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WEATHER REPORT
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U. S. CENTER OF WORLD POLITICS

Governments of Europe
Planning For Peace in
Nation's Favor

CHANCE TO END WAR

Officials in Washington Are at Pre-
sent Closely Watching Moves in
Game of Diplomacy.

Washington, Aug. 31—A great
game of world politics is being played,
with the friendship of the United
States as the grand prize.

Diplomats and officials of the
Washington Government are watching
the moves with great interest
some of them with anxiety, for they
realize the vast possibilities involved
in the outcome.

Dovetailing into the situation are
the Balkan diplomatic crisis, the sub-
marine issue between the United
States and Germany, the differences
between this Government and Great
Britain over the restrictions on
American commerce through the applica-
tion of the British blockade
the munitions shipments question,
the German propaganda in this coun-
try, and, above all, what seems to be
an effort to create impression that
President Wilson may be able to take
the lead in a new and positive pro-
posal for peace between the warring
powers of Europe.

Developments in the great game to-
day involved the Arabic incident
which at one time threatened to cause
a break in American relations with
Germany, and the British policy of re-
stricting the shipment to the United
States of German bought goods.

A dispatch to the State Depart-
ment from James W. Gerard, the
American Ambassador at Berlin, told
of opposition by Grand Admiral von
Tirpitz to the promised program of
giving complete satisfaction to the
American Government for the sinking
of the Arabic while the British
Embassy notified the department
that it was due to German and not
British opposition that cargoes of
dyestuffs, bought in Germany by
American firms, were not shipped to
this country.

The British notification showed that
Great Britain was willing and ready
to modify some of the restrictions
on American trade with Germany and
neutral countries contiguous to Ger-
man territory for which this country
has been contending.

It appears from Ambassador Ger-
ard's report that Grand Admiral
von Tirpitz is not willing to go to the
limit of satisfying the United States
that has been indicated in the assur-
ances given to this Government.
Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Im-
perial Chancellor, has promised "com-
plete satisfaction."

While the details of Ambassador
Gerard's dispatch are not made
known officially, the opposition of the
Grand Admiral to the program for
furnishing satisfaction to the United
State is understood to be directed to
the desire of the Imperial Chancellor
and the Foreign Minister to assure
this Government that the submarine
commander will be punished. To this
the Grand Admiral is said to object
on the ground that it would have a
bad effect on the discipline and ac-
tivity of the submarine fleet.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg
and Grand Admiral von Tirpitz are
reported to have gone to the east-
ern front to lay the matter of dis-
pute before Emperor William. It is
not doubted here that the Emperor's

decision will be on the side of the new
German policy of doing everything
to win the friendship of the United
States.

To Germany the friendship of the
United States has become the most
desirable thing to be attained, for on
it may depend the course of the Bal-
kan States and possibly Greece in
the war. It is well understood by
diplomats that Italy made her re-
cent declaration of war against Tur-
key partly for the purpose of in-
ducing the Balkans to follow her ex-
ample. From the German viewpoint
a break between the United States
and Germany might be the deciding
factor in influencing the Balkan gov-
ernments in determining whether
they shall stay out of the war or
come in on the side of the Quad-
rangle Alliance on the theory that
America's enmity would mean Ger-
many's defeat.

WOMAN MURDERED

Husband, Head of Detective Agency
Arrested on Suspicion of Slay-
ing Her.

New York, Aug. 31—Mrs. Sarah
Leitner, 27 years old, wife of Samuel
Leitner, head of a private detective
agency, was murdered in her hus-
band's office, in a downtown office
building last night. Leitner told the
police that two men came to his office
door, fired five times at his wife and
then escaped.

It was Mrs. Leitner's custom
Leitner informed the police, to come
to his office every afternoon and ac-
company him home. He was de-
layed last night, he said, and was
behind his desk when he was startled
by the shots. He then ran into the
street and notified the police.

Leitner was arrested later charged
with the murder of his wife. Detectives
reported that they found a re-
volver with six empty chambers in
a room adjoining that in which the
killing took place.

Mrs. Leitner, who was the mother
of five children, ranging in age from
10 years to 8 months, had been in
Manhattan today to consult a physi-
cian about her nervous illness.

Bert Myers, owner of public trucks
said he was standing at the stoop of
the entrance to Leitner's office with
two of his drivers, John Belmont and
Theodore Miller, when they heard
five shots in the detective's office.

"Leitner did not run down to the
street," Meyers said. "My men and
myself ran up the few steps and into
the office. There we found Leitner
holding his wife in his arms. No men
had run from the building. He cried
to me: 'My wife is shot. Call police
headquarters and get an ambulance'."

AUSTRAINS IN RETREAT.

Milan Reports Big Italian Gains At
Two Points—Battling For
Mont Rombon.

Milan, Aug. 31—The Austrians are
in full retreat at two points. One is
in the Val Sugana, where they are
blowing up bridges and viaducts and
destroying all roads and railways as
they retire.

The other is in the region of the Up-
per Isonzo, where the Italian Alpine
troops are wresting an important
mountain summit from the Austrian
grip.

The latest official reports show that
the Italians are well advanced beyond
Plezzo and are attacking the summit
of Mont Rombon, 6,000 feet high
which overlooks the valley of the
Coritizza, a tributary of the Isonzo,
and also commands the highway that
culminates in Predil Pass at a height
of 3,500 feet, and thence descends into
the Zebach Valley, where the Italian
troops captured positions about a week
ago.

Then Austrians are in a precarious
position at Tarvis, Holmino and Gorz,
not to mention the strong series of
defenses they lost in the Val Sugana.

LIGHTS MATCH; EXPLOSION

Toledo, O., August 31—When Mrs.
John Stader returned home from an
automobile ride Sunday night she
struck a match and an explosion of
gas resulted. The flash revealed her
husband dead in a chair.

He had turned on the gas, the
coroner found, and committed sui-
cide. Mrs. Stader was burned slightly
and the hair and eyebrows of the
corpse were singed. Stader was a
painter.

Oyster Season open, Rammel Cafe.

GERMANY ACTS SATISFACTORILY

Is Ready to Announce Con-
cessions in Her Sub-
marine Warfare

MAKES GUARANTEES

Pledges Herself to Spare American
Citizens—Assumes Full Responsi-
bility for Loss of Lives.

Washington, Aug. 31—Administra-
tion officials today voiced with satis-
faction the feeling that the interna-
tional difficulties which have hedged
thick about this country at last give
real promise of becoming much less
serious, not only with Germany but
in other directions.

The President and his advisers have
reason to believe that for the re-
mainder of the war, American neu-
tral rights are going to be more fully
respected both by Germany and the
allies than they have been.

New York, Aug. 31—The Interna-
tional News Service is able to pre-
sent from a high and authoritative
source the exact concessions on sub-
marine warfare offered to Secretary
Lansing by Ambassador Bernstorff.

Official confirmation of these conces-
sions is expected by Ambassador
Bernstorff within the next forty-eight
hours.

Germany admits in diplomatic
terms, it is said, that in her submarine
warfare she has grievously wronged
America. She promises without qual-
ification that the giant Cunard loaded
with grain destined for the future shall be
undamaged by her undersea boats.

In the exact words of a high official,
she pledges herself that "not one
American should go overboard."

Whatever the diplomatic form of
presentation may have been, Germany
did, without reservation, assume full
responsibility for the loss of American
lives aboard the Lusitania.

Her offer of reparation was so un-
qualified that only a method of deter-
mining the amount of damage remains
to be ascertained.

She requests the United States to
suggest some means of ascertaining
such damages.

She does not disavow the destruction
of the Lusitania. This she feels is im-
possible, for the reason that she has
already officially honored the com-
mander of the successful submarine.

Moreover she vigorously maintained
that the giant Cunard vessel with
munitions was in reality a ship of war.
She realizes, however, that this fact
did not warrant the taking of American
lives.

The Arabic case is clearer cut than
that of the Lusitania, on which she
had official reports. No submarine
commander has as yet admitted sink-
ing the Arabic.

Germany will, nevertheless, pay for
the lives of two Americans lost with
that ship, if sufficient evidence is pre-
sented by witnesses.

The United States is accordingly
asked to obtain all the facts and pre-
sent them for the consideration of the
German government. A satisfactory
adjustment will then be reached.

Germany indignantly denies a re-
port that the officers and crew of the
submarine which blew up the Arabic
have been ordered by the German ad-
miralty to go into hiding. Germany
asserts that no efforts are being made
to withhold the men from punishment
if orders of their superiors were dis-
obeyed.

In reminding the United States of
her promise to mediate with England
for the freedom of the seas, Germany
maintains that the suggestion or
such mediation originated with the
government.

A resolute intention to insist upon
the freedom of the seas was clearly
expressed by President Wilson in his
last note to Germany on the Lusitania
subject.

Germany does not interpret this to
refer to her own ships or the ships of
any particular belligerent, but to ships
owned by neutrals and sailing under
neutral flags.

She maintains, for instance, that

Great Britain should permit American
ships to go wherever they please, even
to German ports, provided they do
not carry contraband.

Germany expects the United States
to take steps to enforce this position
upon Great Britain.

The order making cotton contraband
is held by Germany to be a deliberate
violation of international law, from
which the United States and other
neutrals will suffer as much as Ger-
many.

Germany believes that the United
States, to be consistent with its ear-
lier declarations, will protest and fight
against this order.

LOCAL BREVITIES

At a meeting to be held tomorrow
night Alva Aerie, No. 871, Fraternal
Order of Eagles, will elect two trust-
ees.

About sixty members of Potomac
Lodge of Odd Fellows went to Ac-
cotink, Va., last night in automobiles
and paid a fraternal visit to the Ac-
cotink Lodge.

A defective flue in a frame house
at 121 North Henry street, occupied
by Henry Lucas, colored, caused a
blaze that called out the fire depart-
ment at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
Considerable damage was done to the
rear of the house.

At a meeting held last night mem-
bers of Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of
America, made arrangements for the
holding of their anniversary exercises
at the Westminster Building on Sep-
tember 10th.

The board of police commissioner-
will meet tonight in the mayor's of-
fice at which time five policemen will
be elected. The board has received
39 applications for the positions.

BULGARIA HOLDING BACK.

Awaiting Decision of Serbia and
Greece.

Rome Aug. 31—In political and
diplomatic circles in Rome there is
still no confirmation of the Turko
Bulgarian agreement and the belief
is persistently expressed that if an
agreement has been signed it is un-
wise binds Bulgaria to act against
the policy of the Quadruple Entente.

The general belief in Rome is that
Bulgaria will only come to a decision
after definite replies have been given
by Serbia and Greece to the Entente
Powers. If the replies are favor-
able to the demands of Bulgaria she will
go over openly to the Entente; if
not then the agreement with Turkey
will be published.

Reports from Sofia have gone so
far as to give the proposed conces-
sions granted Bulgaria by Turkey.
These included six square miles of
territory east of Enos, the railway
line through the State of Karagach
and the frontier line to pass east of
the Maritza River to the coast. The
question of the line in the direction
of Midia was still unsettled, according
to these reports.

Some newspapers maintain that the
Italian government already has re-
ceived the Serbian reply. According
to the best information, Serbia made
her views known to the entente gov-
ernments are still negotiating with
in order to obtain other concessions,
with Greece.

It is for that reason that Premier
Venizelos did not make his announce-
ment to the Greek Chamber. In ef-
fect, in the Italian political world op-
timism prevails with regard to the
solution of the Balkan problem.

There is now greater confidence in
the prestige and authority which M.
Venizelos exercises upon all the Bal-
kan governments, and there is no
reason to believe that he has modified
his inclinations and sympathies to-
ward the entente powers.

As to Rumania there henceforth
need be no doubt, as to her attitude
tending definitely toward the quad-
rangle entente.

WANTED—At once. One six room
house, water included. North side
King street. Rent asked in first
answer. Address house. This office.

AUTOMOBILE NOTICE.

Don't throw away your old tires
if not worth repairing have them
made into liners or blowout patch-
ers. We make em at LEARY'S tire
Hospital. Opp. Police Station.

Oyster Season open, Rammel Cafe.

SUBMARINE WAR DISAPPOINTING

Germany Has Not Botted
Up England as Had
Been Expected

REAL FACTS STATED

Kaiser May Not Desire to Continue
System Which Endangers Rela-
tions With United States.

Washington, Aug. 31—An article
by Capt. L. Persius, naval expert of
the Berlinger Tageblatt, published un-
der date of August 10, tends to con-
firm the view, that Germany's sub-
marine war has proved disappointing.
So much so that the Kaiser is no longer
willing to endanger relations with
America by continuing. Captain Per-
sius, who has been an ardent cham-
pion of the submarine, says:

"It is to be recalled that at the be-
ginning of February hopes in the sub-
marine warfare rose high, and it was
widely believed that just as the Brit-
ish fleet had cut off our imports from
overseas, so our submarines would
have little difficulty in doing the same
to England. A part of our press, un-
fortunately, is responsible for the ex-
aggerated expectations which the pub-
lic frequently hitched to the submarine
warfare on merchant shipping. It was
often emphasized here that with an
expert estimate of the submarine weap-
on, and particularly with considera-
tion of the quantity, etc., of our sub-
marine fighting forces, the results and
effects of the new method of war-
fare could be gathered only after a
considerable time. Ever and again we
counseled patience!"

"How necessary this was is shown
by the simple fact, which it is today
considered unwise to conceal, that
the result of the activities of our sub-
marines in warfare on commerce is
regarded in wide circles—let us say—
as 'very modest.'"

"The submarine warfare is today ver-
ily not a simple matter. It requires
fabulous good luck to avoid the many
bad pits, the mines, the blockades,
the spread nets etc., to escape the sub-
marine boat hunters and still to carry
out a successful attack."

ALLEGED GERMAN METHODS

Would Bring a Demand For Peace
Among Muscovites.

Petrograd, Aug. 31—That agents of
Germany are secretly attempting to
spread panic among the Russian peo-
ple in order to create a demand for
peace is the charge made in an of-
ficial statement issued at the war
office.

As a result of discoveries made by
the Russian secret service officers, it
was later learned, more than 200 men
and women have been arrested.
Though posing as patriotic Russians,
these persons were in reality German
citizens in the pay of the Berlin gov-
ernment, Russian officials assert.

The war office statement follows:
"Among the unworthy methods to
which our enemies are resorting are
the following:
"Attempts are made to spread
through neutral countries mendacious
revolting appeals, describing exagger-
ated victories. The enemy is endeavor-
ing to impress public opinion with the
necessity for concluding peace."
"In order to evade the censorship
these appeals are secretly smuggled
in in different articles imported. Such
appeals have been found in blocks of
photographic papers, in cardboard
cases in millimetric blocks destined
for architects and engineers, and in
boxes of chocolates circulated by sup-
posed friends of Russia."

"These appeals constitute an ill-in-
tentioned distortion of the real situa-
tion, with the object of causing dis-
turbances and alarm the population."
"The general staff warns the public
as to the real origin and significance
of the great Russian people will not be
shaken."

The Renschell Auto Sale Co., has
just received a car load of Ford au-
tomobiles.

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A meeting will be held tomorrow
night, September 1st, at Eagle's home
of Alva Aerie, No. 871 Fraternal
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JOSEPH H. WEST, Secretary

FORD FORD FORD

We have found it ad-
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our Ford talks to every
Tuesday 7:30 to 9 p. m. com-
mencing tonight. Its free to
all automobile owners come.

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BANKER HELD AS FORGER

J. W. Kline Secured Money on Bogus
Deeds

St. Louis, August 31—After main-
taining for years a dual identity of
banker and prominent citizen of
Forrest City, Ark., and an alleged
forger of realty documents in other
parts of the country, John W. Kline
of St. Louis, was under arrest here
yesterday. He has confessed, accord-
ing to detectives, of swindles aggre-
gating more than \$500,000. As a
bank director in the Arkansas city,
Kline was known as John W. Barn-
hardt. He had been urged to become
a candidate for a member of the
state senate. He and his family were
socially prominent.

Kline or Barnhardt was arrested
here Sunday night. He had escaped
jail two weeks ago, the police said
from Waukesha, Wis., where his meth-
ods in attempting to mortgage prop-
erty brought him under suspicion.
The hundreds of complaints against
Kline charge that he went into a rich
farming community, inquired for a
good farm which he might buy and
got acquainted with men of money.
When he had selected a farm, it was
charged he either borrowed the deed
and made out a bogus deed to him-
self or he brought the farm, paid
for it by check and took possession
of the deed.

As soon as the deed was safely
recorded in his name, Kline, his ac-
cusers say mortgaged it and by the
time the check was returned marked
"no funds" he had gone back to Ar-
kansas to become a banker again.

The police say Kline is worth
more than \$350,000.
Kalamazoo, Mich., August 31—Local
officers claim that John W. Kline
under arrest in St. Louis, operated
his alleged bogus-deed system in this
county five years ago and secured
\$3,500. He is said to have been known
here as Philip Galvick.

FORCE PROVES FUTILE

Federal Commission on Industrial
Relations Makes Report

Chicago, Aug. 31—The application
of physical force as a means to bring
about and maintain just and fair
conditions between structural iron work-
ers and employers has proved futile
and will continue to prove futile, ac-
cording to a report on the trouble be-
tween the National Erectors' Associa-
tion and the International Association
of Bridge and Structural Iron
Workers, made public by the Federal
Commission on Industrial Relations.

The report, which was made for
the commission by Luke Grant after
extensive investigation, avoids re-
ference to any particular instance of
the use of force in the trouble, touch-
ing it only in a general way.

It charges that the union was the
first to adopt the uncompromising at-
titude which led to the use of such
force, and sets forth that the Ameri-
can Bridge Company only barred its
doors to committees of union men it
had agreed to meet when they came
with fresh demands.

"It was then," the report states,
"that the union, to use a metaphor,
tried to blow the doors open. They
are still closed and barred."

The employment of spies in the
union is scored, however, as one of
the contributing causes to the use of
physical force, and is characterized as
"undefensible, although the one was
within the law and other was not."

The report states that the open
shop largely prevails because of the
moves of the unions, which in many
cases tended of themselves to make
the employers feel they have won
the upper hand, it says, and all they
ask of the unions is to let them alone.

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RUSSIANS RELY ON "FROST KING"

Storm Season, Soon Due,
Relied Upon to Dis-
comfit Enemies

DRIVE AGAIN AT RIGA

Town of Lipsk Taken and Next Ob-
ject Grodno, Only Remaining Fortres-
in South Russia.

London, Aug. 31—While the reports
from the Eastern war theatre, em-
bracing the region from Courland to
Southeastern Galicia, indicate that
the Germans and Austrians are still
pressing the Russians hard in com-
bat or tenaciously following them in
retreat, military observers here are
hoping that the approaching equino-
ctial season will limit the further for-
ward movement of the Teutons and
force them to be content with the
fruits of their past successes as the
winter season falls upon them.

Both Berlin and Vienna lay emphas-
is on the statement that Field Mar-
shal von Hindenburg's forces along
the Divina River in Courland have
renounced their activities, which were
brought to a sudden halt recently with
the success of the Russians in holding
Riga as a menace to Von Hindenburg's
rear. In Southwestern Russia, in the
Brest-Litovsk region, the Austrians
and Germans are chiefly concerned in
driving Grand Duke Nicholas' armies
farther into the Pripiet marshes, evi-
dently with the purpose of repeating
the early successes of the Germans in
the Mazurian Lake region of East
Prussia.

To the northwest, in the sector ly-
ing only a short distance to the east
of the East Prussian frontier, Berlin
reports an advance of the Teutons
and the capture of the town of Lipsk
lying just to the west of the fortress
of Grodno, upon which the aims of the
Germans now are evidently centred.

With the opening of the autumn
months the military observers are di-
recting attention to the fact that the
Russian equinoctial storms are soon
due to begin. They assert that they
are the danger limit to military opera-
tions in the Eastern field. It is recall-
ed by some of these observers that the
autumn equinox marked the turning
point in the Napoleonic campaign.
The first warning was a light snowfall
preceding the equinox, but soon af-
terward heavy snows fell and with
them came disaster to Napoleon.

COLD WAVE TONIGHT

The full force of the cold wave
which is making August low tem-
perature records throughout the West
and middle West is due to reach
this city tonight. Temperatures here
it is believed will go down around
the 50 mark.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD

The Clerk of the City School Board
will issue permits to white children,
living east of Hooff's Run at the
Armory, between 9 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 7th
and 8th.

Colored Children Thursday Sept. 9th
and at West End School Building,
Friday Sept. 10th, for all children
living west of Hooff's run and at the
Lee School Building every Monday
thereafter at 9 a. m. 31-29k

MAINS TO BE FLUSHED

The water mains of the Alexandria Wa-
ter Company will be flushed,
THURSDAY and FRIDAY next at
7 o'clock a. m. Housekeepers will
please take notice and draw supplies
before that hour on those days. 31

In keeping with our usual

custom we announce
the opening of the
OYSTER SEASON

Wednesday, September 1st
Cherrystone Oysters on half
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