

WEATHER.

Unsettled tonight and tomorrow; probably showers; cooler; moderate wind.

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PHILIPPINES PLOT TO STIR SEDITION LAD TO GERMANS

Department of Justice and British Embassy Said to Have Data.

RADIO PLANT IN D. C. IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Story of Spies in State and Treasury Departments Proves "Bombshell" Here.

BIELASKI SEES DOCUMENTS

Department of Justice Secret Service Head Furnished With Papers by the New York World, It Is Stated.

The existence of a plot by Germans, which has not yet been carried out, to stir up sedition in the Philippine Islands against the government of the United States, was reported in Washington today as the latest development in the charges which have been published the past few days against German officials now in the United States, which purport to connect such officials with various activities of a devious nature to further Germany's interests during the war.

ACCEPTS PROPOSAL MADE BY GERMANY

United States Agrees to Settlement of Frye Case by Mixed Commission.

WILLING FOR THE HAGUE TO INTERPRET TREATIES

Insists, However, Upon Statement by Imperial Government Regarding Future Naval Operations.

The American reply to Germany's last note on the sinking of the American sailing ship William F. Frye, made public here today by the State Department, accepts the proposal that damages be fixed by a mixed commission and that the disputed treaty provisions be submitted to arbitration at The Hague, but calls on Germany for a statement, meanwhile, as to whether she intends to conduct her future naval operations in accordance with her interpretations of the Prussian-American treaty or with those of the United States.

Plant Being Investigated

Information as to the alleged Philippine plot is in the hands of the Department of Justice, as well as in the hands of the United States government and other radiograms sent and received by the big high-powered wireless station at Arlington. This wireless station, it is reported, is installed upon the house of a German, whose care it is, the charge is made, since the Sayville wireless plant was taken over from its German ownership by the United States, to record messages from or to Arlington which might have an interest for Germany.

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SAN FRANCISCO, August 17.—Former Gov. John M. Slaton of Georgia, who, as chief executive of that state, commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death passed upon Leo M. Frank, and who is here visiting the Panama-Pacific exposition, was informed this morning that Frank had been lynched.

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NO PLACE FOR THE DOVE TO LIGHT.

VEETERANS OF G. A. R. ARE GIVEN LEAVE

President Wilson Signs Order Permitting U. S. Employees to Attend Encampment.

President Wilson today signed an executive order granting leave with pay to all veterans of the civil war in the service of the federal government who desire to attend the Grand Army encampment to be held here from September 27 to October 2. The executive order grants the G. A. R. men leave from September 26 to October 3, with additional time to journey to and from Washington. The order follows: "It is hereby ordered that all veterans of the civil war in the service of the government of the United States who desire to attend the Grand Army encampment to be held in Washington, D. C., September 27 to October 2, shall be granted leave of absence with pay, in addition to the annual leave provided for by statute, from September 26 to October 3, inclusive, that they may come the opportunity to attend the encampment, and that they be granted as many more days' additional leave, with pay in each case, as are necessary for the journey to Washington and return to the posts of duty."

Plans to Be Discussed

Plans for furnishing information concerning the headquarters of the various veterans organizations and points of interest about the city will be discussed at a meeting of the information committee of the citizens' G. A. R. Davis is chairman of the committee.

Many Go to Cemetery

Reports that the mob intended lynching the prisoner and placing his body on the grave of Mary Phagan drew a large number of persons to the cemetery here early today. Many went out as early as 6:30 o'clock this morning.

Five Auto Loads of Men, Making Raid Upon Prison, Do Their Work Quickly

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., August 17.—The well organized mob no larger than could be accommodated in five automobiles, which attacked the Georgia state penitentiary here last night, and took Leo M. Frank from a dormitory and escaped with him, carried out its work without a hitch.

PLANS POLISH AUTONOMY

Count Telepolsky Would Have Self-Government Under Czar.

LONDON, August 17.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says: "Count Telepolsky, chief Polish delegate to the Russo-Polish conference here, has drafted a project for autonomy for Poland under the scepter of the Russian emperor. It calls for a lower house and senate and the usual ministers, including those of war, marine and foreign affairs. The project provides for Poland to bear a share of the imperial expenditure proportionate to her population and to send representatives to the duma and the council of the empire."

CYCLONE IN HAITI DESTROYS TWO TOWNS

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Sunday, August 15 (delayed in transmission).—A violent cyclone has devastated the entire southern side of the Haitian republic. There have been numerous victims in the towns along the coast.

AVENUE POST OFFICE AGAIN BEING SOUGHT

Merchants Plan a Determined Fight for Branch in Department Building.

A second effort is to be made by merchants and other business men of Pennsylvania avenue to bring about the establishment of a branch post office in the Post Office Department building.

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SERBIA MAY YIELD LAND TO BULGARIA

News From Both Nish and Athens Encouraging to Entente Allies.

LONDON, August 17.—King Constantine of Greece has accepted the resignation of the Gounaris cabinet, which was tendered to him yesterday afternoon by the former premier, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Athens.

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U-BOAT STORPEDO SINKS TROOP SHIP; COSTS 1,000 LIVES

British Transport Royal Edward Destroyed by Submarine in Aegean Sea.

SIX HUNDRED MEN SAVED, SAYS ADMIRALTY REPORT

Soldiers Were on Their Way to Reinforce Expedition at the Dardanelles.

FIRST TRANSPORT DISASTER

England Had Prided Herself on Ability to Carry Hundreds of Thousands of Troops Without Loss.

LONDON, August 17, 12:32 p.m.—The British transport Royal Edward has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Announcement to this effect was made officially today.

Six hundred men were saved out of 1,382 troops and 220 other persons on board. This would indicate a probable loss of 1,002 men.

The text of the announcement follows: "The British transport Royal Edward was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Aegean last Saturday morning. According to the information at present available the transport had on board thirty-two military officers and 1,350 troops, in addition to the ship's crew of 220 officers and men.

"The troops consisted mainly of reinforcements for the 29th division and details of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Full information has not yet been received, but it is known that about 600 have been saved."

First Troop Ship Sunk

So far as has been reported officially this is the first instance in which a British transport has been attacked successfully by a submarine. It had been a matter of pride with the British government that it had transported hundreds of thousands of troops across many of the most treacherous seas of the world, in addition, large numbers of men have been transported to the Dardanelles, Egypt, South Africa and Serbia.

Troops have been brought in from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and India for the defense of the mother country. The transports are accompanied by an escort of warships, chief reliance being placed on destroyers for warding off submarine attacks.

On Way to Dardanelles

The British announcement shows that the Royal Edward was engaged in conveying troops to the Dardanelles front, having been ordered by the British command to transport troops to these waters to assist the Turks who have been very active. One of them, the U-51, under command of Capt. Otto Herring, made a German reservist on board. The last report in maritime records showed her arrival on October 18 at Avonmouth, Eng., from Montreal.

Never Confirmed Officially

An unofficial dispatch from Berlin February 21 reported the sinking of a British transport with troops, and of a steamer which was accompanying the transport. Later it was reported a prize offered in Germany for sinking a transport had been distributed. No official statement was made on this subject, however, either in Berlin or in London.

BRITISH COAST SHELLED BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE

LONDON, August 17.—Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven, in Cumberland, England, on the Irish sea, were bombarded yesterday by a German submarine, a British official statement announced. Some fires were caused, but the damage was slight, and there were no casualties, the statement said.

Scores of Civilians Killed

LONDON, August 17.—Scores of civilians were killed and wounded in the three-day bombardment with heavy artillery which preceded the German occupation of Lomza, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. While German guns were showering tons of metal upon the town the inhabitants took refuge in the cellars of their homes.

Difficulties for Germans

ROTTERDAM, August 16, via London, August 17.—No point is yielded by the Russians to the advancing Germans until railway bridges and everything else of military value has been destroyed, according to German reports received here. The Cologne Gazette admits the difficulties confronting the invaders and says: "The great area west of the Vistula is covered by ceaseless processions of wagons bringing up supplies. In this devastated country where the railway bridge has been destroyed an incredible amount of work has to be done. Only by fabulous exertions have we been able to carry supplies for our

KOVNO FORT TAKEN BY GERMAN FORCE, IS BERLIN REPORT

Allies Admit Armies of Grand Duke Nicholas Still Are in Danger.

CRISIS NOT YET REACHED IN THE POLAND CAMPAIGN

Teutons, Halted at Several Points, Press the Attack Fiercely at Others.

VON HINDENBURG A MENACE

Russian Retirement Cannot Be Considered Successful Until He Has Been Turned Back.

BERLIN, August 17, via London, 4:15 p.m.—One of the outlying forts of Kovno, between the Niemen river and Gesia, to the south of the main fortification, has been captured by the Germans, it was announced by German army headquarters today.

Three forts at Novo Georgievsk also have been captured, army headquarters report.

LONDON, August 17.—A crisis has not yet been reached in the present stage of the eastern campaign. Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, will not be able to assure the safety of his armies until the menace presented by the operations of Field Marshal von Hindenburg in Courland is removed.

In the Bausk district of Courland the German army has been driven back toward the Aa river, while Kovno is still stemming the German tide. The chief struggle, however, centers in the region north of the Niemen, notwithstanding the recent success of Russian resistance.

Between the Narw and the Bug the German drive evidently is making some headway, although Petrograd claims that attacks of the invaders in this region have been repulsed after heavy fighting. Along the middle Bug the Austrians and Germans have forced several crossings. If the Russians plan to hold the valuable transverse railroad running through Vilna, Grodno, Bialystok, Brest-Litovsk and Kovel, they must soon check the Austrians and Germans definitely.

Russian Plan Executed

The Times' military correspondent, dealing with the warfare in Russia, says: "In conformity with the general plan of retirement, Grand Duke Nicholas has now withdrawn his forces from Poland to points west of the line of Osovetz, Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk, and we shall learn within a few days whether he intends to make a long stand on the front."

"The staffs of the Russian armies have been reformed with the greatest competence. Attacked in an untenable position by six or seven Austro-German armies, the Russians fought steadily back and are now in line."

Czar's Armies Not Beaten

"The Russian armies are neither beaten nor demoralized, nor dispersed; but they are not yet out of danger, nor can they be until the menace of von Hindenburg in the north is disposed of."

"Chief interest still lies in the struggle north of the Niemen, in the defense of Kovno and in the decision of Grand Duke Nicholas to stand upon the Brest-Litovsk line or to continue his retirement. The real crisis of the grandiose operation is still to come."

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Before the arrival of the Germans all metals and everything of military value had been removed by the Russians. Civilians are reported to be leaving Bialystok to escape the fighting which is expected there. The banks and hospitals already have been removed.

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