountains, was made public today by the French war department.

July 16, the eyewitness says, "the

WARSAW, THE PRIZE IN THE GREATEST STRUGGLE THE WORLD HAS KNOWN.



LATIN AMERICANS HERE CONFER ON MEXICAN CRISIS

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opened today that such a suggestion had come to him a month ago, but indicated that so far it had not been given serious attention by the department. However, Gen. Scott's experience with revolutionary leaders along the Mexican border has recognized the situation if it decided to send a representative to Mexico to lay before the military leaders there propositions for the establishment of peace.

Was in Madero's Cabinet.

Manuel Vasquez Tagle, who is urged in some quarters as the next President of Mexico, is the remaining member of Francisco Madero's cabinet, minister of justice, who, according to article 81 of the Mexican constitution and the law of presidential succession, is the de jure president of the southern republic. The plan is to have the various factions unite to make him the de facto president, who will be recognized by the United States and the other American republics.

The plan is to be practically certain that all of the other Mexican leaders, save Carranza, would agree to this. The plan under consideration is for the present American conference in session here to use its moral influence with the leaders of the warring factions to have Carranza accept the position of president. Should Carranza refuse to unite in this, it is understood to be the disposition of the American conference to proceed on further shipments of arms to Carranza. Those best informed of conditions say that Carranza's cartridge factory at Vera Cruz cannot supply cartridges anywhere near fast enough for him and that he already is in hard straits for ready cash.

The idea is to restore constitutional government. The law of presidential succession provides for assumption of authority in this order: Madero, foreign relations, interior, finance and justice. As all the other ministers have resigned, Vasquez Tagle, as the surviving cabinet member, is considered by Carranza as the only one who could consistently be recognized by the United States, it is said.

Constitution Covers Point.

There is a clause in the constitution covering this point, as follows: "This constitution shall not lose force and vigor even if its observance is interrupted by rebellion or by any other public disturbance a government contrary to the principles which this constitution is established its sufficiency shall be restored as soon as the people shall be able to reconstitute it."

The view of constitutional lawyers is that Vasquez Tagle, as survivor of the Madero cabinet, has the right of president with the expulsion of Huerta, but that his authority has been suspended by Carranza's seizure of power. Carranza, having been unable to restore and serve order, is considered to have lost the right to the presidency. Vasquez Tagle can claim recognition under the constitution.

Villa is pledged to accept Vasquez Tagle, or any other representative whom the people are agreed. In the event that the majority of the Mexican leaders to investigate Vasquez Tagle it is considered the proper procedure by the all-American committee to recognize him until he has an opportunity to name a minister of foreign affairs for the constitutional government, that then Vasquez Tagle should be named as minister of foreign affairs should succeed to the power under the law of presidential succession. The scheme is to preserve the mandates of the constitution.

Critical Situation Relieved.

The retirement of Carranza troops attacking Nogales was officially reported today to the War Department. Their withdrawal relieves a critical situation in which American troops were under orders to return the Mexican fire if it fell in American territory.

State Department dispatches report the release of Paul Hudson, publisher of the Mexican Herald, and his staff, who were detained at the border during the last Zapata occupancy of the Mexican capital. The report says Hudson was released with the arrival of Gen. Gutierrez of the Carranza forces.

The Red Cross will ship \$6,000 worth of staple groceries to Mexico City tomorrow from New Orleans. That sum has been deposited to the credit of the Red Cross by Americans in Mexico City.

The cruiser Chattanooga has been ordered to Tonolowago to investigate conditions there and at the mouth of the Fuerta river. There has been no report of danger there, but the absence of American warships for some time has caused civilians to fear Indian uprisings. Three hundred marines are on board the Hector at La Paz, in lower California, for emergencies.

Here to Have Bills Printed.

Luis Cabrera, secretary of finance in Carranza's cabinet, is in Washington to have printed 250,000,000 pesos in bills.

Dispatches received by the Carranza government from the United States indicate that the situation in Mexico City is satisfactory, that relief work is progressing rapidly, and that business houses are reopening in the capital. One dispatch from Gen. Carranza said, in part: "We are today in Tampico and have engaged in a conference with me by radiogram. In a short time military operations will be resumed in the north of Mexico with a view to bringing about the final annihilation and dispersal of the revolutionary forces. Railway traffic is being resumed on all main lines and branches controlled by the constitutional government."

Gen. Salazar Reported Killed.

Official reports of the fight at Nogales say Gen. Salazar of Gen. Maytorena's staff was killed. Conflicting claims of the battle between the Carranza forces under Obregon and Villa's troops at San Luis Potosi and Pachuca are made by rival factions.

Obregon's reports claim annihilation of the Villa southern flying column operating against Mexico City and the east of Villa troops at Zacatecas. Villa agents claim the flying column still is operating, that no battle has been

THE EASTERN WAR FRONT.



THE SHADED AREA INDICATES THE TEUTONIC ADVANCE SINCE APRIL 1.

ZAPATA AGAIN BEATEN BY CARRANZA TROOPS

Food Rushed to Capital, Water Restored and Idle Put to Work.

GALVESTON, Tex., August 5.—Zapata forces south of Mexico City have suffered another defeat at the hands of the Carranza troops under Gen. Coas, according to cablegram from Vera Cruz received at the Carranza consulate here today.

Gen. Coas further reports that the water supply for the capital has been restored to normal and the works strongly guarded by his troops.

Fresnillo is occupied.

Gen. Obregon reports the occupation by his troops of Fresnillo and the continuation of successful operations against the Villa forces to the north.

Idle Men Put to Work.

The Carranza government has made large purchases of cereals in the country recently conquered by Obregon and much of the food will be sent to Mexico City.

Vera Cruz reports that 1,000 tons of foodstuffs left that place today for the capital.

Reports from the capital are to the effect that 10,000 men have been employed on public works and that others will be so engaged as soon as work can be allotted.

APOLOGIZES TO THE U. S.

Carranza General Sorry Aeroplane Flew Across the Border.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., August 5.—Frederick Simplic, American consul for Sonora, has received from Gen. P. Elias Calleja, Carranza chief now attacking Nogales, an apology for the flight Saturday of an aeroplane across the international border, when a bomb and proclamations warning non-combatants were dropped in the Mexican city. The apology, made known here today, was in response to a message from Simplic demanding an explanation.

The Carranza commander stated he was unaware that the machine had crossed the line and gave his assurances there would be no repetition of the incident.

C. E. Reed, twenty-five years old, a Baltimore and Ohio brakeman, was killed by lightning Saturday at Clarkburg, W. Va., while riding on top of a box car. Every vestige of clothing was torn from his body.

ASSERTS POOR ROADS COST CAPITAL MONEY

Secretary of Hotel Men's Association Asks Co-operation for Improvement.

That motorists of the southern states are avoiding Washington on their northbound trips because of the poor condition of roads leading into the National Capital is the statement made by W. R. Lucas at meeting of the Washington Diet Kitchen Association, 2800 Dumbarton avenue, Georgetown, will give a demonstration at the infant welfare station in the city tomorrow. The demonstration will consist of washing the baby, modifying milk, sterilizing bottles, etc.

Miss Clayton Visits Diet Kitchen. Miss Clayton, author and principal character in the playlet exposing the dangers of impure milk, was an interested visitor this morning at the Washington Diet Kitchen Association, and inspected the work being done there.

Popular interest is growing in the welfare work, as illustrated at the infant welfare station in Keith's, and arrangements are being made for the station each afternoon and evening.

They are asking many questions, and thousands of pieces of literature about the infant welfare and the general principles of infant welfare are being distributed. Those who will be in charge of the station tonight are Mrs. Leavell and Miss Jennie Hill. Those in charge yesterday were Misses M. Williams and Doris Dawson.

At the meeting today several babies from the Margaret Wilson School Center of the Grover Cleveland School were brought to the station for examination and entered in the "better baby" contest.

Hotel Men in Association.

His letter follows: "The hotel men of Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, Frederickburg, Richmond, Norfolk, Lynchburg, Hot Springs, White Sulphur Springs, Staunton, Luray, Winchester, Harpers Ferry, Hagerstown, Gettysburg, York and Lancaster have formed themselves into an association, the object of which is to advertise the points of historic and natural interest in the territory embraced by the places named and endeavor to increase the automobile patronage of the hotels, as has been done by the Hotel Tour Association in England. It will be quite apparent to you that any movement which will increase the tourist trade of a community will be of benefit to every branch of trade, and as secretary of the Capitol Tour Association I want to ask that you give the cause of your association to make the movement a success."

"The first snag we have run against in the condition of the roads between this city and Richmond. It is a sad state of affairs that the road between the capital of the United States and one of the principal cities of the Union should have what is admittedly one of the worst roads on the American continent."

Money Lost to Capital. "While you business men of Washington may rightly claim that it is not up to you to build roads into Virginia, and that you have done enough when you put the approaches to your city into good condition, as a matter of fact you are losing more each year than it would cost you to put the road into condition, as the motorists of Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas are avoiding Washington on their northbound trips and the northern motorists do likewise when they travel south, and you business men are losing money every day."

"We would appreciate it very much if your association would send a committee to confer with the Washington Hotel Men's Association, and see what can be done to improve the road. I am sure you will admit affect the members of your association as much as they do ours."

The matter has been referred to a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce appointed recently to examine the condition of the roads entering the District. It consists of J. A. Kimberley, Charles L. Howser and John F. Slaven.

AMERICAN FLAG TORN TO SHREDS IN MEXICO

Diplomatic Courier Is Beaten and Official Dispatches Opened by Zapata.

MEXICO CITY, July 25, via courier to Vera Cruz and mail to New Orleans.—Allan Mallory, the young American who was assaulted and robbed and subjected to other indignities by Zapata followers near San Martin, Mexico, while carrying diplomatic correspondence between Puebla and Mexico City July 22, made a statement regarding the affair on his arrival here today.

Mallory said the Zapata soldiers tore an American flag from his automobile and ripped it into shreds. Later, he said, when he was taken before Gen. Zapata, the latter broke the American consular seal on the correspondence he was carrying and opened the mail and refused to return it to him.

Carried Official Mail.

"I left Puebla in my automobile last Thursday morning," said Mallory, "carrying official mail for the Brazilian legation in Mexico City, which was sealed and given to me by American Consul Jenkins. With me were Carlos Batres, son of the Chilean minister to Mexico, A. Gallopin, a Swiss citizen; Rivero Coloca, a Spanish subject, and my mechanic, a Mexican. Shortly after we entered San Martin the Carranzistas fled from the town and Zapata's men entered, shooting in all directions."

"The Zapata soldiers went up to my automobile, tore the American flag from the hood and ripped it into shreds with their teeth. Then they broke open all the packages in the car. I told them I was carrying official mail for the consul and must ahead of the machine. They tore up my passport and credentials, tore my coat off and demanded my money. They took from me about \$5,500 in Mexican currency. The soldiers started to open the correspondence, but gave it back when I warned them what it was."

Taken Before Zapata. "Then about a dozen soldiers, including the colonel, piled into automobiles, demanding that I drive them to Huejutlango, to Zapata. The soldiers took Gallopin and Batres to a church where they were held. Gallopin having been robbed and Batres beaten. They tied a rope around Coloca's arm and a mounted Zapataista dragged him through the sand and mud ahead of the machine. Several times during the trip the colonel struck me with his revolver and threatened to kill me."

"I was taken to the plaza at Huejutlango and taken before Gen. Zapata. I found them later. Gallopin having the correspondence. Zapata tore open the mail, examined it and tossed it aside. Finally he had an officer give me a passport and permitted me to leave, but he refused to return the mail. I include 7,000 sacks of flour, 100 cars of corn and large quantities of sugar, coffee, butter and beans."

FOOD IN MEXICO CITY.

Gen. Gonzales Says All Needs Will Be Supplied.

MEXICO CITY, August 3 (delayed).—Gen. Pablo Gonzales, commander of the Carranza forces, told the Associated Press today that with his army had come sufficient food supplies to plentifully supply all the needs of the population of the federal capital for at least one month. These supplies, he said, include 7,000 sacks of flour, 100 cars of corn and large quantities of sugar, coffee, butter and beans.

Gen. Gonzales said that communication both by railroad and telegraph has been established and that food will soon begin to arrive from various sections of the republic. He asserted that order has been restored everywhere in the federal district and that business once more was assuming its normal course.

DR. HARVEY W. WILEY SPEAKS AT KEITH'S

Pure Food Advocate Leads Support to Vigorous Campaign Being Conducted for Child Welfare.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley of pure food fame lent his influence to the pure milk campaign today, when he addressed the matinee audience at Keith's Theater, where Miss Una Clayton's comedy playlet, "Milk," is made the center of the crusade being waged this week by agencies interested in child welfare. Dr. Wiley told the people how important a part modified milk plays in the development of the baby.

Dr. William C. Woodward, District health officer and the chairman of the committee in charge of the week's campaign, who was unable to open the theater campaign Monday, will close it Saturday, when he will speak from the stage.

As another attraction Saturday, during the intermission at the matinee performance a class of "little mothers" from the Washington Diet Kitchen Association, 2800 Dumbarton avenue, Georgetown, will give a demonstration at the infant welfare station in the city tomorrow. The demonstration will consist of washing the baby, modifying milk, sterilizing bottles, etc.

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TO CANVASS PRIMARY VOTE.

Winner in Contest for Fairfax County Treasurership in Doubt.

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, Va., August 5.—Until the commissioners of election complete the canvass of the vote cast in Tuesday's primary in Fairfax county the question of winner for the office of treasurer hangs in the balance between Claude Wiley and W. F. Huddleston.

Both candidates are claiming victory. First reports were that Wiley was winner by twenty-three votes. Last evening it was reported that Huddleston had a margin of one vote, and later came the report that the primary was a tie.

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning the commissioners of election began to canvass the vote. Both candidates and a large gathering of their friends are at the courthouse awaiting the result.

HOME NEAR BOYDS ROBBED.

Believed to Be Man Responsible for Series of Robberies Past Month.

Special Correspondence of The Star. BOYDS, Md., August 5.—The home of John Stevens, near here, was broken into last night, and money and other valuables taken, by a man who is thought responsible for a series of robberies which have taken place in the Boyds section in the last month. The robber escaped.

The Poolesville home and coat shop will be held by Poolesville August 20, this year, as usual. Many entries of horses and colts have been promised from all over the county.

A petition being circulated to have the county commissioners for Montgomery county let the new pike from State to Boyds cross the railroad crossing in the town. This was the original contract, it is said, but for some reason the contractors who are building the new pike have been told it will be stopped at the entrance to the town.

The recent Odd Fellows' picnic held here was attended by a record-breaking crowd from all sections of Montgomery and Frederick counties. If the democratic candidates were out in full force. The sales of the day were large and a handsome sum was netted.

Building Operations in July.

Building operations in the District of Columbia last month involved an expenditure of nearly a million and a half dollars. New buildings alone called for an expenditure of \$1,235,127, while repairs amounting to \$189,980 swelled the total to \$1,425,107. The following summary shows the distribution of improvements to the various sections of the District.

Building—Northwest, \$26,675; Southwest, \$26,950; Northeast, \$140,700; Southeast, \$1,235,127; total, \$1,425,107.

Repairs, etc.—Northwest, \$4,958; Southeast, \$4,618; Northeast, \$151,796; Southwest, \$805; total, \$27,000; total, \$189,980.

Total cost of buildings and repairs, etc., \$1,425,107.

RIGHT OF U. S. TO GRANT REGISTRY ISSUE IN CASE

American Protest Against Seizure of the Dacia Will Aver De-nial of Justice.

It has been determined that the French prize court ruling, announced yesterday, confirming the seizure of the American cotton steamer Dacia, which carries cotton of the vessel, will be on the ground that a misinterpretation of international law has caused a denial of justice.

The issue will be over the right of the United States to grant American registry to the vessel, sold to an American citizen, by the Hamburg American Steamship Company, a German corporation.

France holds such a transfer to be recognized must have been made thirty days before the outbreak of hostilities.

Cotton Cargo Not Involved.

The Dacia's cargo of cotton is not involved. The British government, before the Dacia sailed from Galveston, last spring for Rotterdam, announced that the cargo would be consigned to Bremen would not be detained, the announcement being binding upon France. The French government purchased the cotton through a special appropriation. First payments to the owners of the cotton were made yesterday at the State Department.

At the beginning of the present war the United States served notice upon the belligerents that as they had not consented to observe the unratified declarations of London as a whole, this government would not be bound by the protest against condemnation of principles of international law in dealing with questions of neutral rights.

The protest against condemnation of the Dacia will rest on those principles.

BRITISH SHIP IS SUNK; ONE OF CREW DROWNED

LONDON, August 5.—The British steamship Costello of 891 tons net has been sunk. The crew, with the exception of one man, who was drowned, has been saved.

WILL TRANSFER \$5,500,000.

Harvard University Offers to Give Up McKay Bequest.

BOSTON, August 5.—An offer of Harvard University to transfer to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology a fund of \$5,500,000, created under the will of Gordon McKay, received the sanction of Attorney General Henry C. Atwell.

Under the provisions of the will the fund was to be used to maintain a separate school for instruction in industrial arts and sciences. Harvard authorities, after studying the situation, believed the wishes of Mr. McKay could be best carried out by the Institute of Technology in its new quarters in Cambridge. The approval of the supreme court was asked, but before rendering a decision the court referred the matter to the attorney general.

It is expected that the court now will give the necessary order for the transfer.

READY TO GO TO CAMP.

D. C. Hospital Corps Will Go to Tobyhanna Tomorrow.

Arrangements are complete for the departure tomorrow morning of the Field Hospital Corps of the National Guard of the District of Columbia for Tobyhanna, Pa., where it is to hold its annual encampment. Thirty-three men and five officers, led by Maj. W. M. Fales, are expected to go. The corps is to return August 15.

At Tobyhanna the Washington men are to meet a corps from Atlanta, Ga. A large amount of the necessary equipment for the field hospital work is at the Federal Training town so that it will be necessary for the local men to carry only those things pertaining to personal use, such as tents and cooking utensils.

HANSON E. WEAVER'S FUNERAL

Services for Civil War Veteran This Afternoon—Interment at Arlington.

Funeral services for Hanson E. Weaver, seventy-four years old, veteran of the civil war and veteran employee of the government, who died Tuesday, were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the family home, 1614 Q street northwest. The services were attended by associates from the office of the auditor for the War Department and by members of the G. A. R.

Rev. Dr. Howard A. Hannaford of the Church of the Covenant conducted the religious services at the home. Interment was in Arlington national cemetery.

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BUD FISHER'S MUTT AND JEFF

Will Appear in Washington Exclusively in The Star, Commencing Monday, August 9.



After a hard day yesterday little Jeff is ready to resume his journey to Washington to appear in The Star next Monday.