

RUSSIAN TROOPS TURN ON GERMANS

GRAND DUKE SAID TO HAVE SET A TRAP FOR KAISER'S MEN.

AUSTRIANS MOVE ON SERBIA

Repulsed in First Attack on Ogradina—English Report Zeppelin Raid Wherein Six Are Killed, 23 Wounded.

London.—Several German army groups in the Russian war theater have fallen into the trap of Grand Duke Nicholas and are in the gravest danger, according to the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent.

Servian Attack Falls. London.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bucharest, which was delayed in transit, says that the Austrians throughout Tuesday violently bombarded the Serbians near Orsova, and that an attempted landing by Hungarian troops at Ogradina, off the Danube, near the Iron Gate, failed.

Zeppelins at Work.

London.—Official announcement was made of an airship raid on the east coast of England.

Six persons were killed, 23 were injured and 14 houses were damaged seriously by bombs.

The text of the communication follows:

"Two Zeppelins visited the east coast between 9:30 p. m. and 11:45 p. m., dropping incendiary and explosive bombs in various places, resulting in the following casualties:

"Killed, four men, two women; injured, three men, eleven women, nine children, all civilians. Fourteen houses were seriously damaged."

INTERNEED MEN TRY TO FLEE

Several of 25 Sailors From Converted Cruiser Berlin Drowned at Trondhjem.

Christiania, Sweden.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the German converted cruiser Berlin, interned at Trondhjem last November, attempted to escape by swimming across the Trondhjem fjord, but they were observed by a guard and caught.

All were provided with bundles of civilian clothing, money and knives. Several were drowned. (Trondhjem fjord is about 10 miles across here.)

The Berlin, which carried a crew of 450 men, entered the Norwegian port of Trondhjem, Nov. 17, to escape from British warships after attempting to leave the North Sea to act as a commerce raider in the Atlantic.

MAINED SOLDIERS MAKE LACE

Industry Taken Over by Government, Which Sends Agent to U. S. to Create Market for Product.

San Francisco, California.—Russia is seeking to create a market in the United States for Russian koustar or lace handwork of the peasants, with a view to providing employment for her maimed soldiers, according to an announcement made by Theodore Kryshofovch, special commissioner from Russia to the United States, who has arrived here from Petrograd via Japan.

ARMY AIRSHIP TAKES A DROP

Capt. Knox Killed, and Lieut. Sutton Probably Fatally Injured at Ft. Sill.

Washington, D. C.—Capt. Knox, detailed to the quartermaster corps at Fort Sill, Ok., was killed, and Lieut. Sutton of the signal corps was injured seriously when Aeroplane No. 47 became unmanageable during a practice flight at Fort Sill and crashed to the ground. The accident was announced in a telegram to the war department shortly after noon yesterday.

Forest Fires in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Man.—Five forest rangers were helpless to stop raging forest fires in Northern Manitoba. Although the Hudson Bay Railway is well protected with fire guards, damage is feared. Train loads of men have left for Moose Lake to fight the flames.

Peru Said to Be Seeking Loan.

Lima, Peru.—It is understood that the Peruvian government has entered upon negotiations for the floating of a loan in New York.

Italy to Buy American Grain.

Rome.—The latest official reports regarding the harvest show that Italy needs 12,000,000 quintals more of grain for her consumption until next year. Most of this grain will be purchased in America.

Panic as Steamer Burns.

New York.—Women and children were trampled and 200 passengers engaged in a wild riot aboard the steamer Andrew M. Smith, on fire in the middle of the Hudson. It was all staged for the movies.

STRIKE AT BAYONNE ENDED



The strike of Standard Oil employees at Bayonne, N. J., was ended partly through the efforts of these representatives of the department of labor. Left to right, they are John A. Moffitt of New Jersey and James A. Smyth of Pennsylvania.

ALLIES' CREDIT MENAGED

INDICATED BY DROP IN PRICE OF EXCHANGE.

Immense War Bills Maturing Must Be Paid or Orders Will Be Refused.

New York City, N. Y.—International bankers admitted yesterday that the credit of the allies in America is being seriously menaced by the fall in sterling exchange.

When sterling exchange dropped Thursday to \$4.72 1/2, it caused a new low record. The slump caused great surprise, in view of the shipment of more than \$50,000,000 in gold and securities received this week from England.

Immense war bills are maturing in this country, and bankers assert that credit facilities must be established quickly or the allies will be unable to place any more orders.

Russia has offered bonds, but these have been accepted only in a few cases. While no banker will discuss the possibility of a complete collapse of European credit, it is general talk in Wall Street that such a possibility has been frequently suggested.

There is no question but that the European conflict has been a terrific strain upon the nations involved.

PRICE LOWER ON HARD COAL

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Sweeping Reductions in Charges From Fields.

Washington, D. C.—Ultimate reductions in hard coal prices are predicted by dealers who have kept in close touch with anthracite production in view of the interstate commerce commission's decision making sweeping cuts in freight rates on the product.

The reductions ordered amount to 15 cents a ton on shipments of the so-called prepared sizes, such as stove, chestnut and egg coal, from the mines to tidewater and 10 cents a ton on the smaller sizes of coal.

OSCEOLA MOB SHOTS MAN

Lynchers' Victim Was Implicated in Killing of Sheriff in Joint Raid.

Osceola, Arkansas.—Andy Crum was shot to death in jail here by a mob of 15 men, after the jailer had been overpowered.

Crum was arrested in connection with the killing of S. D. Mauldin, sheriff of Mississippi county, Ark., in a raid by the sheriff and a posse on alleged blind tigers on Island 37, in the Mississippi River, July 31.

Drowns in 4 Feet of Water.

Champaign, Ill.—Miss Zella Winslow, a music teacher, was drowned in four feet of water at the high school swimming pool. It is thought she was overcome by heart trouble.

Austrian Note is Cabled.

Washington.—The American reply to the Austrian protest against export of arms to the allies as a violation of the spirit of neutrality, was cabled to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, the state department announced.

Allies Buyers of Cattle.

Chicago.—An order for 1,000,000 head of cattle to be shipped to Great Britain and her allies is said to have been placed with a Chicago firm.

Head of Senate is President.

Port au Prince.—Sudre Dartingunave, president of the senate, was elected president of Haiti by the national assembly. He succeeds Gen. Vilbrun Guillaume, who was assassinated by a mob.

Brother Slays Girl's Fiance.

Starkville, Miss.—C. E. Wilson was shot and instantly killed by W. A. Thomas, who resented Wilson's attentions to his sister, Roma Thomas. The girl witnessed the tragedy, and later attempted suicide.

VILLA OFFERS TO DROP OUT

CONDITIONS IMPOSED MAKE THE TERMS UNACCEPTABLE.

Certain Other Elements Must Not Be Favored, According to Pancho's Ultimatum.

Washington, D. C.—Gen. Villa offered to eliminate himself from the Mexican situation.

He did it in a way, however, which was far from clarifying matters.

"If the peace conferences between the factions in Mexico reach a successful end," his message, sent through Diaz Lombardo, his foreign minister, to his Washington agency, "not only Gen. Villa, but all the civil and military elements affiliated with the convention party, would be disposed to eliminate themselves, if necessary, with the single condition:

"That the men who are placed in charge of the new situation shall solemnly agree to restore constitutional order, and that they shall not be drawn from the decadent and odious Cientifico or Reactionary party."

Whatever the Washington administration's view—and it has been understood President Wilson opposed considering the "Cientificos"—in his Mexican reorganization—it was certain the Pan-American governments are firm for "Cientifico" recognition.

The Villa announcement consequently promised immediate complications. To some extent it hinted almost at a reconciliation with Gen. Carranza—whom the United States refuses to recognize—against the still more hated "Cientifico" element.

The Pan-American nations' appeal to the Mexican factions to restore peace is ready for transmission. Secretary Lansing was uncertain, however, whether it could be sent before today. Probably it will be made public Sunday.

QUICK ACTION FOR SLAYER

English "Bath Tub" Murderer, Convicted July 1, Hanged Yesterday at Maidstone.

London, England.—George Joseph Smith, the wife murderer, was hanged yesterday at Maidstone.

Smith was found guilty by a jury on July 1. He was accused of murdering three wives in order to collect insurance money on their lives. In each case the woman was found drowned in a bath tub soon after the wedding ceremony.

After Smith was sentenced, the court, complimenting the jury upon its verdict, declared that the prisoner had gone through the ceremony of marriage with two other women, both of whom he had robbed of money.

Seeks Strange Beast.

Washington.—Preston Gibson, who added to his fame several years ago by winning a bet of \$1,000 that Charley Street of the Nationals could catch a baseball he would throw from the top of the Washington monument, now has bet that amount with a fellow member of the Metropolitan Club that the latter cannot bring forward a four-footed animal with blue and white stripes, the stripes to be not more than two inches wide.

Last Civil War Officer Retired.

Washington.—Col. John L. Klem, the last officer on the active list of the United States army who served in the Civil War, has been placed on the retired list. He is 64 years old.

Typo Convention in Baltimore in 1918.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Baltimore was formally selected as the convention city of the International Typographical Union for 1918.

11-Cent Stamp Authorized.

Washington.—Postmaster General Burleson has authorized an 11-cent stamp, to meet the demand for a stamp that will cover at the same time both insurance and C. O. D. charges on parcel post matter.

Worth Closes London House.

London.—Consternation was caused among the employees of Worth's here by the sudden announcement by Manager Ponce that the establishment would close, having lost business on account of the war.

Iowa Postmaster Removed.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—J. A. Oxley, postmaster at Kenwood, has been removed from office by Postoffice Inspector Griffin as the result of a robbery, in which \$400 in cash and stamps was taken.

Shooting in Crowded Cafe.

Los Angeles, Cal.—R. C. Cunningham, a city fireman, entered a crowded cafeteria in the downtown district, shot Miss Flora Sanders, an employe, twice and then fired three bullets into his own body.

PAN-AMERICA NOTE SENT TO MEXICO

NO HINT OF INTERVENTION; PATRIOTISM OF CITIZENS APEALED TO.

GENERAL ELECTION IS URGED

Republic is Given Ten Days in Which to Make Reply, But No Intimation is Given of Course in Case of Failure.

Washington.—The following is the long awaited joint note from the All-American nations to the warring factions in Mexico, which is expected to bring peace to the troubled republic:

"The undersigned, the secretary of state of the United States, the ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Brazil, Chile, Argentina, and the envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary of Uruguay, Guatemala and Bolivia, accredited to the government of the United States of America, acting severally and independently, unanimously send to you the following communication:

"Inspired by the most sincere spirit of American fraternity and convinced they rightly interpret the earnest wish of the entire continent, we have met informally, at the suggestion of the secretary of state of the United States, to consider the Mexican situation, as to whether their friendly and disinterested help could be successfully employed to re-establish peace and constitutional order in our sister republic.

"In the heat of the frightful struggle which for so long has steeped in blood the Mexican soil, doubtless all may well have lost sight of the dissolving effects of the strife upon the most vital conditions of the national liberty of the inhabitants, but on the prestige and security of the country.

Appeal to Patriotism. "We cannot doubt, however, no one can doubt—that in the presence of a sympathetic appeal from their brothers of America, recalling them to these disastrous effects, asking them to save their motherland from abyss—no one can doubt, we repeat—that the patriotism of the men who lead or aid in any way the bloody strife will not remain unmoved; no one can doubt that each and every one of them, measuring in his own conscience, his share in the responsibilities of past misfortune and looking forward to his share in the glory of the pacification and reconstruction of the country, will respond nobly to opening the way to some saving action.

"We, the undersigned, believe that if the men directing the armed movements in Mexico—whether political or military chiefs—should agree to meet either in person or by delegates, far from sound of cannon, and with no other inspiration save the thought of their afflicted land, there to exchange ideas and to determine the fate of the country—from such action would undoubtedly result the strong and unyielding agreement requisite to the creation of a provisional government which should adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country—and to restore the first and most essential of them all, the immediate call to general election.

"An adequate place within the Mexican frontiers, which, for the purpose, might be neutralized, should serve as the seat of the conference, and, in order to bring about a conference of this nature, the undersigned, or any of them, will willingly, upon invitation, act as intermediaries, to arrange the time, place and other details of such conference, if this action can in any way aid the Mexican people.

"The undersigned expect a reply to this communication within a reasonable time; and consider that such a time would be ten days after the communication is delivered, subject to prorogation for cause.

"ROBERT LANSING, U. S. "D. DA GAMA, Brazil. "R. S. NAON, Argentina. "L. CALDERON, Bolivia. "CARLOS MARIA DE PENA, Uruguay. "JOAQUIN MENDEZ, Guatemala."

Put Prisoners to Work.

Petrograd.—The council of ministers has approved the project for the utilization of prisoners of war and foreign laborers for the manufacture of war supplies.

Search for Boy in Vain.

Ottawa, Ill.—Searching parties who have worked indefatigably for five days have no clue to the whereabouts of Ray Knoblauch, 12 years old, who disappeared last Wednesday.

Illinois Farmer Missing.

Nashville, Ill.—Miss Ruth Perry and George Perry of Lively Grove told officers that their father, George Perry, Sr., had not been heard from since Wednesday, when he departed for Nashville with \$400.

Portuguese Cruiser Aground, Safe.

Paris.—The Portuguese cruiser Republica, which ran aground near Peniche, south of Lisbon, while on her way to Oporto, is not believed to be in a dangerous position, according to advices from Peniche.

Texas Wheat for Brazil.

Galveston, Tex.—The British steamship West Wales, laden with approximately 235,000 bushels of wheat, cleared for Rio de Janeiro. This is the first cargo of wheat to be sent to Brazil this season.

Lies on Track, Killed.

Pana, Ill.—Jesse Stillwell, Jr., 24 years old, lay down on the Illinois Traction tracks near the Sheep's Head crossing and permitted the St. Louis north-bound sleeper to pass over him. Death was instantaneous.

WOE FILLS DUXBURY

Town Mourns Passing of Bivalve Musicians.

Visitors to Famous Massachusetts Watering Place Dug Them to Eat, All Unmoved by Their Plaintive Murmuring.

From Duxbury, Mass., comes the news that the singing clams, for which that resort has long been famous, are now facing extermination, and soon will be relegated to the past along with the dodo, side hill gouger and pliosaurus.

Phineas Ralnettor, choirmaster of the little church on the hill in Duxbury, who has lived in that village for many years, was in New York the other day buying dance records for the phonograph used for the Saturday night parish dances.

"The singing clams have been one of Duxbury's greatest attractions since the landing of the Pilgrims," he said, "and the rapacity and inordinate appetites of the newcomers of the summer colony are responsible for the fact that they are rapidly being wiped out.

"By 'newcomers' I mean those of the summer colony who have been coming to Duxbury for only the last 50 years. The others, the genealogical aristocrats of the colony, have been coming to Duxbury since before the discovery of the sacred cod—and that, of course, was long before the Revolution.

"I had heard of the singing clams long before I went to Duxbury, about forty years ago, and when I became domiciled there, one of the first things I did was to investigate them.

"I found that their singing, instead of being a myth grown from the folklore of the fishermen, was an absolute fact.

The clams are different from any of their kind in the world and that is one reason why the government ought to preserve them, even if the residents of Duxbury have so little pride in the greatest attraction of their town.

Unlike all other shellfish, these clams have an aversion to water. This, combined with their singing, seems to me to prove conclusively that they are descended from birds.

"They lie along the shores of the bay, where there are long stretches of mud and sand flats. My investigations proved to me that when the tide was in and water covered these flats, the clams, disliking the water, burrowed down into the soft bottom for a few inches and waited there until the water receded.

"Their keen sense of sound told them when it was gone, and they then come to the surface, zigzagging their way through the soft ooze.

"Then they lie outside their holes, and after a few moments open their shells. Immediately the singing commences.

"In weird, minor key, like the notes of an aeolian harp far off in the forests, their plaintive voices arise. Forty years ago there were almost millions of them, and the great chorus, half an hour after the tide went out, was most amazing.

"As the tide came in, each succeeding wave covering more clams, this chorus died out, until by the time the waves were lapping the marsh-grass, it was absolutely stilled. This proved to me that just as soon as a clam felt the waves he again sank into his shell to sleep until the next low tide.

"The natives and fishermen of Duxbury never ate the clams. In fact,

they were known to feed them the cranberries for which Duxbury is famous. They were proud of their singing clams and their little voices led the children of the village calling them the 'Little Angels of the Bay.'

"It used to be the custom, when the tide was low at night, for the lads and lassies to stroll or sit along the beach listening to the clams. Their faint, sweet voices heard in the moonlight have prompted many a good man to pop the fatal question.

"Now all this is changed. A crude business person discovered that each voice came from a clam that was perfectly good to eat. He started out to catch them, and before long their fame as 'steamed clams' became known among the colonists, and the end was in sight.

"The colonists now bring 'clam forks' as part of their baggage when they move to Duxbury each summer, and with one of these any man or woman who does not mind a little mud, can pick up enough clams for a family meal in a very short time.

"Yes, the women also catch the clams. One would think that they would have too much heart to still these small voices in a frying pan, but they haven't.

"Various reasons have been advanced for the singing of the clams, but I have never heard one that seemed satisfactory. It has occasioned many peculiar incidents.

"When the French cable from Brest, which arrives at Duxbury, was first connected up, the operators used to complain of the singing noises they heard each day when the tide was low. After finding that it was the voice of the clams, they fixed the cable and had no more trouble.

"I expect that this is the last summer that it will be possible to listen to the clams, and I intend spending a part of every fine day enjoying their voices.

"At the rate that the colonists are eating them they will be all gone in a year or two, and, if possible, I intend to be the last citizen of Duxbury to hear the 'swan song' of the last of the famous singing clams."—New York Times.

Most Obliging.

A street car was getting under way when two women, rushing from opposite sides of the street to greet each other, met right in the middle of the car track and in front of the car. There the two stopped and began to talk. The car stopped, too, but the women did not appear to realize that it was there. Certain of the passengers, whose heads were immediately thrust out of the windows to ascertain what the trouble was, began to make sarcastic remarks, but the two women heeded them not.

Finally the motorman showed that he had a saving sense of humor. Leaning over the dashboard he inquired in the gentlest of tones: "Pardon me, ladies, but shall I get you a couple of chairs?"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Easy Money.

"Any fishing up where you spent your vacation?" "Plenty. In fact, there wasn't anything else. All we got to eat was the fish we caught ourselves, and they charged us \$15 a week for serving it."

Office Chatter.

"How do you like your job?" asked the inkwell. "It's dirty work," replied the new blotter. "Still it's rather absorbing."

The number of telephones in the United States has increased fifteen-fold in the last 14 years.

CREDITED TO THE BOSTONESE

Proverbs With Which Most Are Familiar Set Forth Clothed in New Language.

If upon the initiative attempt success eludes your efforts, repeat the operation ad infinitum.

It is an exceedingly lengthy byway that fails to produce some tangible evidence to prove that its natural tendencies point to an apparent longing to execute a right angle.

When the household feline has temporarily vacated the premises, the small rodents will undoubtedly take advantage of her absence to participate in unseemly gambols commensurate with the joyous occasion.

The operation of conveying a beast of burden in the general direction of the trough containing aqua distilla may prove to be one of comparative ease, but the process of inducing the quadruped to partake of the contents thereof is often a matter of conjecture, to be determined only by the avowed inclination of the animal in question.—Judge.

Longings.

A well-known essayist and connoisseur of New York attended recently an artistic tea in Washington square.

Near-artists of all sorts—near-poets, near-sculptors, near-painters and near-novellists—attended the tea. The ladies wore djibbabs of green buriap. The gentlemen wore sandals. The collation was vegetarian, of course.

Looking calmly at that mass of freaks, he said, with a smile:

"Artistic longings consist invariably, it seems, of long hair, long teeth and long faces—everything but long purses, in fact."

Officer, Where Are You?

"Has the backward season arrested the cotton crop?" we asked the southern planter.

"It has," he replied, "but we think we will be able to bale it out."

ONLY ONE CROP OF LAND

Good corn land is very scarce. See ad of Himmelberger-Harrison Co. in another part of this paper, and write them for full particulars.—Adv.

Tired of Him.

He—I always pay as I go. She (yawning)—I don't think you'll ever become bankrupt.—Judge.

When a millionaire dies it generally develops that he was worth about \$100,000 and that he had been paying taxes on a valuation of \$20,000.

A catalogue of the fishes of Maine shows that the state has 140 species, but only 25 are fit to eat, and only 17 are of commercial value.

It is calculated that 19,000,000 tons of carbon, most of it in the form of coal, is the average yearly amount burned in large cities.

The thread of the silkworm is one-thousandth of an inch in diameter.

Submarines for naval purposes were first developed by France.

Frankly admitting that the baby resembles its father is the shortest way. It also is the safest.

Our Christian year 1915 corresponds to the year 5676 in the Jewish calendar.

Yes, Cordelia, the female bookkeeper may be a countess.

The first balloon ascension took place in 1783.

Advertisement for Post Toasties and cream, featuring an illustration of a man eating and the text 'Cracking Good—Post Toasties and cream A Royal Treat'.