

CHANGE APPOINTED POSTMASTER HERE

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STEWART IS RETAINED IN RAILROAD MAIL SUITS

New Head of City Post Office Gives Up Chief Clerkship of Department—Has Excellent Record.

Merritt O. Chance, chief clerk of the Post Office Department, has been appointed by the President to succeed Otto Praeger as postmaster of the city of Washington...

Mr. Praeger will become second assistant postmaster general, in succession to Joseph Stewart, who has held that position for seven years, and who has resigned to take effect September 1.

Mr. Chance, who is widely and favorably known in Washington, has won his way up in the ranks of the postal service since December 10, 1888, when he began as an assistant messenger at \$720 a year in the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

Mr. Chance was born at Salem, Marion county, Ill., July 26, 1862, and he retains a legal residence at Mount Vernon in that state.

Mr. Chance has an enviable record for service and efficiency and his training in postal affairs has been most thorough.

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NEW POSTMASTER OF WASHINGTON.



MERRITT O. CHANCE.

AFFAIRS OF MEXICO CLOSE TO A CRISIS

Important Developments in Pan-American Program Expected This Week.

REPLY OF CARRANZA MAY COME FROM THE CAPITAL

Gen. Hugh L. Scott on Way Here to Report on Border Conditions.

Important developments in the Mexican situation are looked for this week, and the pan-American conference on peace in Mexico probably will meet again. Gen. Carranza, it is expected, will set up his capital in Mexico City...

Meeting to Follow Reply. Until the Carranza reply has been received here, however, the pan-American conference has no final information in regard to the stand which is to be taken by the constitutional government.

Other Favorable Replies. Besides Gen. Villa himself, among those who have sent replies to the pan-American note accepting the proposal for a peace conference to be held in neutralized territory for the purpose of setting up a provisional government to arrange general elections at Diaz Lora's minister of foreign affairs in Villa's cabinet...

Gen. Scott to Report. Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, who has been on the Mexican border in the interests of the State Department for more than two weeks, is expected to reach Washington today or tomorrow.

From that, it is a mighty good message. I think we can pardon that word. The dispatch came in to me. I took it to the president, saying to him: 'Mr. President, I think this ought to go.' He said: 'All right. Sign it.'

Would Not Resign 'Under Fire.' Rumors of his resignation were frequent during the Sampson-Schley conference when Mr. Long was accused of unduly favoring Schley.

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SENT MESSAGE TO DEWEY, OPENING WAR WITH SPAIN

Highly Complimented by President Roosevelt in Letter Accepting His Resignation of Office.

Hingham, Mass., August 28.—John D. Long, former Secretary of the Navy and former Governor of Massachusetts, died at his home here tonight.

Mr. Long's death was generally unexpected. He returned from a trip to Maine two days ago suffering from an intestinal trouble with which he had been afflicted for several years.

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CONFER AT FRONT ON U-BOAT POLICY

German Chancellor and Admiral von Tirpitz in East to Meet Kaiser.

BERLIN, August 28.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, and Admiral von Tirpitz, minister of marine, who left together Wednesday evening to join the emperor, are still at eastern headquarters, where the Arabic case, and the submarine policy generally undoubtedly, have been the subjects of consideration.

No word has reached Berlin concerning the conference and no developments of any sort have occurred in the case here since the chancellor's declaration of policy given in a statement to the Associated Press last Wednesday.

Admiral von Mueller, chief of the private marine cabinet, and the emperor's direct personal adviser on naval affairs, also is with the emperor. The admiral's influence, it is known, is thrown with that of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Minister von Jagow against completion of the United States and so, the opinion is held here, there is no reason to change the hopeful view of the situation expressed after the chancellor's statement.

The exact wording of instructions issued to naval commanders has not been divulged and higher officials when questioned avoid an answer, but it is stated that they certainly include the direction to attack no passenger steamers without adequate warning.

United States Knows of Policy. The American government is now officially in possession of the same declaration of policy as contained in Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement and apparently with the same limitations, this having been conveyed by Minister von Jagow to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, at a conference Wednesday noon.

No report on the sinking of the Arabic has yet been received, none of the submarines which possibly have been involved having returned to port. The admiralty says that the report may come any day and may possibly be delayed another fortnight.

WARSAW CITIZENS VOTE A LOAN OF \$2,500,000. WARSAW, via London, August 28.—The committee of citizens which is discharging the functions of city government here has voted to raise a loan of five-million rubles (2,500,000).

NEGLECT OF NAVY, ROOSEVELT CHARGE

Colonel Issues New Statement in His Campaign for 'Preparedness.'

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 28.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt tonight issued another lengthy statement in reply to Secretary of War Garrison in the controversy brought about by Mr. Roosevelt's Plattsburg speech. Col. Roosevelt took issue with the Secretary on the administration's attitude toward Mexico and Haiti. He also called attention to what he called the unpreparedness of our fleet, saying in part:

"I point out to him that for nearly two years in 1913 and 1914 the ships of the navy were never exercised in fleet maneuvering, and, as I am repeatedly informed, were never exercised in fleet or squadron gunnery.

"A moderately intelligent child of six knows that the failure for two years to undertake such maneuvers means a literally criminal deterioration of the fleet, and cannot possibly mean anything else. No expert knowledge is needed on this point; it is a mere matter of ordinary common sense.

Crime of Unpreparedness. "The very great failing of us in the gunnery that was shown by the results last spring and the early part of the summer are directly due to this culpable misconduct in handling our navy; and it represents unpreparedness of the very worst kind because unpreparedness that takes the shape of letting the weapons that have been made ready utterly deteriorate is even worse than failure to provide new weapons."

William J. Bryan Comments on Former President's Plattsburg Speech. CHICAGO, August 28.—William Jennings Bryan, on his way to Winona Lake, Ind., stopped long enough in Chicago today to criticize Theodore Roosevelt for his speech at Plattsburg, N. Y., recently.

SAILORS OF THE DRESDEN TREATED WELL IN CHILE. BERLIN, August 28.—Capt. Luedeker, commander of the German cruiser Dresden, sunk by the British off the Chilean coast, has written to the lord mayor of the city of Dresden informing him that the members of the Dresden crew who escaped, flew over the cruiser and were interned in Chile are being well treated by the Chilean authorities.

German Airship Over Dutch Soil. BERLIN, August 28 (via Wireless to Saville, N. Y.).—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following: "The German government has informed the Dutch government that August 23 a German airship, driven from its course by contrary winds, flew over Dutch territory. As soon as the commander noticed that he was on the wrong course he changed the direction of the airship. Strict instructions have been given to commanders of airships to avoid flying over neutral territory."

TEUTONS VAINLY STRIVE TO CAPTURE OR SMASH RUSS ARMS IN EAST

Czar's Forces Are Pressed Hard As Invaders Advance, But Their Retreat Is Orderly.

LINES TWICE CUT IN GALICIA; VON HINDENBURG STARTS DRIVE

Slavs Offer Stiff Resistance in North, Where Vilna and Dvinsk Are at Stake—Stand on New Line in Doubt.

LONDON, August 28.—The Germanic allies have not yet exhausted their efforts to smash completely the Russian army. While the Germans in the Baltic provinces under Field Marshal von Hindenburg have again become aggressive and are attempting to drive the Russians back to Dvina, the Austro-Hungarians, with the assistance of the Germans, have taken the offensive in southeastern Galicia, and, according to official statements from Berlin and Vienna, have succeeded in breaking through the Russian positions on the Zlota Lipa river, north and south of Brzezany.

The Austro-Germans, therefore, apparently have begun successfully their effort to drive the Russians out of the small part of eastern Galicia remaining to them. The Russians are in full retreat under energetic Austro-German pursuit.

Along the rest of the front the Germans claim to be gaining more ground, but apparently they are as far as ever from their main endeavor—the capture or destruction of the Russian armies. The latter, although pressed hard at many points, continue their orderly retreat, leaving little or nothing that might be used by the invaders. Some rear guards which were left behind with machine guns to retard the Austro-German advance, have been overwhelmed and captured, but the guns, munitions and main forces invariably have kept out of reach of the relentless pursuers.

Harassed by Germans. The retreat of Grand Duke Nicholas' armies from Brest Litovsk and the line to the north is being harassed by Field Marshal von Mackensen's armies and those of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, the latter having penetrated the Bialoviez forest, while southeast of Bialystok General von Eichhorn has pushed eastward as far as the town of Narew.

In the north, however, where Vilna and Dvinsk are at stake, the Russians are offering a stiff resistance. At some point here, apparently, they have even forested the offensive. Berlin declares their attacks were repulsed.

Move West Not Expected. Whether the Russians will be able to make a stand in the new position which they are said to have prepared, the next few days should tell. There are reports that reinforcements are being sent from the east to the western and Serbian fronts, but military writers express the opinion that so long as the Russian armies remain intact it would be dangerous for the Austrians and Germans to attempt a force for operation elsewhere. Now that the fortresses are reduced, the big guns might be moved to some other field of operations.

Russians Burn Bridges. The Russian survivors across the Bug river were destroying the bridges behind them. The Austro-Hungarian forces pursued them in the north, carrying machine guns and heavy artillery. Most of the 53,000 inhabitants left before the siege and only a few remain. The arrival of spots taken has not yet been ascertained.

KAISER BESTOWS HONOR ON LEADER OF TURKS

AMSTERDAM, August 28, via London, August 28, 12:25 a.m.—The Berliner Tageblatt says it learns from Dresden that Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the Order Pour le Merite on Field Marshal Liman von Sanders, commander of the Turkish forces in Europe.

RUSSIA IS DEPRESSED, SAY GERMAN REPORTS

BERLIN, August 28.—Private reports reaching Berlin state that the rapid succession of German victories has caused depression all over Russia, especially at Petrograd, where there is much uneasiness.

DARDANELLES SITUATION IS BUT LITTLE CHANGED

LONDON, August 28.—Little change in the situation in the Dardanelles is indicated by recent advices, both official and unofficial. The losses of the entente allies in the attack made at Anafarta, while the recent landing was being made, are declared by correspondents at Turkish headquarters to have been extremely heavy, the killed alone being estimated at about 5,000.