

## GERMANS IN SHARP ADVANCE

Von Mackensen Continues Pursuit of Fleeing Russians and Occupies Two Important Towns—Prince Leopold Pushes on From West.

Norwegian Liner Albia Hit By Submarine—Crew Saved as Vessel Goes Down—Campaign Near Warsaw is Telling on Forces Engaged.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—Via London—Field Marshal Von Mackensen, continuing his pursuit of the retreating Russians from the south toward Brest-Litovsk has occupied Ciale and Slawatycze, according to official announcement made by German army headquarters today.

The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, pressing the Russians from the west has occupied Losyce and Miedzyrzec, the statement adds.

Norwegian Ship Sunk  
London, Aug. 16.—The Norwegian steamer Albia, 1881 tons gross, and owned by Christiania, has been sunk by a submarine. Her crew was saved.

## STRUGGLE NEAR WARSAW TELLING ON BIG ARMIES

London, Aug. 16.—Military operations in the eastern field are developing slowly. Both sides show the effects of the intensity of the Warsaw struggle. The German advance now now centers on the efforts of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to force the German retreat from the eastward in the general direction of the Petrograd, and the approach of the army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria to the new Brest-Litovsk defense. Notwithstanding the steady pressure of the German the Russians have succeeded thus far, in holding them west of the Dvina.

The Balkan crisis is drawing near a climax. The national assemblies of Serbia and Greece meet to-day with the probability of a definite decision as regards Bulgaria's territorial demands, upon which hinge the question of united action of the Balkan states with the allies.

In the best posted quarters here the outlook is regarded with a degree of pessimism. It is expected Serbia will seek a compromise and Greece will support the Bulgarian contentions. Reports from Athens indicate that King Constantine is insisting the new cabinet must maintain strictest neutrality, the effect of which would be to withhold Greece from participating in a plan of united Balkan cooperation with the allies.

In the meantime there are many evidences of Austro-German preparations to deal with the Balkan situation. According to information from Bucharest, German army corps have been concentrated near the junction of Hungary, Rumania and Serbia. This, with the bombardment of Belgrade and the activity of Austrian artillery at many points along the Danube, lends support to reports of a great Austro-German offensive in the Balkans.

The outcome of the crisis is awaited with anxiety to determine whether the allies will receive new support from the Balkans, and whether Germany's supplies of ammunition for Turkey will continue to be shut off by the Balkan barrier.

## RUSSIAN OPTIMISTIC ON OUTLOOK IN EAST

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—The military situation is viewed by Russian officers with a degree of optimism owing to the manner in which the Germans have been checked at the crossings of the rivers Lwica and Krana, east of Medzylukow front, where the invaders lost 800 prisoners in addition of a heavy toll of dead and wounded. Confidence is felt here that the Russians will be able to make any further eastward progress of the invaders very costly to them.

Fierce battles are looked for in the district between the Nurec and Nurew rivers and at the crossings of the Bug. The immediate German objective is believed to be the double track railroad which roughly parallels the present fighting line, running from Osowats to Bialystok, Brest-Litovsk and Kovel. This road is protected by dense forests and by the marshes of the region of the Upper Narw.

Russian military critics find it difficult to reconcile this evidence of weakness with German claims to unobstructed progress. The Russian theory is that these claims are advanced for effect on the Balkan states.

## MARINES SWEEP FROM DECKS OF U. S. BATTLESHIP

Two Lost As New Hampshire, on Way to Haiti, Hits Violent Storm.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Two American marines were washed overboard from the battleship New Hampshire and drowned yesterday, while the ship was sailing through the gulf hurricane, somewhere south of the Florida coast. No damage to the New Hampshire or the Louisiana, which are proceeding to southern waters was reported. The marines were James Franklin Robinson of Urichaville, Ohio and Bardie Wayne Ray, whose residence is given as Mississippi. The bodies were not recovered.

## GALE ON THE GULF

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 16.—Tropical disturbances which passed through the Yucatan channel Sunday, still apparently are centered in the gulf. At 9:30 today the barometer 29.50 and as the wind was blowing 43 miles an hour from the northeast. There was indication that the disturbance might pass east of Galveston.

## STORM DELAYS GUNBOAT

New Orleans, Aug. 16.—The gunboat Sacramento bringing Jose M. Cardozo de Oliveira, Brazilian minister to Mexico and his family and Dr. Orizco, the Guatemalan minister, expelled by General Carranza, was anchored in the gulf five miles west of Southwest Pass today waiting for the storm to abate so a pilot could bring her into the Mississippi river. The Sacramento probably will not reach New Orleans before tonight. Mr. Cardozo will go on to Washington.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 16.—More than 100 persons, including scores of tourists from other states, who left Galveston in fear of a storm, were in this city today. Alarming reports concerning the gulf hurricane reported sweeping toward the Texas coast were denied promptly today by the weather bureau.

## SELECTMAN USES TOWN'S TOOLS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS

(Special to The Farmer)  
Stratford, Aug. 16.—James Lally, second selectman of Stratford, is using the tools of the town of Stratford in private contracting work in the town of Milford. The selectman's interest in what is to be done towards having the town reimbursed for the use of the equipment. Mr. Lally has taken charge of the town's tools, without permission.

Mr. Lally combines with the duties of second selectman the more profitable duties of being a contractor. In the latter capacity he received the contract to do excavation and road building in a real estate development in Devon, in the town of Milford.

Selectman Lally has shipped into Milford plows, a digging machine and a road box, the property of the town. He has not obtained permission from the board of selectmen.

Mr. Lally would not discuss the matter when it was brought to his attention by a reporter for the Farmer today.

Later this afternoon Selectman Lally called at the town clerk's office and Harold C. Lovell, clerk of the board of selectmen \$11 as a payment for the use of the equipment. This precipitated further discussion as to the legality of the transaction.

## READ STORE TO CLOSE AT SIX SATURDAY NIGHT

Announcement was made by the D. M. Read Co., to-day that beginning Sept. 6 the big store at Main street and Fairfield avenue will close at 6 o'clock Saturday evenings.

Commencing Tuesday, September 7th, The D. M. Read Company will close every day at 6 o'clock. This arrangement has been made by the management in conformity with the growth and progress of the business and in keeping with the spirit of the times. It is believed that a shorter working day on Saturday will bring benefits to patrons of the store and the sales force, inasmuch as it will be possible to offer a better store service.

At the above mentioned date it is expected that the extensive improvements and alterations will be completed and the store with all its new and elegant fittings will be ready for patronage. It is the earnest desire of everyone connected with the house, in whatever capacity he serves, that the old and honored prestige of the Read House may be maintained in accordance with Read traditions.

Other big stores are expected to follow the example of the House of Read though no official announcement of such changes was made to-day.

## BIRTHDAY AIDS CHARITY

Munich, Germany, Aug. 16.—To celebrate their silver wedding anniversary, the Prince and Princess of Thurn and Taxis in Regensburg have created a charity fund of 500,000 marks for the benefit of the inhabitants of Regensburg.

## CARRANZA SAYS HE WON'T STOP PEACE APPEALS

Promises That Pan-American Message Will Be Taken to Governors.

## STATE DEPT. AWAITS ANSWER FROM CHIEFS

Consul Silliman Reported to Be Slightly Ill From Heat Prostration.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Assurances that General Carranza will not obstruct delivery of the Pan-American appeal to Mexico, reached the state department today in a message from C. B. Parker of the American embassy staff in Mexico City, saying General Public Gonzalez, Carranza's commander there, had "promised safe conduct to the messengers who are to carry the appeal to Gen. Zapata and others."

No replies to the Pan-American appeal had been received today. State Department are undecided whether to make them public when they are received before another conference with the Latin American diplomats is held. The language of the appeal makes it appear the Mexican leaders may invite some of the Latin-Americans to arrange the proposed peace conference and ignore the offer of the United States. Officials here say that only those invited will participate in the arrangements.

Parker also reported destitution among Americans in the capital and said 120 being aided by American money. Bassy attaches, had asked to be sent to the United States.

A message from Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz reported that the Bishop of Vera Cruz, who had been imprisoned by Carranza for some time, had been released.

Consul Silliman has been stricken by the hot weather but his illness is not serious.

General Carranza's agency here today made public telegrams from several generals pledging their support to General Carranza. The agency announced the telegrams were written at a time when the general feared a threat of armed intervention by the United States in the internal affairs of Mexico and of participation in that movement by South and Central American countries.

## Rioting At Nogales Provoked By Mexicans

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 16.—Quiet prevailed on both the Mexican and American sides of the town, after a riot Saturday night between American soldiers and Mexicans here. It is reported that several Americans were arrested on the Sonora side in retaliation for attacks on Mexican soldiers by Americans. The rioting was provoked by the intention of "cleaning up" the "gringos." Two soldiers were pushed from the sidewalk by Mexicans.

A group of soldiers gathered immediately from all parts of the town and attacked the Mexicans. The commanding officers of the American troops sent a detail to round up the men and bring them into camp.

After quiet had been restored, county officers raided a gambling house, arresting several men and confiscating gambling paraphernalia. Gamblers from the Mexican have overrun the town since General Calles, Carranza commander recently began the investment of Nogales, Sonora.

## Governor of Hidalgo Anxious For Peace

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 16.—The acceptance by General Vicente Segura, Villa governor of the State of Hidalgo of the Pan-American plan for the holding of a peace conference of Mexican leaders has been announced by Villa officials here. He is reported ready to send delegates to such a conference.

General Segura was formerly a bull fighter and one possessed a fortune of more than a million dollars, it is said. He joined the revolt against Gen. Huerta and much of his property was later confiscated.

## Villa Troops Concentrate

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 16.—Two hundred Mexican troops, according to reports received here today by the U. S. S. Colorado, left Guaymas for Nogales, where it is rumored all Villa-troops along the Mexican division of the Southern Pacific railroad are being sent.

## W. W. RUSSELL IS NAMED MINISTER TO SAN DOMINGO

Washington, Aug. 16.—W. W. Russell, former American minister to the Dominican republic, was selected today by President Wilson for appointment to the same position. He will succeed James M. Sullivan, who resigned as the result of charges.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; moderate west and northwest winds.

# WOMEN WORKERS AT WARNER'S WALK OUT

## A. & B. EMPLOYEES GO OUT ON STRIKE FOR SHORTER DAY

Strikes of unorganized employes of the American & British Manufacturing Co. began at 8 o'clock this morning. Employes demand an eight-hour day. To stop the walkout a tentative offer of a 50-hour week was made, but the men refused to heed the belated overtures. It was estimated that about 100 were out. These were 30 drop forgers and about 70 laborers.

Former Alderman Fred Cederholm, one of the three labor leaders whom Mayor Wilson gagged at the Locomobile Co. was molested by Patrolman Bartholomew Sheridan while he was addressing the strikers at the A. & B. plant.

Cederholm was addressing the strikers from an elevation on which runs a spur track of the New Haven road. Labor leaders said the policeman took it upon himself to tell Cederholm that, in his opinion, the gathering was a boisterous one, therefore he must disperse it.

Cederholm did not indulge in any controversy with the policeman, but contented himself with mingling quietly with groups of the strikers.

Bridgeport's labor situation presented an aspect, today, perhaps more complicated than at any time since the move for the eight hour day became general.

Several of the largest plants now are running on an eight hour schedule. Others are conforming to the action taken at a conference of employers in the Manufacturers' association rooms last Friday night, and either running, today, or planning soon to run on a 50 hour week schedule.

There are others who already were running on less than a 50 hour week schedule, but are not giving an eight hour day. But the eight hour day for which the machinists set out, a month ago, remain their goal, and at the headquarters of the local branch of the International Association of Machinists, today, it was said that no effort would be spared to gain that end.

The machinists' local has decided to continue its fight, and the members of the Bridgeport unions, through their representatives in the Central Labor Union, having voted to support the eight hour day, the machinists, today, are lending their aid to the campaign for the eight-hour day.

Good news came to toilers today in an announcement from The D. M. Read Co., that beginning Monday, Sept. 6, the closing hour for the big store will be 6 o'clock. Heretofore it had been customary to close the store at 9 o'clock. Employes of the large down town stores were delighted at the news that they agreed that it was merely a herald of what was to take place in all the stores.

With a shorter working day in the factories, employes of the industrial establishments will be able to do shopping through the week which they heretofore have been obliged to postpone until Saturday night.

Notice of the 50 hour week is given by the International Silver Co. The Bridgeport plant was formerly the Holmes & Edwards factories. James G. Ludlum, president of the Bridgeport Manufacturers' association, is the head of the Bridgeport plant. The Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co. has posted a 50 hours notice.

There is considerable speculation, every day, among the workers, as to the nature of the conference of employers held at the headquarters of the Manufacturers' association, Friday night, when the recommendation was made that a 50 hour week be adopted.

While the 50 hour week is a concession to labor in many factories, here are Bridgeport factories not on the eight-hour schedule that are not working 50 hours a week. Among these are the Columbia Graphophone Co. and the Hartley Hubbell Co.

Some manufacturers today declared that they had not heard officially of the Manufacturers' association recommendations and were not prepared to say what they would do in the future.

The Smith & Egge plant has for some time been running on a nine hour day.

Business Agent George Bowen, of local 30, International Association of Machinists, reiterated today that the workman of this city was determined to get the full demand of eight hours per day and that nothing less would satisfy them.

It was announced that there was no change in plans for speaking and organization at various plants and meetings of the American & British Manufacturing Co.'s employes and those of the Standard Manufacturing Co. for the purpose of formulating demands on their respective officers would be held at machinists' hall tonight. Speaking was done at both these places at noon time today.

At the office of the Blue Ribbon Auto and Carriage Company on Fairfield street it was said that the nine hour notice, effective September 10, the beginning of the work year, had been posted this morning. Nearly 200 men will be affected by the shorter work day concession.

The Crane Company expected to

Early Morning Move to Strike is Thwarted When Doors of Factory Are Found Locked Against Threatened Walkout—Supt. John W. Field Refuses to Meet Delegation of Women Until He Can Talk With De Ver H. Warner.

## ORGANIZERS PROMPTLY RALLY TO AID OF STRIKING OPERATIVES

Mass Meeting of Workers is Planned For Eagles' Hall Tonight When Strikers Will Decide on What Course to Pursue—Permanent Organization of Women is Likely—Commissioner Hill Sends for Police Protection For Plant.

More than 1,300 girls employed in the Warner Brothers Co. went on strike at noon today.

The entire brassiere department, nearly all the girls in the regular corset department and several hundred from the box department, quit.

A near riot occurred inside the factory between 8:30 and 9 o'clock when the girls attempted to leave the factory and found the doors all barred against them. Cries and attempts to push aside the guards at the doors to get at the bolts, caused what resembled a panic.

One thousand of the girls quit exactly at noon. Three hundred followed from the box department at 2:30 o'clock.

At press hour Lafayette street in the neighborhood of Gregory street was packed with a howling crowd of girl strikers. Many speakers are voicing the complaints of the girls. The doors of the factory are guarded by men appointed by officials of the company. The officials themselves were in the windows, half-frightened, and according to gossip, they feared harm would be done the buildings. Police aid was summoned.

The whole neighborhood is aroused. Windows and stoops were packed with spectators.

The girls demand the eight hour day. Minor disagreements figure largely in their complaints.

The trouble started Saturday night. It was learned then, by examination of a bulletin, that no steps had been taken to remedy evils against which the girls have protested for a long time. Figuring the change in hours showed the girls they were to work nine hours, instead of the eight for which they hoped.

No relief was obtained either from these things: The girls must buy their own thread, must pay for broken needles, and must carry work that has not passed inspectors to the repair department, causing much loss in time. This eats greatly into their piece work salaries, both because of expenses of working and loss of time in which they could be making money.

Matters were brought to a head this morning when the girls discovered that they would have to work until 12:30 o'clock Saturdays, when they never before worked after 12 o'clock. When this got abroad indignation became rife and protests were voiced. Agitation became so marked that finally the girls in brassiere department got up in a body and walked for the doors.

The exist were barred against them. Guards prevented them from unloosening the bolts.

## LAST AMERICAN REPLY ON FRYE CASE IN BERLIN

Washington, Aug. 16.—The American reply to the last German note on the sinking of the American sailing ship William P. Frye, by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has been delivered to the Berlin foreign office by Ambassador Gerard, and will be given out here by the state department tomorrow morning for publication in Tuesday afternoon papers.

It is brief and accepts the commission method of determining damages but rejects the proposal to arbitrate the disputed portions of the Prussian-American treaty.

## SEVERAL KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT BIG POWDER SHOP

Emporium, Pa., Aug. 16.—A terrific explosion at the Sinnemahoning powder mills near here today shook the entire countryside. Reports from the vicinity said that five men had been killed and a number injured.

## TUG, RAMMED BY BARGE, GOES DOWN

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Aug. 16.—The tug Luckawanna, owned by the Reading railroad was rammed and sunk south of the Handkerchief lightship last night by the barge Nanticoke in tow of Tug Clinton. Clarence Tringle of Bayonne, N. J., the mate, and Nicholas Mikey an Austrian cook on the tug were drowned. Eleven survivors, including the chief engineer who was greatly exhausted after being in the water four hours, were brought here by the tug Stanton to-day.

In a few minutes it seemed as if Bedlam was let loose. It was in vain, however, for they couldn't get out. Soon after 9 o'clock, a committee from the brassiere department was appointed to confer with Mr. Warner. The committee waited on Mr. Field. It told him the eight hour day was wanted. The disagreeable working conditions were also complained of. They asked relief, immediately.