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NEW GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS BEGUN AGAINST RIGA, RUSSIA

GREAT RUSSIAN SEAPORT OF RIGA AND CAPITAL OF BALTIC PROVINCES IS SAID TO BE OBJECTIVE OF LATEST GERMAN OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT IN EAST.

British Military Experts Say that Germans are now Attempting a Great Enveloping Movement, Hoping to Destroy the Russian Army—Germans Now at Windau River, Eighty Miles from Riga—Russians Report Bloody Fighting Along Whole Line—In Recent German Advance Along Baltic, Germans Destroyed Nearly Everything in their Path Except Palace of Polish Nobleman, Whose Wife is an American, and Hindenburg and Prince Henry Have Made this Palace Their Headquarters—Most of American Typewriter and Adding Machine Companies Form New Corporation and Will Manufacture High Explosive Shells.

London, July 17.—A new German offensive of huge proportions, with Riga, the great Russian seaport and capital of the Baltic provinces, as its objective, is revealed today in the latest official statements from Petrograd and Berlin.

Military experts here say that it is a vast enveloping movement in which the Germans are trying to destroy the Russian army.

The Germans are now at Windau river, which is eighty miles from Riga. Bloody fighting is reported by the Russians along their whole line.

In their recent advance along the Baltic, the Germans destroyed nearly everything in their path, except the palace of a Polish nobleman, whose wife is an American.

General Hindenburg and Prince Henry of Prussia have made this palace their military headquarters.

Big Ammunition Company
New York, July 17.—Most of the leading typewriter and adding machine companies of the east and middle west have formed a new corporation called the American Ammunition Company. It will manufacture fuses for the high explosive shells. It received orders for ten million dollars worth this week.

Americans Are Indignant
London, July 16.—The Lusitania investigation findings by Baron Mersey caused indignation among the American listeners today because it exonerated the Lusitania's captain and the Cunard line from all blame and commended the discipline of the vessel's crew. Mersey held that the slowing down of the Lusitania's speed to save the coal bill was justifiable as she was still faster than any merchant vessel afloat. Mersey decided that a submarine attacked the Lusitania with the intention of killing her passengers.

Torpedo Makers on Strike
Bridgeport, Conn., July 17.—The pattern makers at the Lake torpedo boat factory struck today for higher wages. This company constructs underwater craft for the United States government.

Still Pressing Russians
London, July 17.—The Austro-German armies which now appear to be working in perfect concert as the result of the German organization, are giving the Russians little rest or time to reorganize themselves after their retreat from Galicia. Simultaneously with the German effort to reach Warsaw or the Russian lines serving that fortress from the north, the Austrians have attacked along the Dniester and have succeeded in crossing that river at several points. General von Mackensen's army which doubtless had been waiting for Field Marshal von Hindenburg to move in the north, also has come to life again and fighting has been resumed in southern Poland. There is fighting of more or less severity all along the Russian front, except in Central Poland, where the

Russians, such strong positions that, in the hands of military men, it would be possible to break through.

The Germans claim to have made further progress with their northern operations, but with the Russians retreating, it is not likely that the main forces have clashed as yet. The combined operations are the most gigantic undertaken, the aim being, according to military experts, to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw and the great slice of country which they hold to the north, south, and east of that city and at the same time to attempt an invasion of Bessarabia.

LOCAL TRADE CONDITIONS ABOVE NORMAL

MERCHANTS OF THE CITY ARE WELL CONTENTED WITH CONDITIONS — BUSINESS SLACK NOW.

Business conditions so far this year have been better than for 1914, according to statements from several of the leading business men of the city, and the outlook with a majority of them is better than last year by far. Business at the present time is rather dull, but the merchants attribute this to the fact that the farmers as a rule are very busy with their harvest and are not coming to town. The crop conditions, especially corn and cotton, were never more flattering than at the present time, and while the oat and wheat crops were damaged by the rain, the yield was not so very far below the estimate, after every adverse circumstance was taken into consideration. The farmers as a rule throughout the county paid more attention to their gardens this year, with the result that less trading was necessary at the grocery stores. They have adopted their plan of raising their own meat and keeping one or more cows for the family use. All this will give them more money this fall to invest in other things, and the merchants as a rule are optimistic as to the future.

The land owners of the county are paying more attention to the comfort of their tenants, are building better houses and encouraging them to cultivate their own truck patches, raise poultry, hogs, and keep one or more cows. In many instances, the owners are furnishing the tenants with this stock and giving them a chance to pay it out. The result of this system is a better and more content class of tenant farmers, who are gradually forging ahead, and will soon be owners themselves.

Dr. Best Slightly Injured.
Yesterday afternoon Dr. Jesse Best was thrown from his buggy to the pavement near Hall's furniture store, and had the misfortune to have his left shoulder blade badly bruised and his collar bone injured. The cause of the accident was a collision between his vehicle and an automobile driven by Eb Evans of this city. He was taken to his residence and medical aid was summoned. Last night he was reported to be resting easily.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., July 17.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is generally fair with not much change in temperature.



PULLING POWER OF ARDMOREITE ADS.

Here is a picture of the eager hustling bunch of boys who appeared at The Ardmoreite office one morning a short time ago in response to a liner ad in which the advertiser wanted a few boys to do some work. These ads are little creatures, they look insignificant, but they have a wonderful power. In thousands of homes every evening sharp eyes look down through the column. They tell the greatest human interest story that's ever been told in any portion of the paper. A town may be properly judged from the classified ads in its daily paper. Progress, good business economy—all suggest the use of the liner ads.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS ARE NOW IN VOGUE

AN EXAMPLE SET BY SISTER COUNTY WILL PRODUCE LIVELY COMPETITION IN THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Over in Pontotoc county great interest is being manifested in moonlight schools, and in various districts of the county such schools have been established in order to give the people who neglected their advantages in early life, or else were denied the privilege of getting an education at all, a chance to improve themselves. One enterprising citizen of that county has offered a prize of fifty dollars for the rural moonlight school that makes the greatest advancement during the coming year.

The moonlight schools have been in vogue in this county during the past year, and are proving a great success. County Superintendent Thurston is doing his best to arouse interest in this matter, and his success has been gratifying. What he desires to know now is: Who will be the first good citizen of this county to announce that he will follow the example of the man in Pontotoc and donate fifty dollars as a prize for the banner school district in the county that maintains a moonlight school.

He feels that surely there will be some man who has the interest of the people at heart to do this for the cause of education. In fact, he feels that several would be willing to do so, and thus stimulate the pupils and teachers to greater effort.

Anyone reading this article and desiring more information can obtain the same by communicating with the county superintendent.

TERRELL WAS MISQUOTED

Texas Comptroller Denies He Would Close Drink Stands.

Austin, Tex., July 17.—Comptroller Terrell, returning today from Waco, said he was misquoted in the announcements which declared that he would close the Sunday soft drink and confectionery stands. He said he hadn't any such power, and wouldn't do it.

Moose Meet.

San Diego, Cal., July 17.—The International Loyal Order of Moose today opened the largest convention ever held west of Chicago, in this city. Fully 15,000, together with their friends, members in congress and more than half the senators, are Moose and two-thirds of the governors are affiliated. Thus, R. Marshall, who is one of its workers, is here, as a delegate from Indiana. There are 1,699 lodges in the United States and Canada, with upwards of 600,000 members.

CHAMP CLARK SPEAKS AT SAN FRANCISCO

AT RECEPTION OF THE LIBERTY BELL THERE YESTERDAY HE DISCUSSED NEED OF GREATER MILITARY PREPAREDNESS.

San Francisco, July 17.—Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, was inspired by the reception of the Liberty Bell here today to discuss the need of greater military preparedness to preserve to citizens of the United States that liberty of which the bell is an historic symbol.

In the course of his remarks, he said: "I differ toto coelo with the proponents of 'Peace at any price.' That is an amazing, a demoralizing, a degrading doctrine.

"On the other hand I am utterly opposed to those who advocate a large standing army, and to those who advocate a navy equal to the two biggest navies in the world. I am not a jingo. God forbid! I hope most profoundly there will never be another war—particularly another to which we are a party, but knowing that human nature has not changed a jot or tittle since Adam and Eve were driven with flaming swords from Paradise, I am in favor of putting the country in such posture that if war should for any reason become necessary we may emerge from it conquerors, as we have been in all our wars.

"Towards the consummation of this plan I am in favor of doubling the number of cadets at West Point and of making it obligatory upon the secretary of war to detail an army of five to any school, college or university, which will furnish a minimum of two hundred students to drill. In that way and at the least possible cost we would in a few years have enough drilled men to officer a volunteer army of a million soldiers, if need be.

"In fact there would be wisdom in a scheme by which in addition to the cadets educated free by the government at West Point and Annapolis, any boy possessing the prescribed qualifications might on reasonable terms be educated at those two great institutions. The surplus West Pointers could be used to advantage in drilling the youths of the land, while the surplus naval graduates would make splendid officers for the great merchant marine which President Wilson and some of the rest of us are determined to place upon the high seas from which our flag has almost entirely disappeared.

"We should also have a well drilled and well equipped national guard to be used for strictly national purposes on the principle enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, 'a well disciplined militia—our best reliance in peace and for the first moments of war, till regulars may relieve them.'"

"It seems that if little Switzerland

GERMAN SUBMARINE TRIED TO SINK BRITISH VESSEL ORDUNA

CAPTAIN OF BIG BRITISH LINER SAVED VESSEL ONLY BY OUT-MANEUVERING THE SUBMARINE—VESSEL CARRIED TWENTY-ONE CITIZENS OF UNITED STATES.

William O. Thompson, Counsel for the United States Industrial Relations Commission, Who Was One of the Passengers, Will Write Protest to Washington Setting Forth Details of the Attack—Passengers Declare that Submarine Hid Behind Vessel with American Flags Painted on Her Sides, and Only Suspicious of the Orduna's Captain Kept the Steamer from Getting too Close to the Submarine, which Fired Torpedo within Ten Feet of the Big Steamer—Passengers Were Hurriedly Called from their Beds and Life Belts were Adjusted—News of this Latest Attack Upsets Theory that Germany has Ordered Submarines Not to Attack Without Giving Warning.

New York, July 17.—Passengers on the British passenger liner Orduna arriving here today said that a submarine attempted to torpedo the Orduna at 6:00 o'clock on the morning of July 9.

Failing in this, the submarine fired six shells, none of which hit the steamer.

The Orduna's passengers included twenty-one Americans.

Sixteen hours out of Liverpool, the captain sighted a sailing vessel ahead, with American flags painted on her side. Suspicious of this vessel, the Orduna began maneuvering. Ten minutes later, without warning, a torpedo tore past the Orduna's stern, missing it by ten feet.

The passengers of the vessel were called on deck from their beds, and life belts were adjusted.

Ten minutes later a submarine arose, possibly a different one from the submarine firing the torpedo. She fired a shell which threw water over the Orduna's stern. The Orduna wheeled, racing away, and the next two shells passed over her head, one nearly hitting a lifeboat. The passengers were then ordered to the lower decks to safety.

The submarine pursued for half an hour before she was distanced. The torpedo was sighted at least half a mile away. The Orduna sped forward and turned. This maneuver saved her.

William O. Thompson, counsel for the United States Industrial Relations Commission, one of the passengers, declared he would write a protest to Washington, setting forth the details of this attack without warning.

The American bark Normandy reported recently that a submarine had used her for a shield on July 9, near where the Orduna was attacked, but did not mention the Orduna.

Upsets Their Expectations

Washington, D. C., July 17.—The news of the attack of the Orduna upsets the theory that Germany had ordered her submarines not to attack without warning.

ARMY WORM COMING

Government Reports Menace to Cotton Crop Moving North.

Washington, July 17.—The army worm, which appeared recently in south and central Texas, is advancing northward, and has already reached Louisiana.

Kreplin Takes Vacation.

G. A. Kreplin, manager of the Western Union office here, has asked his company for a furlough of at least six weeks' duration. He has been suffering intensely of late from an attack of rheumatism and will go to his home in Enid until he rests and recovers. Mr. Nickson of Purcell who was here for a time during the last winter months, is expected here Monday to take charge of the office. Mr. Kreplin is always congenial with his customers and they will regret to learn that he is going to be absent for a time.

REPAIRING SCHOOL BUILDING

Funds Collected on Insurance Policy Being Used for Repairing.

The city Board of Education has employed Duncan Talliaferro to superintend the building of repairs on the Third ward building, which was damaged recently in a windstorm. The damaged portion will be torn away and will be rebuilt, and made stronger than before the building was damaged. The roof will be removed from the building and a flat roof will be built instead, and a fire wall several feet high will be built surrounding the roof.

The construction work will be finished some time before the schools are ready to open and the third ward will not be inconvenienced by the loss to the building. The board collected plenty on the insurance policy to have the work done in a first-class manner.

Bill is vetoed.

Montgomery, Ala., July 17.—Governor Henderson today vetoed the Alabama anti-tip ping bill.