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MUSCOVITES RALLYING.

Dispatches from the eastern war zone show that the Czar is again on the offensive. The Russians have during the entire summer been fighting under great disadvantages. While the Germans have been supplied with an abundance of ammunition, the Muscovites have been compelled to retreat from place to place for want of the same.

With forces estimated at more than 1,000,000 men, von Hindenburg is exerting every effort to take Vilna, Dvinsk and Riga and gain control of the Dvina River and the Petrograd railroad. The Russian defense has been so successful that on a wide front the defensive has been turned to an aggressive in which the Czar's troops are striking at Grodno, the Polish fortress evacuated before Hindenburg's initial advance.

Had any other of the European belligerents suffered the reverses which have befallen the Russian arms and lost territory as extensive as the Muscovite territory now in the hands of the enemy there would be good ground for assuming that the end of the struggle, so far as that particular nation was concerned, was in sight. But as the New York Journal of Commerce points out, the kingdom of the Czar is in a class to itself and is not to be considered in terms that would apply to any other country in Europe.

Measured with reference to this vast population and the vast extent of this colossal empire, the losses in men and territory so far suffered by the Muscovites are comparatively negligible as affecting their powers of resistance. Russia is not only unconquered, but practically unconquerable.

THE TIE OF THE LIP

When men started to build the tower of Babel we are told that they were all of one language (lip in the Hebrew). When their speech was confounded their enterprise fell to the ground and they scattered toward the different points of the compass.

sections of the country, and so long as these conditions exist the stability of the empire will be menaced. The millions which enter the United States from other climes bring their language with them, retain it and impart it to their children. Such families feed their minds almost exclusively upon foreign literature.

The Baltimore American in speaking of this says: It is a well-known fact that as long as a subject people can keep its own tongue its assimilation in the body of the population of the conquering nation cannot be affected. Even up in Canada the contention for French schools has tended to preserve the French-Canadian as a distinct element in the population.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Declining to comply with a request from Joseph H. Choate, president, to appoint twenty North Carolina members of the National Security League for adequate preparation for war, Governor Craig writes Mr. Choate that he does not believe the United States is in the slightest danger of attack from an outside enemy.

The Governor writes that the nations of Europe are straining all their energies to defend themselves in the present war and to perpetuate their existence, and "have no resources to send ships and armies 3,000 miles across the sea to attack the nation with more potential power than any on earth."

NEWS OF THE DAY

It is stated that the Emperor of Russia has ordered amnesty for all political prisoners in Russia. The number of persons affected is said to be about 100,000.

The Ministers of the Quadruple Entente have presented to the Bulgarian Government a supplementary note relative to Serbia's attitude toward the Macedonian claims of Bulgaria.

The heat wave is blessing, though it keeps us "sweating." Following heavy rains, the heat is bringing to maturity the great grain crops in the Middle West, the cotton crop in the South, and the hay crop in the East.

Frank admission of severe repulses suffered by the troops fighting at the Dardanelles, together with their slow gains at heavy cost, was made in the British House of Lords today by Lord Kitchener in his review of the war.

Newman Erb, multi-millionaire railroad magnate is critically ill at his summer home at Dea near Long Branch, N. J., as the result of a bichloride of mercury tablet which he swallowed by mistake for headache medicine.

That the difficulties between the United States and Germany will be settled within a fortnight was the opinion voiced by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador in New York yesterday shortly after his return from Washington.

Hyman Kline, 30 years old, was killed at Frostburg, Md., last night, when his automobile upset in making a turn. He lost control on the grade, the brakes refusing to work, and was going about 40 miles an hour.

F. B. Nicholson, 21 years old, of Dickinson, Md., horrified several hundred visitors in the vicinity of the Boardwalk and Tennessee avenues, Atlantic City, shortly after noon yesterday by leaping from window on the seventh floor of the Hotel Alamac. He fell between automobiles and other vehicles and was crushed.

A dispatch from Maasuis, Hoiland, says: "Heavy firing can be heard in a westerly direction. It commenced at 9:30 o'clock yesterday evening and by 10 o'clock became so violent that windows, both here and at Hook of Holland, were set rattling."

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond yesterday, affirmed the action of the United States District Court at Danville, in awarding C. S. Cook, administrator of W. M. Potat, damages in the sum of \$10,000 for the death of Potat, who was struck and instantly killed by a passenger train of the Southern Railway Company, near Fall Creek Station, a little over two years ago.

Declaring that the United States is nearer intervention in Mexico than ever before and that the administration's policy of "watchful waiting" was one that neither "watched nor waited" former President Taft arrived yesterday at Los Angeles, Cal., on his fifty-eighth birthday anniversary. "I am not anxious to go to war with Mexico," he continued. "as I know what it entails, but I am afraid we will have to act."

The Rev. B. H. Shaddock, pastor of the leading Methodist Church of Charleston, W. Va., who has been the leading figure in the anti-vice campaign in that city, is to become chief of police in order to prove his assertion that he would be able to rid the city of all vice with a quartet of police to assist him. Mayor George F. Breece took him at his word and offered him the appointment for as long a time as the job would require. The minister has accepted.

Announcement is made in Marseilles, France of the discovery by Prof. Rota, an Italian scientist, of an apparatus which defies gravitation and which may revolutionize aviation. The apparatus constructed by Prof. Rota is in the form of a small square box which is capable of passing through the air at an altitude of from 500 to 1,000 yards while supporting weight. The influence of Hertzian waves is utilized, and under certain conditions the apparatus is not affected by the wind.

Miss Ray Enid Tate, of Farington, has been missing from her home for three weeks, according to a report made to the Richmond police, yesterday by her father, R. E. Tate. The last word received from the young woman was a telephone message sent to her father from Richmond and asking that he meet her at Ashland, to convey her to her home some ten miles distant. The father, brother and several other relatives of Miss Tate met the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay car at Ashland, but the young woman did not appear.

America's billion-dollar loan to Britain and France seems to be well on the way to actual accomplishment, according to New York bankers familiar with the pledge secured by members of the Anglo-French financial commission during their five day stay in this country. Announcement at this time that the success of the loan was assured would be, these bankers thought, decidedly premature; but there was every indication in their opinion, that the commission's work

thus far met with a degree of success that had fully equaled their expectations.

That two negro men, masked and heavily armed separated Miss Bertha Whittaker, of Newport News, from her escort, John Butler, Sunday evening; one of them taking the young woman into bushes, while the other carried young Butler in another direction, is the story told by the girl and others connected with the affair. Miss Whittaker's screams brought John Parrish, a boarder at the home of Butler's mother, whom the young woman had been visiting, to the scene, but the negroes made good their escape. Miss Whittaker stated that she was not harmed by the negro, although her clothes were badly torn and she was wet, muddy and bedraggled.

VIRGINIA NEWS

James N. Boyd, who died in Richmond on September 6th, left an estate valued at approximately \$2,000,000.

Antone Pickey, 20 years old, of Elkridge, Md., died last evening at University Hospital Baltimore, from lockjaw brought on by stepping on a rusty nail more than a week ago.

Tom Page, colored of Richmond, was instantly killed yesterday when caught between a portion of the frame of the elevator in the plant of the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company and a rafter of the elevator shaft.

Paul Elbert, 18 years old, of Steubenville, W. Va. was arrested Tuesday charged with giving Mary V. Morrison poison that caused her death. Elbert is said to have confessed and is quoted as saying he had read of the effects of drugs and that he stole some heroin and gave it to Miss Morrison. It is charged that Elbert also tried to induce the dead girl's sister to take some of the drug, but that she refused.

Captain Frank Smith, State accountant, has returned to Richmond from his trip last week to Hopewell, in Prince George county. He said that three men had been shot within the short time he was at the powder plant town, and that conditions there were desperate in the extreme. An automobile hold-up, in which one woman and ten men were robbed in a negro settlement, numerous robberies and shooting affrays helped to enliven the day's scenes in the vicinity of Hopewell.

In a jealous rage, Fannie Cook, a negro, opened fire upon her beau, "Bud" Wiltz, and a negro girl accompanying him at a campmeeting at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, in the southeastern part of Lancaster county, on Sunday last. She missed both her lover and her rival, but one of the bullets struck Berkeley Gaskins, a young negro, in the neck, Gaskins died from the wound. Other negroes whipped out pistols and began firing and there was pandemonium about the campmeeting for half an hour. The Cook woman was arrested.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY PREMIER CARRIER OF THE SOUTH

IN EFFECT AUGUST 1st. N. B.—Following schedule figures are published only as information, not guaranteed. Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria.

8:47 A. M.—Daily Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car. 9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte. 10:22 A. M. Daily—L. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Knoxville, Salisbury to Asheville, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Greensboro, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte. 3:25 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton. 4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special, coaches for New York, New York, Asheville, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, and Augusta. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California daily. 4:02 P. M.—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars. 5:22 P. M.—Local for Warrenton. 10:02 P. M.—Daily Washington and New York, Lynchburg, Greensboro, and Charlottesville. First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, New Orleans, Washington, and Birmingham. Dining car service. 11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train club and observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service. 4:37 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m. For detailed schedule figures, tickets reservations, etc., apply to S. D. SHELTON, Colon ticket agent, Alexandria, Va. E. H. COLEMAN, Vice-Pres., and Gen. Manager. H. F. CARY, Gen'l. Pass. Agent. W. H. TAYLOR, Pass. Traffic Manager. C. W. WESTBURY, Gen. Agent. 705 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Harris and Shafer Co., will be held at the office of the company, 123 south Royal St., Alexandria, Va., at 2:30 p. m., Thursday, September 30, 1915. By order of the President. E. A. HARRIS, Secretary.

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