



COMMITTEES OF BANKERS BEGIN ACTIVE WORK

Fully 2,000 Registered Members Here From Nearly Every State in Union.

HOUSING PROBLEM CAUSES DIFFICULTIES

Private Homes and Apartments Thrown Open to Those Unable to Get In at Hotels.

JOINT SESSIONS TO-MORROW

Several Widely Known Men Are on Program, and Will Make Addresses.

With 2,000 delegates in attendance, the fortieth annual convention of the American Bankers' Association, in session at the Jefferson Hotel yesterday, attained full-grown proportions, and donned harness for the work of the Richmond meeting. The day was given up almost wholly to meetings of standing committees, and to perfecting details for the more important sessions of the convention to be held to-day, to-morrow and Thursday.

The flow of incoming delegates continued all day without intermission. There were large increases in the arrivals from the South and Middle West, particularly from Virginia and the two Carolinas. The attendance will reach 2,000 by midnight, said William G. Fitzwillson, of New York, assistant secretary of the American Bankers' Association, in charge of the registration bureau, yesterday afternoon. "Our records show that delegates are here from practically every State in the Union, only a few of the more distant States are still unrepresented."

FIRST DAY SPENT IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fifteen or more committee meetings, all of them strictly routine in nature, occupied the attention of a small portion of the delegates during the morning and afternoon. Most of the visitors gave themselves up to the diversions that had been provided for them. A fleet of automobiles carried large numbers of "little journeys" over the city. "Frendships" and acquaintances formed at former conventions were renewed in numerous informal gatherings in lobby and drawing-room.

The most practical function of the day was the annual dinner of the Council Club, which was held at 7:30 o'clock last night in the Flemish room of the Jefferson Hotel. This body is composed of the executive council, and is one of the most influential suborganizations of the association.

Edwin Chamberlin, vice-president of the San Antonio Loan and Trust Company, president of the Council Club, presided as toastmaster. The speakers of the evening were Attorney-General John Garland Pollard, of this city; Frank Trumbull, of New York, president of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company; former Congressman Martin W. Littleton, of New York, and Sol Wexler, of New Orleans.

HOUSING PROBLEM SUCCESSFULLY MET

Local and associated committees worked heroically all day directing the work of registration and providing quarters for homeless delegates. The problem of the unhoused was taken in hand by the local hotel and registration committee, and by bedtime a pillow and blanket for each delegate was ready, either in one of the apartment houses, in a private residence, or in a boarding house.

The housing difficulty was taken good naturedly. Although several expressed disappointment at their inability to secure accommodations in the Jefferson Hotel, most of the "homeless" crowd accepted assignments to uptown rooms with good grace.

COMPLIMENTARY CARDS TO VARIOUS CLUBS

Complimentary cards to the Westmoreland, Commonwealth, Jefferson, Woman's and Hermitage Clubs, and to the Country Club of Virginia, were handed to each delegate upon registration. Golf and tennis enthusiasts in large number spent the afternoon in the open. At the Country Club of Virginia will begin at 10 o'clock this morning the golf tournament in which visiting delegates will compete for silver trophies.

AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS MEETING

The Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers' Association, held a well-attended meeting in the salon of the Jefferson Hotel, at 11 o'clock in the morning. This body publishes the

Will Address Bankers' Convention



Martin W. Littleton



James M. Beck



Joseph D. Higginson



Edward K. Graham



Logan Waller Page



Carter Glass

ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM AGUASCALIENTES

Delegates to Military Convention Considering Personnel of Future Government of Mexico.

HARMONY PREVAILING SPIRIT

Carranza and Villa Represented, and Zapata Sends Delegates, Whose Credentials Are Accepted—Formal Organization Is Perfected.

WASHINGTON, October 12.—Hopeful reports reached Washington today from the military convention being held at Aguascalientes to determine the personnel of the future government of Mexico. Not only are Generals Carranza and Villa represented, but General Zapata has sent three delegates, whose credentials have been accepted.

The official report of the meeting transmitted to the American government said the convention formally met and organized on Saturday afternoon until to-day. General Antonio Villarreal, military governor of the State of Nuevo Leon, was chosen permanent chairman, with Generals Robles and Natera, vice-chairmen. The minutes of the previous convention at Mexico City were formally approved.

The basis of representation agreed upon was that each delegate must prove that he had command of at least 1,000 men in the army, or must have been identified as a general or governor with the Constitutional movement before Carranza was captured from the Huerta government. It was this point on which General Villa had been insisting from the beginning.

General Eduardo Hay, one of the men who opposed the acceptance of Carranza's resignation at the Mexico City convention, made an impassioned speech, urging the adoption of a resolution calling on General Carranza to release all political prisoners, as General Villa had done. He was applauded and suggested that the language of the resolution be changed from a "request" to an "order." He said the acts and the resolutions of the convention should be regarded as orders upon all chiefs, including Carranza.

The convention passed the resolution in that form. Official reports further state that the prevailing spirit of the meeting is one of harmony, and a unanimity of feeling exists against further bloodshed. Some delegates had not arrived when the convention organized on Saturday, and to-day's meeting was expected to develop a discussion of the form of government to be adopted.

The Constitutional agency here received the following telegram from Mexico City to-day: "General Jesus Carranza, at the head of the second division of the center and at the head of an army of more than 30,000 men, with six cannons and

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BRAVES WIN, 5 TO 4, IN 12TH, MAKING IT THREE STRAIGHT

Boston Practically Cinches Baseball Championship of World.

CITY IS DRIVEN INTO FINAL STAGE OF MADNESS

Described as Most Wonderful and Nerve-Racking Game Ever Played in Final Series.

"BREAKS" AGAINST ATHLETICS

Titanic Struggle Rages Back and Forth Through Series of Thrillers.

BY FRANK MENKE. BOSTON, October 12.—By winning out, 5 to 4, in the twelfth inning here this afternoon, the Boston Braves made it three straight from the Athletics, practically cinching the baseball championship of the world, and drove this city into the final stage of madness.

The ball game staged in Fenway Park this afternoon was the kind that heretofore has been known only in fiction. It was a ball game that Boston never will forget, and one which the present generation of Bostonians will ever vote as the most wonderful, most nerve-racking and greatest that ever was played.

The Athletics lost—but not without honor. They played the game of ball of which they are capable, a wonderful game offensively and defensively. But the "breaks" were against them today, the "breaks" and a ball team that is playing a brand of all-around baseball that never before has been seen in a world's series.

Back and forth raged the titanic struggle, with the Braves never in the lead until the final run was scored. Fighting from behind, they evened up the Athletics lead three different times, and in the twelfth they forged to the front and won on a hit, a base on balls, and a horrible error by Bush, the Athletics' kid pitcher.

The game was a thriller from the first moment to the last, but the real thrills arrived with the tenth inning, when the Athletics broke the 2 to tie by scoring two runs, and the Braves deadlocked the game again by scoring two runs in their half.

DRAMATIC SCENE SPREAD BEFORE EYES OF WORLD Schang, the first man up for the Athletics in the tenth, smashed a single along the right field foul line. Bush struck out. Murphy sent a puny grounder to Evers, who threw at Maranville in an attempt to force out Schang. The ball reached second base a fraction of a second too late, and both Athletic runners were safe. Oildring went out. Tyler to Evers, and Evers to Schang going to third, and Murphy to second on the play. Tyler decided Collins looked too dangerous, and passed him intentionally.

"Home Run King." Once again a dramatic scene was spread before the eyes of the baseball world. Three men on base, the score tied, two out, and the heaviest hitter in either league at the plate.

Baker "made good." He smashed a vicious drive toward second. It was too hot for Evers to handle, and Schang scored. Tyler and Evers were out, and when he noticed that Evers was juggling with the ball, he stole home. McInnis, the next man up, was an easy out.

When the Braves came to bat in their half of the tenth inning the contest seemed hopelessly lost. Two runs needed to tie, and three to win. But the crowd, numbering 35,520, never gave up hope. It rose to its feet and it cheered it howled and it shrieked. It pleaded with "Hank" Gowdy, the first man up, to "please do something," and "Hank" did. He smashed one of Bush's inshoots far over Walsh's head, and the ball bounded into center field bleachers for a home run.

The scene that followed beggars description. Only two other scenes have been staged that equaled it, and one of those two scenes came later in that inning. The other came in the twelfth.

Gowdy's home-run smash brought the score 3 to 1, with none out. Tyler struck out. Then while the crowd yelled with its full might, and while the two bands in the park hammered out the most horrible sounds that ever issued from a musical instrument, in an effort to rattle Bush, Moran walked to the plate. Bush, with 35,000 wild men and women yelling at him, began to juggle with the ball, and Moran walked.

CROWD GIVES UP TO DELIRIOUS JOY Bush couldn't get them over for Evers, but Trojan Johnny wanted a hit. He reached out for one, and it shined to right field for a single, sending Moran to third. Connolly, the heavy-hitting outfielder, followed with a long sacrifice fly to center, and Moran scored on the out, tying the score, while the crowd gave vent to its delirious joy. Whitford, the next batter, was an easy out, retiring the side.

The teams went out in order in the eleventh. It then was so dark that the players in the field were hardly distinguishable, but Umbrico Bill Klem, who was patrolling the batline, "Although the cruties opened in time a very strong fire, one of the submarines succeeded in launching torpedoes against the Pallada, whereupon an explosion resulted, and the cruiser sank with all her crew."

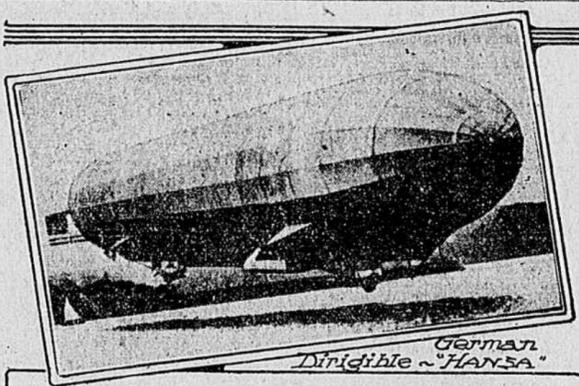
The armored cruiser Pallada carried a complement of 568 men. She measured 412 feet, and had a displacement of 7,775 tons. Her speed was twenty-two knots. With the Admiral Marakov and the Bayan, she constituted a group of cruisers known as the Bayan class.

The Pallada carried two eight-inch guns, eight six-inch guns, twenty-two twelve-pounders and four three-pounders, in addition to torpedo tubes.

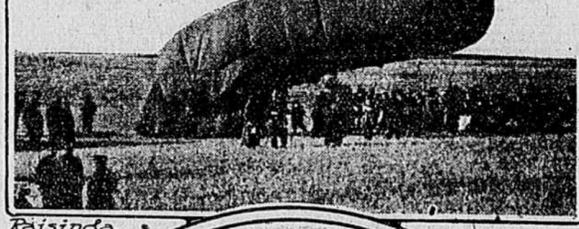
Spencer Sunk by Flame. SPENCER, W. VA., October 12.—The business district of Spencer, was destroyed by fire early to-day with a loss of approximately \$300,000.

BEST WAY TO BALTIMORE. York River Line 5:30 P. M. \$2.50 one way, \$4.50 round trip. Delightful sail.

RUSSIANS ABANDON SIEGE OF PRZEMYSL; GERMANS IN POSSESSION OF GHENT



German Dirigible "HANSA"



Raising German Signal Balloon



Russian Aeroplane Captured by Germans

At top the "Mansa" is shown making a landing at Potsdam harbor. This is one of many dirigibles used by the German army in locating the position of the enemy and in making night raids into the enemy's country. In the center the captive balloon which is seen rising is one of many signals used in the German army for signaling purposes. From the balloon signals are sent to every brigade and division within sight.

The lower picture shows a German transport removing a Russian aeroplane captured by General von Hindenburg at Lotzen.

RUSSIAN CRUISER SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

The Pallada Torpedoed in Baltic Sea and Goes Down With All Her Crew.

HAS COMPLEMENT OF 568 MEN

Several Attacks Made by Kaiser's War Vessels During Saturday and Sunday, but Only One, Which Causes Explosion, Finds Its Mark.

PETROGRAD, October 12.—An official communication issued to-day, that on October 11, the Russian armored cruiser Pallada was torpedoed in the Baltic Sea by a German submarine, and sank with all her crew.

The text of the communication, made public by the Marine Department, follows: "October 10 German submarines were sighted in the Baltic Sea. The same day, early in the morning, the submarines attacked the cruiser Admiral Makarov, which had stopped to search for a suspected bark flying the commercial flag of the Netherlands.

"A submarine of the enemy launched several torpedoes, which, luckily, missed the mark, and caused no damage whatsoever to the cruiser.

"On October 11, at 2 P. M., the submarines of the enemy again attacked our cruisers Bayan and Pallada, which were patrolling the Baltic.

TIDINGS OF DECIDED REVERSAL IN FORM FROM WAR IN EAST

Forces So Often Reported Hopelessly Outclassed Turn on Cossacks.

VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE WITH REINFORCEMENTS

Veil Again Drawn on All Sources of News From Belgium.

GHENT OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

Allies Claim Advance Only on Centre of Battle Line.

Ostend Objective of German Forces

The occupation of Antwerp by the Germans has been followed, according to the latest reports, by the occupation of Ghent, which would seem to confirm the German plan, as it already has been outlined, of a movement towards the coast, with Ostend as its objective.

It is pointed out by British military experts that it is Germany's intention to make a permanent stronghold of Antwerp, in order to hold Belgium in her grip, and in this way gain a position within easy reach of the English coast.

The fighting along the great line, extending almost from the North Sea to the German Province of Lorraine, continues with indefinite results, for the actual operations in the northern section of France are not divulged to any extent by the official statements issued by the French War Department. Where the British reinforcements have been sent is a matter of conjecture, but it is believed a considerable force already is in the neighborhood of Ostend.

German submarines again have come into prominence by the sinking of the Russian armored cruiser Pallada in the Baltic Sea. The Pallada, with the Admiral Makarov and Bayan, has been engaged in controlling the Baltic. The German submarines made an attempt against the Admiral Makarov on October 10, without success, but on the following day one of them succeeded in torpedoing the Pallada, which sank almost immediately, according to the Russian official report, with all her crew, consisting of nearly 600 officers and men.

Recruiting in England again is actively proceeding, for the need of men is recognized, and the requirements for service in the infantry have been increased to insure a large supply of recruits. Similarly, Great Britain is taking precautions against raids over English towns by German airships, this action probably resulting from the recent attacks on Paris by aeroplanes.

Just what measures the British government has devised to repulse such attacks have not been divulged, but it is understood the aviation corps is ready in form, the dispatch of the first sign of German air raiders.

Berlin officially reports the situation in France is satisfactory, so far as her army is concerned. Other official reports indicate the German and Austrian armies have made a progressive progress in the Russian campaign. Russia is reported to have abandoned the siege of Przemyśl, the important Austrian fortress in Galicia, and is intending to meet a threatened attack by the Austro-German army.

Marrucci Di San Giuliano, the Italian representative for Foreign Affairs, is reported to be dying. Should his death occur, it is possible it may have an important effect on the attitude of Italy.

LONDON, October 13 (2:40 A. M.).—The Belgian town of Ghent is now occupied by the Germans, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company. Ulians have arrived at Rotterdam, a short distance from Ghent, and the commander announced that 6,000 soldiers must be quartered in the village.

NO MARKED CHANGE FAVORING EITHER SIDE LONDON, October 12 (9:25 P. M.).—The finger of the censor has touched the tourniquet on all sources of news from Belgium, just now perhaps the most potentially important scene of the fighting. The British people were forced to content themselves to-day with the official communication from Paris, an even a close analysis of this showed no marked change in the situation favoring either side.

From the east came tidings of a decided reversal in form, the dispatches both from Vienna and Petrograd, indicating that the Austrian army at Przemyśl, so often reported surrounded, hopelessly outclassed and on the verge of surrender, had turned on the Russians, with the aid of reinforcements, and forced them to retreat.

The first news of this claim came during the morning from the Austrian capital. It was followed later by what purported to be a Petrograd admission, that the Russians had abandoned the siege of Przemyśl for strategic reasons, with the object of drawing up a new line against the Austro-German army in other points in Galicia.

SEEMED TO PRESAGE IMPORTANT NEWS Whatever may be the truth of the situation, the Russians have been claiming an unbroken series of victo-

Chicago Bankers Still Optimistic

CHICAGO, Ill., October 12.—The Tribune today reported that the Chicago bankers continued their optimistic expressions to-day. Several small loans were made for long time at 6 per cent.

"The Union Bank of Chicago has made a building loan of \$400,000 for five years at 6 per cent interest to Peter J. Plantin on the eight-story apartment building now under construction at the northeast corner of Rosemont and Lakeview Avenues.

It is estimated that over 60,000 American horses have been bought for European governments during the last three months in the West.