

VIENNA AVOIDS BREAK, DUMBA TO GO U. S. NEAR DECISION IN U-BOAT CRISIS

SLAVS' POWER HELD GERMAN LINES, BERLIN NOW ADMITS

Stubborn Resistance Along Great Battle Front Effective for First Time Since Central Powers Started Advance.

Germans Declare Russians Have Apparently Obtained Bigger Supply of Ammunition Than in Early Retreat.

BERLIN (via The Hague), Sept. 12.—For the first time since the great Austro-German machine began rolling the Russians out of Galicia, several months ago, the enemy is now offering stubborn resistance all along the line.

Official dispatches from every quarter of the eastern front admit "fierce fighting." The war office, commenting upon the strength of the Russian counter-attacks at several sectors of the long battlefield, notably on the two wings, frankly admits that General von Beseler has made no important progress toward Riga the last week.

MORE RUSSIAN AMMUNITION.
Certain military critics are hinting that the German campaign in the east is drawing to a close. They suggest that the apparent weakening of the Austro-German offensive around Riga and in the extreme southeast may mean that troops have been withdrawn for other fields of action. It is admitted, too, that the Russians now seem better supplied with ammunition than in the earlier days of their retreat from Warsaw.

The Russian center had been giving ground rapidly, but the past week, while Von Hindenburg and the Bavarians have made progress, they have been forced to fight their way, overcoming determined resistance. Capture of Skidel and Lunno, announced in yesterday's communique, followed a three days' battle. Von Hindenburg took 2,700 prisoners, but it was admitted that the German losses, too, were heavy.

Energetic Slav Attacks.
Prince Leopold's Bavarians and the Austro-Hungarians in the southeast report that the Slavs are attacking with

SHOT BY POLICEMAN; YOUNG MAN IS DYING

Richard Miller, 25, Charged With Loafing, Lies in Critical Condition in Hospital.

Shot in a struggle with a policeman, Richard Miller, twenty-five years old, lies in a critical condition at Casualty Hospital today, the bullet having entered just above his left hip. Miller was shot last night by Policeman B. C. Kuehling, of the Fourth precinct, at Eleventh and G streets southwest, in his report to Captain Williams, of the Fourth precinct. Kuehling said a number of men had congregated at the corner and had arrested Miller on a charge of unlawful assembly. Miller, he said, resisted and grabbing hold of the policeman's baton, started dragging him along, the officer's hand being entangled in the cord. After giving a warning, Kuehling drew his revolver and shot.

Noblewoman Heads Big Spy System Here, U. S. Officials Think

Arrest of a Newport Fisherman by Federal Officials for Trespassing on Government Land Promises "Amazing Developments"—Report German Rendezvous in Heart of Society Resort.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 12.—Evidence of a far reaching German spy system in New England has been brought to light through the arrest of Nicholas K. Card, a Newport fisherman, for trespassing on Rose Island, a Government reservation near the naval station which is used for the storage of high explosives and torpedo heads. Peter C. Cannon, assistant United States district attorney, said Card's offense seemed far from the simple one of trespass as it appeared at first glance and that out of it might come amazing developments. At the request of Mr. Cannon Card was held in \$2,000 bail by United States Commissioner Frank Healy, the bail being fixed at that relatively high figure because Mr. Cannon believes that Card may know of the working of spies near the naval station.

NOBLEWOMAN'S NAME IN CASE.
Coincidental with the arrest of Card the name of a German woman of noble birth well known in Newport, was brought to the attention of the Federal authorities. United States District Attorney Baker is in possession of letters and other papers apparently sent by the woman to a Dr. W. Korthouse or Korthaus at a restaurant in Pine street in Providence. This restaurant is near the Crown Hotel, where a German who has been under the surveillance of Federal officers for several days is stopping. Just what is in these letters could not be learned, but Mr. Baker regards them of sufficient importance for an investigation.

Washington Boosters Ready to Go Tomorrow

Retail Merchants' Association on Eve of Performing Wonderful Service for Its Members and the District Generally—Trip Begins at 7:30.

By B. A. MATTINGLY.
The Retail Merchants' Association is on the eve of performing a wonderful service for its members and for the city generally, through the medium of the automobile trade-boasting expedition, which will leave Washington at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for points in Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia.

About a half million pieces of advertising matter will be carried on the trip, including a special edition of the Washington Times, of which 20,000 copies will be printed in colors. The articles for the special edition were prepared by Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, and are brimful of arguments and substantial reasons why the people in the territory to be covered should do their buying in Washington. A special invitation is extended to out-of-town people to attend the inauguration of the fall buying season in Washington as well as the G. A. R. encampment, which occur on the same dates—September 27 to October 2.

Announcements by Firms.
The special edition also contains the personal announcements of the firms participating in the trip. A prodigious amount of labor has been expended on the movement, and, barring a typhoon or other great calamity, said Secretary Columbus at his office today, will go off on schedule time.

Frisco Girls Have Best Legs in World

Physical Trainer in Schools There Say Their Carriage Is Best, Too.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—San Francisco girls have the shapeliest legs in the world. Edward De Groot says so, and he's physical trainer of the public schools here. Moreover, their general carriage is more graceful, he says, than that of girls in Eastern cities. The reason? "The reason," says De Groot, "is the hills, which strengthen limbs, waist and back."

BORDERBATTLE NEAR AS ARMY HUNTS BANDITS

Fifty-seven Mexicans, Believed to Be Chief Conspirators, Located by Troops.

THREATEN RAID THURSDAY

"Down With American Sympathizers," Cry of Brigands, Killing Countrymen.

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 12.—A strong detachment of soldiers has been sent to Young's ranch, fifteen miles south of here, to round up fifty-seven Mexicans, believed to be the more important leaders of the "American Invasion Party," and Brownsville has been waiting all day long for news of a battle.

It is believed that these are the men who have threatened to cross the border and start a general attack all along the Rio Grande next Thursday and consummate the "plan of San Diego" and the troops will stop at nothing to arrest them.

Conditions along the border are becoming worse every day, both from actual banditry and from anti-American propaganda. Mexican raiders blew up a bridge fifteen miles west of Brownsville last night and other acts of outlawry are reported along the entire border.

"Down With Sympathizers"

"Down with the American sympathizers" is now the battle-cry of Mexican bandits invading American territory. Having met with strong opposition in carrying out their plans to invade this country from Mexican territory, not only from American soldiers, peace officers and citizens, but from Americanized Mexicans as well, the several bands of bandits now are attempting to kill every peaceful Mexican simply because they refuse to become part of anti-American propaganda. In addition to two Mexicans who were killed by bandits, three more bodies of peaceful Mexican-Americans were found late last night by Texas Rangers. United States army officers believe that the men were murdered by the same band of fifty-eight bandits who killed the other two yesterday.

Determined to avert the attack Mexicans threatened Thursday on this side of the border.

EUROPEAN BANKERS MEET AGAIN MONDAY

Formal Negotiations for \$500,000,000 War Loan Scheduled for This Week.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Formal negotiations between the Anglo-French commission, now here to arrange for a \$500,000,000 war supply loan and the American financiers will begin tomorrow. The conference in all probability will be held at the chamber of commerce.

It was said today that the commission would establish offices in the financial district so as to be in close touch with the bankers while the negotiations are pending.

Baron Reading, lord chief justice of England, chairman of the commission, and a stout J. P. Morgan, on the latter's yacht Corsair. Sir Edward Holden and Sir Henry Robinson, British members of the commission, are the guests of Willard D. Straight, of the Morgan firm, on Long Island.

Germans in Tsing-Tau Arrested and Interned

PEKING, Sept. 12.—Fifty-two German civilians in Tsing-Tau have been arrested by the Japanese military forces and will be interned. The German commander of Tsing-Tau because they were held to be non-combatants. The Japanese declare that they have discovered that the civilians aided in the defense of the German province.

German Embassy Attache Facing Investigation



CAPT. FRANZ VON PAPEN, Whose Activities in Connection With the Dumba Conspiracy May Lead to a Demand From the United States For His Recall.

ARCHIBALD FACES ARREST ON ARRIVAL

District Attorney at New York to Look Into Evidence Against Letter Carrier.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—James F. T. Archibald, the American who carried the letter which resulted in the downfall of Ambassador Dumba, probably will be arrested on his arrival here. The Department of Justice has directed United States District Attorney Marshall to look into the evidence. Archibald is quoted as denying that he knew the character of the communications he had accepted for transmission to Vienna.

Fugitive Returns To Loot Prison

Convict Caught When He Tries To Sell Penitentiary Cows For \$9.

NASHVILLE, Sept. 12.—Bob King, a negro, had risen to the distinction of a trusty in the State prison. With this shadow of liberty he was not content, and one day recently, when the guards were giving him no particular attention, he took himself off into the open country.

King found the going none too easy. He reflected that there were at the prison, where they were not difficult to reach two fine heifers. He chose a favorable night, went after and got them, and again made his way into the open country.

Shortly after daylight the following day the fugitive offered a guileless looking white farmer the two young cows for \$8. The farmer knew the ways of many negroes. King was told to drive the heifers into the adjacent cow lot.

President at Central Presbyterian Church

President Wilson, accompanied by Miss Helen Bones and Fitzwilliam Woodrow, attended services this morning in the Central Presbyterian Church. The President contemplated an automobile trip this afternoon.

NO NEW ENVOY TO BE NAMED UNTIL END OF EUROPEAN WAR

Some Austrian Officials Favor Refusing American Request, But Foreign Office Finally Decides on Action.

Police Guards Stationed About American Embassy, But Despite Violent Editorials There Has Been No Trouble.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 12.—Vienna will recall Dr. Dumba, but will not appoint another ambassador to the United States before the close of the war, according to semi-official dispatches today.

This course, it was stated, was decided upon at a conference at the foreign office last night. Several officials favored refusing the request of the American Government, but it was finally agreed that there was no other alternative unless Austria wanted to force a rupture of diplomatic relations.

The newspaper Zeit, appeared with a vigorous editorial, demanding that the government break off diplomatic relations with America at once. The police promptly confiscated the edition, it was stated.

POLICE ON GUARD.

Police guards are stationed about the American embassy, according to Vienna dispatches, though there have been no disturbances. The Vienna dispatches asserted that the press of the Austrian capital is most indignant over Dumba's recall. Newspaper editorials today, it was stated, angrily condemned America's attitude from the beginning of the war and declared that Dumba acted entirely within the scope of his duties in warning his fellow countrymen that to aid in the manufacture of munitions for Austria's enemies was "an act of treason."

Austria May Not Recall Ambassador, Switzerland Hears

LUGANA, Switzerland, Sept. 12.—Austria may not recall Dr. Dumba according to information reaching here from Vienna.

There is a possibility, though the matter has not been determined, that the Austrian foreign minister will uphold the ambassador, thus forcing the United States to recall him.

Say Allies Landed As Turks Prayed

Germans Declare Observance of Moslem Rites Favored British.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 12.—Because the Turks were observing a week of fasting and prayer, prescribed by religion, and consequently kept careless watch, the British forces succeeded in landing at Suvla Bay recently, according to the testimony of German officers interviewed by the Constantinople correspondent of the Courant. The Germans are quoted as saying that if German soldiers had been on watch not a single British soldier would have stepped on the soil of Gallipoli peninsula. As it was, they added, no one saw the British transports, conveyed by warships, approaching the coast.

POSSIBILITY OF BREAK WITH BERLIN HINGES ON INTERVIEW

Secretary of State Lansing, His Mind Made Up, Will Decide Definite Course With the President.

Submission of the Arabic Case for Arbitration by The Hague May Be Agreed Upon Tomorrow.

Whether there will be an open rupture between the United States and Germany over the entire submarine question will depend upon the decision reached by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing at a conference tomorrow on the Arabic reply.

Realizing that the United States is at the forks of the road in its negotiations with Germany and that a course must be announced that will end the long drawn out correspondence, officials attached the utmost importance to the forthcoming conference.

Secretary of State Lansing says he has studied and digested the evidence regarding the Arabic and reached a definite conclusion. In advance of his conference with the President, however, he would not discuss the case.

HIS MIND MADE UP.

It is understood from Secretary Lansing's statement that he has reached a decision as to the course he believes this Government should take on the German government's suggestion of submitting the questions to The Hague. While there has been demand by pacifist influences in the Administration for the adoption of this suggestion, there has been vigorous opposition from officials who insist that the United States cannot justify the questions for which it has been contending.

It was admitted, however, that the United States, without loss of dignity, could submit to arbitration the question of fact as to whether the submarine commander was justified in treating the Arabic as a hostile vessel, or one with hostile intent. Those holding this view, however, insisted that there must be a complete separation of this single question from the general controversy.

So far as the evidence obtained by the State Department is concerned, there is little to bear out the charges against the submarine. The definite announcement is made by the State Department that the affidavits of Arabic survivors, filed last week, offer to arbitrate the question, however, has met with some acceptance among certain officials of the Administration.

Denied Seeing U-Boat.

Every affidavit bearing on this point, on the contrary, makes the conclusion unavoidable that the officers of the Arabic had no intention of ramming the submarine, and in all probability did not even see the undersea boat. Every passenger making affidavit denied seeing the submarine. The State Department is inclined to give greater weight to testimony of passengers than to that of ship officers, except on technical points. Expressions from officials make it certain that the United States will refuse to assent to the proposition that Germany is not responsible for the mistakes of its submarine commanders when American lives are lost thereby. The offer to arbitrate the question, however, has met with some acceptance among certain officials of the Administration.