

### FACTIONS GIVEN SECOND CHANCE TO END TROUBLE

Joint Demands Will Be Made by North and South America.

### NO MENTION MADE OF ARMED INTERVENTION

First Day of Pan-American Conference Devoted to Discussion.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Armed factions in Mexico are to be given one more opportunity to say whether they are ready to make an honest effort among themselves to compose their differences.

A message expressing the concerted demands of North and South America that there shall be peace and restoration of constitutional government, addressed to all the Mexican political and military leaders, probably will be dispatched within a few days as one of the first results of the conference at the state department today in which the six ranking diplomats of the Pan-American league corps participated with Secretary Lansing at the invitation of President Wilson.

**Appeal to All Leaders.**  
While the appeal will be made to all the Mexican leaders, it will be intended especially for Gen. Carranza and his followers, who are opposed to another peace convention.

It was disclosed that President Wilson has been in correspondence with the executives of the Latin American nations who have urged that the United States take the lead in a strong position toward Mexico and in this informal way have pledged their support to a Pan-American concerted action.

**Hear of Conditions.**  
Today's conference was given over almost entirely to hearing a report of conditions by Paul Fuller, Sr., of New York, who spent several months in Mexico as President Wilson's personal representative. It was understood the ground work was laid for further action tomorrow, when the conference will be resumed, which will constitute the start of a succession of moves to end three years of revolution and chaos.

**No Action Agreed.**  
No action was agreed upon today and it was understood that armed intervention was not mentioned. Plainly, it was the intention of the conference to exhaust peaceful means to bring the Mexican factions together, following closely which has been the administration's policy from the first to make it clear to the world that there is no object other than the preservation of the sovereignty of Mexico and to save the distracted country from itself.

**No Statement Made.**  
At the conclusion of the Latin American diplomats uniformly stated they had accepted the invitation with the stipulation that discussion should be confidential until a program had been perfected. Secretary Lansing, speaking for all present, said:

"I have absolutely nothing to say about today's proceedings. The informal conference will be resumed tomorrow afternoon. For the diplomats who were present, I will say that they came into the conference with the distinct understanding that it was to be held absolutely confidential and secret."

Before a program is adopted, those who attended today's conference will submit it to their governments and before it is put into effect, all the Pan-American nations will be asked for their approval. None of the Mexican factions was represented in today's conference.

### AMERICAN MAIL AND CABLES ARE RIGIDLY CENSORED

Washington, Aug. 5.—State department officials virtually have decided they are powerless to obtain relief from the rigid censorship to which the American mail and cable messages passing through belligerent countries of Europe are subjected.

American citizens and business firms at home and abroad have filed many complaints, but investigation has convinced the department that no treaties can be invoked in protest.

Negotiations will be undertaken, however, to obtain informally an abatement of the practices complained of.

**TRAWLER IS SUNK.**  
London, Aug. 5.—The trawler Queen Grimbarian, and the steamer Portia, 453 tons, of Liverpool, were sunk today, presumably by a submarine. Six of the Grimbarian were drowned and four were rescued. The crew of the Portia was saved.

### CHINESE TO STUDY U. S. SHIPBUILDING



Vice Admiral Wei Han.

Chinese Vice Admiral Wei Han, accompanied by fifteen Chinese naval cadets, has arrived in this country in what is the first move to build up a modern navy for the youngest republic. When they have finished a tour of the country's principal naval stations and shipbuilding yards, the admiral will place the fifteen cadets into ship construction schools in this country.

### ERIE DISASTER DEATH LIST MAY TOTAL 75

Work of Searching for Bodies Is Going on Very Slowly.

### PROPERTY LOSS IS NOW ESTIMATED AT \$7,000,000

Erie, Pa., Aug. 5.—The death list resulting from the flood of Tuesday night was brought up to 26 late tonight, with the recovery of two more bodies.

Because of the great mass of debris which stretched for two miles along the Mill Creek valley, the search for bodies is progressing slowly and city officials believe that it will be at least a week before the work has been completed. Fifteen persons are known to be missing and Coroner Hanley said he thought the death list might reach 75.

Figures compiled late today show that the total damage in the city and county would amount to between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Two millions, it was declared, would not replace the crop destroyed in Erie county.

Two representatives of the state department of health arrived today to assist the local health authorities in handling the sanitary situation. Scores of persons have been vaccinated for typhoid and warnings on sanitation have been issued by the health authorities.

The city council at a meeting this afternoon decided to forbid hereafter the rebuilding of frame buildings in the flood zone.

### DEVILS LAKE GETS NEXT GERMAN MEET

Catholic Aid Society Perfects an Organization in That City.

Devils Lake, N. D., Aug. 5.—The organization of a German Roman Catholic aid society was perfected by Paul Goldade of Berwick, N. D., state organizer. While the name might lead to the conclusion this is a pro-German organization, the first qualification for membership is United States citizenship. The membership starts off with 75 here.

"The real object of the organization is to bring the German-Russian population of the country up to the standard socially, politically and religiously," said Mr. Goldade. "We want our people to acquire full citizenship, acquaint themselves with the laws of the country, exercise their power with the ballot in an intelligent, independent manner, free from the dictation of bosses. That is the object of the work we are doing."

### WILSON WORKS ON PLANS FOR BETTER DEFENSE

President Intends to Co-operate With Various Congressional Committees.

### PROBABLY WILL TAKE UP SUBJECT IN MESSAGE

Believes Time Has Arrived for Nation to Fix on Definite Program.

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 5.—With the object of developing a broad and convincing program of national defense, which will meet with the approval of congress, President Wilson is planning to co-operate with the chairman of the military and naval affairs committee of the senate and house, as well as with Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels of the war and navy departments, before finally deciding on the recommendations he will make in his next message to congress.

The President declared here tonight that while he had made no definite plans of consulting with the chairman of the committees interested in the question of national defense, he would arrange to see them before congress convenes, in order to unite on a single program of action.

When the President sees the chairman of both committees, he expects to have before him the report now being prepared by Mr. Garrison and Daniels. The heads of the war and navy departments are expected to take part in the conference or series of conferences to explain personally their recommendations.

The President believes the time has come for the United States to decide on a definite plan of national defense, and is anxious to have as little friction as possible develop when the question is presented to congress. He will not decide on the kind of program required until he has thoroughly examined the reports of Secretaries Garrison and Daniels and received the news of the congressional leaders.

### AUTO TURNS OVER WITH NINE PEOPLE

Three Seriously Injured and Taken to Hospital; Others Are Badly Shaken.

Wahpeton, N. D., Aug. 4.—An automobile, heavily loaded with nine passengers, turned turtle between Doran and Foxhome, seriously injuring three persons and bruising all the others.

The automobile was owned and driven by Roy McDowell of Foxhome. He with his wife and four children and Glenn Hall with his wife and mother, had been to Doran to witness the ball game, and had started home. Striking a bad culvert, the machine turned over, throwing out all the occupants. Mr. McDowell had his shoulder broken, while Mrs. McDowell was severely injured. Mrs. Hall was badly lacerated, and remained unconscious for several hours. They were taken to St. Francis hospital, and have since been taken to their homes, where their condition is reported as improving.

### GET SHORTER HOURS.

Wilmington, Dela., Aug. 5.—Approximately 50,000 employees of the Du Pont Powder company were notified today that their working days would be reduced to eight hours and that the wages would remain the same as they now receive for ten hours.

### Need 15,000 Harvesters

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 5.—E. C. Leedy, general immigration agent of the Great Northern road, in a circular just issued, estimates that 15,000 harvesters are needed along the company's lines in Minnesota and North Dakota. The best opportunities for continued employment may be found on the small branch lines, instead of in the larger towns, a circular issued today by Mr. Leedy says.

The circular gives the dates when men are wanted.

In some places grain is now being cut and the general harvest will be on by Aug. 15. In a few localities, especially in the territory where there is excess moisture, there will be some grain cut as late as Sept. 1.

The outlook is for a long season. Wages with board range from \$2 to \$3 a day. Minnesota towns where 100 or more are needed are: Baker, Danvers, Downer, Hallock, Sabin, Warren, Antler, North Dakota towns: Arthur, Arthur, Bottineau, Barton, Blabon, Bremen, Bisbee, Churchs Ferry, Clifford, Colgate, Crosby, Coulee, Cavalier, Clyde, Calvin, Dresden, Devils Lake and Ellendale.

# WARSAW IS IN HANDS OF TEUTONS; RUSSIAN MAIN ARMY ESCAPES

## Two Million Killed; Total Losses Ten Million in War's First Year

More than 2,000,000 men killed and more than 10,000,000 put out of action—killed, wounded or taken prisoners—is the toll of the first year of the great war. Exact figures are not procurable, but from official statements, reports and estimates founded on known facts, the following table of total strengths and losses is made up. The number of dead is known more accurately than the number of wounded and prisoners. Russia's losses in captives are from 1,500,000 to 1,750,000. Of the wounded, of course, a large number are able to rejoin their colors. Many men have been wounded two or three times. Here are the figures:

GERMANY AND HER ALLIES			
Country	War strength	killed	Total losses
Germany	5,400,000	482,000	2,300,000
Austria-Hungary	3,500,000	341,000	1,500,000
Turkey	1,928,000	45,000	230,000
Total	10,828,000	868,000	4,030,000
THE ALLIES			
Russia	5,500,000	783,000	3,500,000
France	5,200,000	400,000	1,700,000
Great Britain	3,900,000	116,000	330,000
Serbia	500,000	64,000	240,000
Belgium	240,000	47,000	168,000
Italy	3,380,000	20,000	75,000
Montenegro	49,000	3,500	10,000
Japan	600,000	700	3,000
Total	18,660,000	1,434,200	6,026,000

### Find Indian Bones While Excavating

Mandan, Aug. 5.—Although it was known that Indians had camped at the east end of the city, no established village has ever been recorded for that point. However, yesterday, when John Barron was excavating a cellar for his new home, he struck many relics of the early days.

Two Indian skulls were found about four feet below the surface. The skeleton of a buffalo, a skull with horns and a big mass of clam shells were also uncovered.

Last year when Jacob Wirtz was building his home, workmen digging the cellar found three skulls. The Barron and Firtz lots adjoin and it is believed are on the site of an old Indian burying ground.

The site is in the block directly east of the Custer school.

### M'VILLE LEADS IN STOCK SHIPMENTS

More Live Stock Shipped From There Than From Any Other in District.

This piece of news may be a surprise to many of our readers, nevertheless, the records just given out by the South St. Paul Live Stock exchange show that McVillage leads in stock shipments so far this year on this line and all live towns on the Great Northern from Devils Lake to Moorhead, and from Casselton to Erekkinridge. The figures will show that McVillage shipped 32 cars of hogs and cattle during 1913, 1914 and the first half of 1915. The only other town to lead McVillage in the three years is Devils Lake, which shipped 146 cars, and Devils Lake is a transfer and feeding point.

The McVillage shipments do not include 15 cars of horses shipped from this station since January 1, most of which have been sent to Chicago by F. W. McDougall. This added, makes a total of 40 cars for 1915. P. T. Mark and Erick Ophaug shipped three or four cars west. A McMillan had a car for Chicago and Chris Clauson shipped one lot to Wildrose.

The hogs, which lead over cattle in shipments, were handled by Anderson & Erickson, F. W. McDougall and P. T. Mark, except a stray shipment or two. It shows a remarkably large shipment of stock from this point and it is generally asked where all the stock comes from? Evidence is that the county is gradually stocking up, year by year, and the farmers are realizing a fine profit from this industry. It all goes to help out in the success of farming.

Station Agent Zeeveld gladly gave us the checking on the above figures so we are able to quote them without being in question. The writer checked each shipment also.

It is a noticeable thing this year that the cream shipments from McVillage are also double those of last year and seem to be increasing. An average of eight or ten cans leave here daily. It appears to us that McVillage territory has advanced into the cream business to warrant a cream-ery.

### REUTER, JR., NEW GOLF CHAMPION

Wins Out Easily Over Schlosser at Grand Forks State Tournament.

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 5.—John Reuter, Jr., of Dickinson, captured the North Dakota golf championship today, defeating Sherman Schlosser eleven up. Reuter played in great form throughout, while Schlosser's nervousness, due to inexperience, proved his undoing, his work on the putting greens being off color. Schlosser, the runner up, has played golf less than a year, and during the tournament he defeated Booker of Grand Forks and Turner of Bismarck, both very capable players. The women's championship was won by Mrs. Eugene Lovejoy of Grand Forks. She defeated Mrs. H. B. Finch three up. The driving contest was captured by McFarland of Dickinson at 230 yards against the wind, while C. W. Ross of Grand Forks won the approaching and putting contest.

The following cards were turned in for the qualifying round of the second flight played Tuesday afternoon: E. Lovejoy, Grand Forks ..... 94  
C. B. Little, Bismarck ..... 96  
F. D. Cameron, Grand Forks ..... 100  
F. H. Stranahan, Fargo ..... 100  
Dr. Stickney, Dickinson ..... 102  
F. F. Stokes, Grand Forks ..... 103  
W. F. Burnett, Dickinson ..... 104  
W. R. Vanderhoof, Grand Forks ..... 105  
T. Thompson, Grand Forks ..... 105  
C. J. Dignam, Fargo ..... 112  
C. H. Crockard, Bismarck ..... 115  
H. A. McKinnon, Grand Forks ..... 116  
T. Eagen, Fargo ..... 117

### FARMER ENDS LIFE BY SHOOTING

Bottineau County Resident Committed Suicide; Insanity Is Cause.

Bottineau, N. D., Aug. 5.—John Bollinger, a Russian, living on a farm, 12 miles southwest of this city, committed suicide Saturday by shooting himself in the head with a revolver while alone in the upper room of his home.

It is believed that he did the rash act during a temporary fit of insanity. Both Bollinger and his wife have a number of relatives in the Russian army and Bollinger has been sitting up till 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning for some time, reading war news. It is believed that this strain, together with the worry over relatives from whom, it seems, he has not heard for a long time and who are in the army, unbalanced his mind.

He was a man of industry and energy, owning a section of land and being well fixed financially.

Saturday he came in from the field where he had been at work and went upstairs to his room. His wife called him soon afterwards to come to dinner. He replied that he would be down shortly. A moment later a shot rang out and when members of the family rushed to his room, they found him lying in a pool of blood and dying.

He leaves a wife and eight children.

# RUSSIANS ARE PREPARING TO EVACUATE RIGA AS GERMANS DRAW NEAR

Bavarians Under Command of Prince Leopold Enter Polish Capital, Third Largest City in Russian Empire.

## KAISER AND CONSORT TO MAKE GRAND STATE ENTRY

RECEIVES NEWS QUIETLY.  
Berlin, via London, Aug. 6.—Details of the fall of Warsaw have not yet reached Berlin. The newspaper correspondents before Warsaw, have as yet, had no opportunity to send dispatches, and the general staff has no details beyond the brief phrase in the middle of today's official report.

The news of the occupation of the Polish capital was received here quietly, almost without enthusiasm or demonstration dispatches from abroad and the daily war bulletins having prepared the people for the actual facts.

The Berlin newspapers did not even trouble themselves to issue extra editions, but announced the news in their regular editions.

Flags immediately began to make their appearance in the streets and by four o'clock in the afternoon the whole city was decorated.

So sure had the authorities been of the fall of the fortress that preparations for the appointment of a civil governor and the installation of a civil administration centered at Warsaw are almost complete and will be announced in a day or two. The governor will, it is understood, be a prominent German magnate.

London, Aug. 5.—The Germans are in possession of Warsaw, capital of Poland and the third largest city in the Russian Empire. The Bavarian troops entered the city this morning, having taken successfully the Blonie lines and the outer and inner fortresses of the city itself, the Russians only fighting rear guard action to allow their main army to make good its escape.

REAL CONQUERORS.  
While the Bavarians commanded by Prince Leopold, has fallen the honor of taking over Warsaw in the name of the German emperor and his consort, who are expected to make a state entry within a few weeks, the real conquerors are the troops fighting under Field Marshall von Hindenburg along the Narw river to the northeast, and to the Austro-Germans, who crossed the Vistula to the south of the city and to the armies of the Austrian troops of Joseph Ferdinand and the German Field Marshall von Mackensen, which are advancing northward between the Vistula and the Bug rivers.

Struck by an Auto and Is Badly Injured

William Robidou, who lives on a farm south of town, father of Mrs. Charles Fisher of this city, was standing on a street corner yesterday when an auto came suddenly around the corner and struck him. He sustained severe injuries upon the head, his being feared at first that his skull was fractured, which may yet prove to be the case, although he has regained consciousness. His left leg was also broken. As he is an elderly gentleman 76 years old, his condition is quite serious. The shock, on that account, was very acute and the pain intense. However, the last reports obtainable last evening were to the effect that he was resting easily and would probably have a fairly good night. Following the accident, he was taken to St. Alexius hospital.

Communications Threatened.  
At the northeastern line, the Russian communications are further threatened by General von Buelow, who is advancing toward Dvinsk, on the Vlna-Petrograd railway. Indeed, the Austro-Germans have set three traps to catch and destroy the Russian armies. None of them were struck but one was so near to closing that Grand Duke Nicholas was forced to evacuate Warsaw and now is fighting with all his might to prevent the others from cutting off his retreat.

Protecting Guns.  
Thus far, he seemingly has been successful, for although the Germans claim the capture of a large number of prisoners, the aggregate is small when compared with the immense forces engaged. In addition, the Russians' guns, apparently, are well on their way to the rear.

From refugees, who left Warsaw some days ago and had arrived at Moscow, it has been learned that Warsaw even at that early date had been denuded of virtually everything that might be useful to the Teutons. Factories had been stripped of their machinery and all wares and stores moved into the interior of Russia. The government of the city has been left to the Polish population.

Preparing to Leave Riga.  
The Russians also are preparing to evacuate Riga, the port on the gulf of that name in the north. The arrival of the Germans ten miles south of Riga is feared.

THE WEATHER.  
North Dakota: Partly cloudy.  
Friday and Saturday: no important change in temperature.

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