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## OFFENSIVE IS CONTINUED EAST BY TEUTONS

### In Spite of Added Foe in Italy, Germans and Austrians Attack With Force Along the River Sen in Galicia.

### TRY TO REGAIN LOST GROUND IN THE WEST

### Fighting in the West Consists Mainly of Trench Warfare, Germans Seek to Get Back Lost Ground.

LONDON, May 26.—Although called upon to face another enemy in Italy, whose troops crossed the eastern border, the Austrians, with the Germans, have not relaxed their efforts on the other fronts. In middle Galicia they have assumed the offensive against the Russians along the river Sen and claim to have met further success; while in Flanders and Artois, the Germans continue, according to the French report, to make furious attacks in an effort to regain the ground taken from them in recent weeks and to hold that which they took from the British in the region of Ypres.

The Italians who crossed the frontier toward the Isonzo River, have not yet met serious opposition. In fact no important battle is expected until the invaders reach the river as here the Austrians are established.

Except for the German admission that the British captured a part of their trenches to the northeast of Givenchy, the reports of brilliant headquarters continue to contradict each other, one side claiming gains, while the other says all the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. So far as the west is concerned, however, the fighting, as has been the case for months, consists largely of trench warfare.

In Greece the illness of King Constantine, whose condition remains serious, has brought the political situation to a standstill and it is regarded unlikely that there will be any developments until after the pending elections.

The alleged torpedoing of the American steamship Nebraska was featured in all the London papers which describe the incident as "another challenge to America."

### LAWYER ESCAPES KIDNAPPERS

STOCKTON, May 26.—F. W. Henderson, city attorney of Merced, made a sensational escape from two alleged kidnapers; according to the story Henderson told the chief of police shortly after an automobile ride which he said he was forced to take from near Merced to Stockton, had terminated when the machine collided with a light tower in the center of the city. Henderson said he believed the men intended killing him for revenge as the result of difficulties over a lawsuit.

The automobile was wrecked and the two alleged kidnapers made their escape leaving their hats behind. Posses of officers immediately began search. Henderson told the police he was accosted while driving in a buggy toward his home near Merced by three men who commanded him after exhibiting revolvers to enter their automobile. One of the men, he said, then drove off with the horse and buggy, the other two handcuffing him to the automobile. Before starting to drive Stockton said, the men forced him to write a note to his wife saying he had been called out of town. Henderson asserted that the men were supplied with sacks, sawes and other implements. He believed the intention of his captors was to kill and dismember him, place his body in sacks and drop same into the river. He said he recognized one as a man that tried to decoy him to Arizona a year ago.

### WOULD AMEND NE YORK CONSTITUTION.

ALBANY, May 26.—Wm. Barnes, Jr., has introduced into the state constitutional convention a proposed amendment intended he said, to "be a complete definition by constitution, concerning the powers of the legislature in matters socialistic."

Among the legislative acts now permitted which Barnes would prohibit are minimum wage laws and granting of political parties preferred positions on primary ballots.

## HELEN TAFT'S CHUM TO BE A JUNE BRIDE



Miss Clarine Hunter.

Miss Clarine Hunter, daughter of Mrs. R. J. Hunter and well known in Washington society, is soon to be married to Mr. Francis Alton Connelly, a young broker, also of Washington. Miss Hunter was an intimate friend of Mrs. Helen Taft when the latter's father was in the White House and is known as one of the capital's prettiest girls. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's mother on June 3.

## PROSECUTIONS AGAINST THE MILK MEN

### Based on Analysis of Milk Samples Several Prosecutions of Local Dealers Will Shortly be Made.

Based on the results of recent milk tests, made from samples of milk which were to have been supplied the Warren District, between seven and ten prosecutions for the violation of the pure food law will shortly be made. These prosecutions are the results of tireless and effective work on the part of the county health officer, Dr. O. B. Patton, his deputy, J. R. Hodges, Dr. Charles A. Meserve, state bacteriologist, and Dr. J. H. Looney, state health officer.

Some weeks ago it was announced that samples of milk would be taken from every commercial dairy in the District, or selling milk in the District and that upon the showings of these samples would be based any further action in the matter. The samples, accordingly, were taken and sent to the state laboratory in Tucson, where they were analyzed. The results were sent Dr. Patton yesterday. Owing to the fact that legal objections might be raised to the publication of the names of those milk dealers to be prosecuted, such names will be eliminated from the health officer's report at the present time. In the very near future, however, the results of the tests will be made public in the Review.

Speaking of the general showing of the samples, in comparison with those taken about six weeks ago, Dr. Patton remarked that they were on the whole materially better. He qualified the assertion by saying that there was room for great improvement in a number of cases and that it was these cases which would receive the attention of the state health officials and be made the defendants in action brought under the pure food laws.

"Since we have started the campaign for pure milk in the District," said Dr. Patton yesterday, "there has been noticeable improvement in many dairies. Some weeks ago we took samples of milk from a number of dairies. No prosecutions were based on these results, however, as we desired to get samples from every milk dealer. In the meantime the dealers, or many of them, had improved their milk very materially, as the results will show when published."

"What we want," continued the doctor, "is not milk which will just slip under the wire of the law, but milk which is thoroughly good and clean. The people are entitled to such milk. The invalids and babies, who depend upon milk to a large degree for food, must be protected and our department is going to see that the grade is improved in those instances where it is now not up to standard."

## ASK SAWTELLE FOR HABEAS CORPUS

### Socialists and State Federation of Labor, with Hunt, to Ask Federal Court to Save Five Murderers.

### SEEK HABEAS CORPUS FROM JUDGE SAWTELLE

### Attorneys Claim That Men Must be Resentenced Before They Can be Hung. Final County Action Possible.

PHOENIX, May 26.—Based on a claim that the five condemned men must be resentenced before they can be hanged, by reason of irregularity in the matter of issuance of reprieves, attorneys representing the state federation of labor will tomorrow apply to Judge Sawtelle for a writ of habeas corpus in each of the five cases of the men scheduled to be executed at Florence Friday.

Struckmeyer and Jencks, the attorneys, claim that Governor Hunt is interested in this move, although their fee comes from the local socialist camp and state federation of labor. They are not concerned, so they say, as to what action is taken by Judge Sawtelle, as they are only using the court for the purpose of securing a delay which in some indefinite manner they claim can be secured through various appeals.

### OTHER ACTION POSSIBLE

While this action is contemplated in the federal court, an attorney named Whitmore, representing Chavitt, hopes to secure from the Pinal County court some relief for his client in a similar proceeding which he hopes to have heard tomorrow.

### PASSENGERS SAVED WHEN STEAMER COLLIDES

NEW YORK, May 26.—Seventy seven passengers were saved from a possible death when the Holland-America liner Ryndam collided early today with the trans steamer Joseph C. Cannon off Nantucket Shoals Lightship and was brought safely to port tonight by the battleship South Carolina, which participated in the rescue. The Ryndam, conveyed to Ambrose Lightship by the battleship Texas, reached harbor before the passengers. She was drawing thirty-six feet of water. Much of her cargo, containing foodstuffs for Holland, valued at a million dollars, was destroyed.

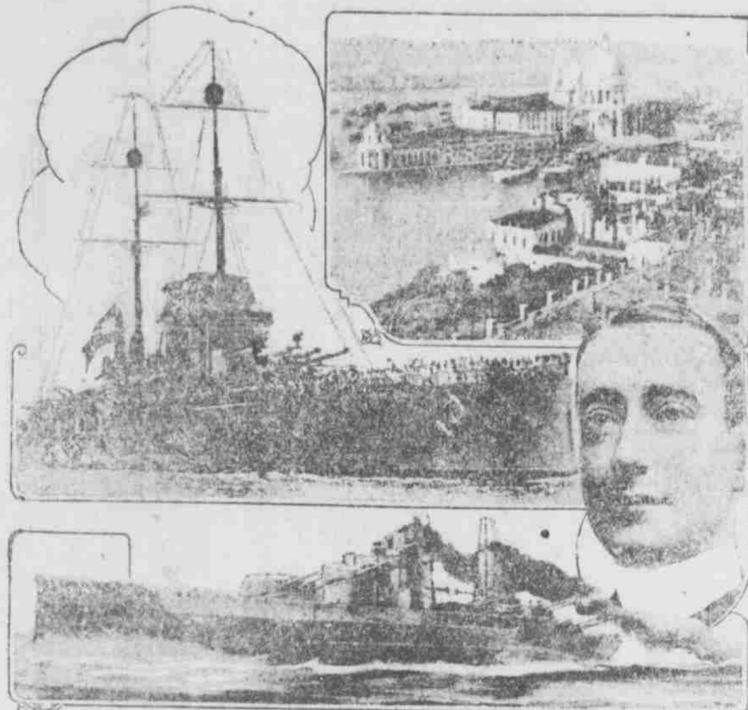
A hole in the side of the Ryndam below the water line about the width of a plate was stopped with canvas. The canoe, damaged, is proceeding under her own steam to port. The steamer Thos Millard, carrying friends and relatives of the passengers and officers of the Holland-America line, went down the bay to meet the South Carolina and take on board the rescued passengers. The Ryndam left here yesterday with fifty-four cabin and twenty-three third class passengers. The crew numbered about 150. The steamers collided at 4 o'clock this morning in a heavy fog. Several Atlantic battleships went to her rescue. Only six of her passengers were Americans. The others were foreigners returning home.

### BELIEVE VILLA VICTORY REPORTS PREMATURE.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Reports of a decisive Villa victory over Obregon in the fighting about Villa's announced at Chihuahua by Villa's foreign minister, are apparently "premature," according to official advice to the State Department. The best information obtainable, the Department said, indicated that the opposing armies rested after a severe fighting with a decided advantage to Villa forces and that the battle will be resumed today.

The outcome of this is expected to go far toward deciding the military mastery of Mexico, for the immediate future, at least. Advice to department from Fronteras said it was reported there that serious disturbances had occurred in the northern part of Tabasco with a defeat for the Carranza forces. Other advices told of reports that fighting was under way at Monclova with the Villa forces attempting to recapture the town. The Villa agency here announced it had reports claiming Mococho had already been retaken.

## VENICE THREATENED AS ITALY AND AUSTRIA BEGIN WAR



Austrian dreadnought Veribus Unitis (top); Venice from St. Mark's; Italian dreadnought Conte di Cavour; Duke d'Abruzzi.

Venice, one of Italy's most famous and beautiful cities, is threatened with bombardment by the Austrian fleet. One of the Austrian battleships which would be likely to take part in such a bombardment is the Veribus Unitis, a dreadnought of 22,600 tons displacement, completed three years ago at a cost of \$12,165,000, carrying a complement of 1000 men and equipped with twelve 12-inch guns. One of the newer Italian dreadnoughts is the Conte di Cavour, flagship of the Duke d'Abruzzi, commander of the fleet.

## CUSTOM REVENUE MAY BE CUT GREATLY

### So-Called "Five Per Cent" Clause is Sustained by the Customs Court With One Dissenting Opinion.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The so-called "five percent" clause in the tariff law, granting a reduction in duties of that amount on goods imported in American ships, was sustained by the customs court, which held also the five percent rebate must be granted on all goods imported in ships of those countries with which the United States has "favored nation" treaties.

As such treaties exist with the principal countries of the world the effect of the decision is practically to reduce the customs revenue by five percent. If the decision is sustained in the supreme court of the United States, to which it will be appealed, approximately \$15,000,000 in duties, already collected, must be refunded.

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Devries pointed out the majority decision means that the goods imported in about fifty-five hundred foreign vessels of the favored nation countries shall receive this reduction in customs duties. Five percent, it is estimated, in the customs revenues for the present fiscal year would exceed eleven millions and in years to come the total would grow to an even greater proportion.

Moreover, it is pointed out that the decision, if it stands the test of the supreme court, is retroactive to the extent it applies to importations into the United States since the approval of the Underwood-Simmons law more than two years ago, including goods in bond, and subsequently withdrawn without payment of this rebate. Government officials realize that the decision may have a profound effect upon the fiscal policy of the United States as at present the actual working balance in the treasury is under \$15,000,000, though possibly \$40,000,000 is available to be added to this if necessary.

## TO HAND GERMANY'S ANSWER TO GERARD



Herr von Jagow.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The German government today handed to the United States its answer to the note from Secretary of State Gerard regarding the Nebraska incident. The note, which is being delivered to the United States by the German ambassador, is a long and detailed statement of the German position on the matter.

## MERCHANTS ASK MINE TAX LAW IN STATUTES

### Phoenix Business Men Ask Governor to Include in Extra Call Legislation For Mine Taxation in the State.

PHOENIX, May 26.—Phoenix business men today called on Governor Hunt and urged that he include in his next legislative call a provision which will permit of legislation of the subject of mine taxation. They made it clear today that they favored the enactment of some such law, and at a meeting held last night, attended by a hundred merchants of Maricopa County, members of the legislature were given an opportunity to see what local sentiment on this subject was.

The Hopoki case was filed in federal court today here.

## BIG STEAMSHIP LINE MAY BE FORMED

### Outcome of Pan-American Financial Conference May be Formation of Gigantic Steamship Corporation.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Conferees between the representatives of financial and business interests in the United States and delegates from South and Central America, attending the Pan-American Financial Conference continued today in an effort to bring about a clear understanding of the desires and needs of the southern republics. There was no generalization at the conference and the oratory that marked the previous meetings gave way to statements of facts about conditions affecting the various countries and the necessity for more credit and cash to aid their development.

The committee on transportation, which had under consideration what many delegates regard as the most important question the conference has faced, has entrusted it works to a subcommittee, which is not expected to report until Friday.

There are rumors tonight which might result the conference in a gigantic steamship corporation backed by all the interested countries to insure a rapid, regular and safe transportation between North and South America. It was pointed out, however, during the discussion of this subject that so far as concerned the official representatives, there is no authority to enter into any negotiations along this line.

### WESTERN PACIFIC RECEIVERS

NEW YORK, May 26.—Warren Olney Jr., and Frank G. Drann of California, receivers for the Western Pacific railroad have been appointed by the federal court here to act in the same capacity in this district. Request for the appointment of a receivership was made by the Equitable Trust Company which alleges that one and one-quarter million dollars has been defaulted with interest in gold bonds since March.

### SENATE ADOPTS REPORT.

At a late hour this afternoon the Senate adopted the conference report which is the final act necessary before the general appropriation bill can be sent to the Governor. It will go to the executive tomorrow and the Legislature will then take up the question for several months.

## SITUATION IS MADE TENSE BY LATEST ACCIDENT

### United States Officials Will Not Commit Themselves as to What They Will do About Nebraskan Incident.

### SHIP POSSIBLY HIT BY FLOATING MINE

### Report of Ship's Captain Informs That There is Question as to Whether Ship Was Torpedoed or Not.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The course of the United States government, in the case of the American steamer Nebraska, damaged off the coast of Ireland, is undoubtedly tentative because the officials are without definite information as to whether the ship was torpedoed or struck a mine. Messages from Ambassador Page and Consul General Skinner, at London, transmitted a report of the British admiralty that the vessel was torpedoed but the officials note with much interest the captain's report to his owner's indication a doubt as to whether the boat was hit by a torpedo or struck a mine. Should it develop, clearly, that she was torpedoed without warning, an accumulating circumstance will have been added to an already tense situation, notwithstanding the fact that no lives were lost.

The President himself read all the official and unofficial dispatches. In view of the positive position the United States has taken in the subject of submarine activities in the war zone, and the delicate situation with Germany arising out of the Lusitania disaster, the story of the Nebraska's experience is awaited with unusual interest.

Officials here are reluctant to discuss the case pending full reports, Counselor Lansing of the State Department revealed, however, that assurances some time ago had been received from Great Britain to the effect that such mines as had been laid by the British admiralty were of a nature which become innocuous if detached from their anchors.

No other government, Lansing said, had given such assurances. The fact that the Nebraska was under charter to a British concern, partly American owned, prior to sailing on the return voyage, it is said by officials, does not affect her status. She carried no contraband and was engaged in no hostile service, being bound for Hampton Roads to take on coal for the United States navy to be carried as freight to San Francisco.

### AMBASSADOR PAGE REPORTS ON NEBRASKAN.

Ambassador Page called a long report on the Nebraska incident to the State Department, it is being deciphered and tomorrow will be placed before the President.

The American steamer Nebraska, when about forty miles from Pastnet, off the coast of Ireland, was either torpedoed or struck by a mine. The men took to the boats but later returned to the vessel which was damaged in the forward part and was able to proceed. General opinion here is that the vessel is another victim of a German submarine.

A Crookhaven dispatch stated that it was learned there that a submarine was seen last night off Pastnet just after the time the Nebraska was damaged. No connection has been established between the appearance of the submarine and the explosion of the damaged Nebraska. A steamer was seen outside Crookhaven and as she approached in the direction of Pastnet light house two loud reports were heard. Residents ran to the shore and a few minutes later sighted a submarine. A man on shore fired two shots with a rifle at the men in the conning tower of the submarine, which immediately dived.

### GOVERNOR WHITMAN LEAVES FOR FRISCO.

ALBANY, May 26.—Governor Whitman and party including his family, secretary and military staff, also several members of the New York Pan-American Exposition Commission state officials and their wives, left for the Exposition by a special train. The expenses of the trip, estimated at \$25,000 will be by the state.

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