

GREAT GRAND FORKS FAIR WAS OPENED THIS MORNING WITH A LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

CLOUDS FAIL TO FRIGHTEN PEOPLE AWAY

Minnesota and North Dakota are Represented at Exposition. EXHIBITS OF A HIGH CHARACTER Amusement Program This Year also One of Unusual Attractiveness.

Despite the fact that lowering clouds pressed toward the afternoon and evening, a large crowd today assisted in the opening of the Grand Forks fair, which this year embraces North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

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Grand Stand Acts. The grand stand attractions are unusually good. The work of the Jap acrobats, the cyclists, the aerialists and the comedians was a big part of the afternoon's amusement.

Midway Shows. The Midway Show, one of the best, if not the best in the history of Grand Forks fairs.

Games of Skill. The concessions this year are better than at any previous fair.

The Klittes band gave its first program in front of the grand stand this afternoon.

STRIKE BREAKERS AT WINNIPEG REMOVED BY ORDERS OF MILITARY

(Herald Special Service.) Winnipeg, July 25.—At noon today military authorities sent a detachment of soldiers to the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co.'s commercial office, and to the Grand exchange and removed all of the recently imported alleged strike-breakers from their duties and placed guards over the door.

BIG ENCAMPMENT OF FARM BOYS FOR FAIR WEEK

Forty Boys Enjoying Unusual Privileges as Result of Good Records.

J. D. BACON WAS SPEAKER TODAY

Opportunities in North Dakota Topic of Address This Afternoon.

Forty boys of Grand Forks county are in the fourth annual farm boys' encampment at the fair this year.

Bacon is Speaker. This afternoon the boys were addressed at 1 o'clock by J. D. Bacon.

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PLOT CHARGED BY THE KAISER

Emperor says England plotted the Destruction of Germany.

London, July 25.—A dispatch from Bern, (via Pontarlier), France, given out today by the wireless press says: "Another speech by Emperor William during his recent visit to the Somme front is being discussed in Berlin."

VILLAGE NOW IN HANDS OF THE BRITISH

Official Statement Says that Counter Attacks were Repulsed.

FRENCH ARE ALSO MAKING ADVANCES

Russians Take Portion of First Line Defenses in the East.

London, July 25.—British troops have captured the greater part of the village of Pozieres, says the British official statement today.

French Win Houses. Paris, July 25.—On the south bank of the Somme yesterday the French troops captured a block of houses south of Estrées and drove the Germans out of the trenches north of Vermandevillers, says a French official statement this afternoon.

Italian Successes. Rome, (via London), July 25.—Russian troops have captured Monte Cimone, from the Austrians, says the official Italian statement today.

Russians Take Line. Berlin, (via London), July 25.—Russian troops succeeded in penetrating the German first line on a small part of the front defended by the troops under the command of General Linchun according to the official statement of the German army headquarters staff.

The English and French combined attack yesterday north of the Somme in France, says the statement, broke down.

CROPS LIGHT SAYS WINKLER

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FLOOD IN THE CAROLINAS HAS MANY VICTIMS; WRECKS TOWNS AND VILLAGES



Flooded Portion of Asheville, N. C., Shows Floating Down Stream, and... with a property loss of millions of dollars, and... has been particularly struck. The gas and electric plants and the railroad... have also been damaged.

ISLANDS WILL BE PURCHASED FROM DENMARK

Treaty Drawn up and Ready for Ratification Washington Reports.

HARBORS VALUABLE TO AMERICAN NAVY

Danish Parliament Expected to Agree to Sale to the U. S.

Washington, July 25.—Official announcement was made at the white house today that negotiations practically had been completed for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000.

While details of the treaty were not given out, it is understood the United States would come into complete possession of the islands.

Word has been received from Denmark that the treaty is practically certain of being ratified by the Danish parliament.

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee saw president Wilson today but said afterward he had not discussed the purchase of the Danish West Indies and knew nothing of the question.

It is understood the government hopes the treaty will be ratified by the present session of congress.

The three islands of the Danish West Indies—St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John—lie due east of Porto Rico and their value to the United States is from a strategic military point of view.

The harbors of St. Thomas and St. Croix are of first importance to the American navy and St. Thomas itself lies in the lane of shipping from Europe to the Panama canal.

Project Old One. Acquisition of the islands by the United States has been the subject of successful diplomatic negotiations since the civil war.

SOLDIER'S AID BOOTH OPENED

Attractive Department in Charge of Ladies is Excellent Appeal for Aid.

The "Soldiers' Aid" booth in the agricultural department of the Main building is arranged with bunting, posters such as "Join the Soldiers' Aid, and help to keep the boys well," and a corner piece, donated by J. R. Poppler, which is a picture of a soldier in arms, with the following written across the top:

"He's taking the place of some mother's son, at the front, won't you help to give him some of the many little comforts you would wish your son to have, were he there?"

Mrs. H. K. Geist will be in charge during the week, and will be assisted by a different group of ladies each day. The young girl's committee will take turns in having charge of the sale of flowers. The assisting ladies today were Mrs. J. B. Wineman, Mrs. M. G. Olson, Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Mrs. James Dennis. The flower committee were Miss Lucile Hale and Miss Marie Sattler.

The ladies have responded generously to the appeal for donations, and a fine display of fancy work, such as fancy towels, bath towels, crocheted dolls, nut baskets, yokes, handkerchiefs and hand painted china, are offered for sale.

"Soldiers' aid badges and flowers will be on sale to help swell the fund. The ladies will endeavor to secure names of ladies as members, as this is an organization of interest to everyone. Any one having donations, or wishing to help in anyway are requested to notify Mrs. H. K. Geist. Friends and members are asked to show their interest by visiting the booth.

TWENTY TWO DEAD IN CLEVELAND AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION OF GAS IN A TUNNEL BENEATH LAKE ERIE

DEUTSCHLAND TO LEAVE AT PROPER TIME

So Says Captain Paul Koenig in Answer to Questions as to Plans.

FEELS NO FEAR OF ENEMIES' WARSHIPS

German Diplomats Expected to be Present at the Entertainment.

Baltimore, Md., July 25.—"Circumstances and conditions, over which we have no control are keeping us in Baltimore. There is no cause for alarm from any source. At the proper time we will get away, there is a time for everything."

Thus Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the German merchant submarine Deutschland explained his presence in Baltimore today when asked what was delaying his sailing.

What the "circumstances and conditions" are, Captain Koenig would not even hint.

He laughed heartily when asked if he felt any sense of uneasiness as the time draws nearer for departure on his perilous voyage. "What is there to fear?" he replied, "the ocean is big and deep."

It was said today on good authority that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and Prince von Hatzfeldt, of the German embassy staff, will come to Baltimore tomorrow evening to be entertained with Captain Koenig at the home of Carl A. Leuderitz, the German consul at Baltimore.

Will Follow Vessel. Norfolk, Va., July 25.—All kinds of small craft were made ready here and at Hampton Roads today to take the trail of the Deutschland when she comes down from Baltimore for the dash to sea.

Imaginations have been fired by the presence of allied cruisers off the Virginia capes awaiting the reappearance of the Deutschland and rumors that a flotilla of armed German submarines are on the way to attack the British and French patrols when their freight carrying sister starts.

ROCKEFELLER DID NOT AID INSTITUTE

New York, July 25.—Jerome D. Greene, secretary of the Rockefeller foundation, in a statement issued here denied that the Rockefeller interests were responsible for the incorporation recently in the District of Columbia of the institute for government research. Mr. Greene's statement said that neither Mr. Rockefeller personally nor the Rockefeller foundation is contributing or pledging a cent of money to the enterprise.

BELGIUM TO BE DEPRIVED OF GOODS

The Hague, Netherlands, July 25.—Notwithstanding that she was already largely monopolizing the export of Holland's surplus agricultural and other food products, Germany has just taken measures with a view to removing Belgian buying competition from the Dutch market. A decree has been issued in Belgium prohibiting communists and dealers from importing goods from Holland. Applications to make such purchases must be submitted to Berlin. The result is that Belgium, where distress was already acute, is deprived of an indispensable supply of goods, and the great difficulties which the American Relief Commission is experiencing with cartage space does not allow of the adequate and speedy replacement from that quarter.

POLES THANK AMERICA FOR SUCCOR IN THEIR DISTRESS FROM WAR

The Hague, via London, July 25.—The Polish bureau here today informed the Associated Press that Polish delegates at the congress of the nationalities of Lausanne and Switzerland had sent a cablegram to President Wilson thanking the American nation for the action begun to succor the economic misery of Poland, and hoping that the "sacred watchword, liberty and independence for Poland, will find a ready echo in America."

BANDIT BAND DISPERSED BY CARRANZAISTS

Villa Men Scattered in Engagement with Government Forces.

MURDER SUSPECT FOUND AT RANCH

Is Believed to Have Killed American Couple Six Weeks Ago.

Columbus, N. M., July 25.—Jose Valenzuela, charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. William Parker, was located on a ranch at Del Rio, Texas, 50 miles northwest of Casas Grandes, Mexico.

Bandits Scattered. Chihuahua City, Mex., July 25.—A small band of Villistas who had been operating under the command of Cadiz Contreras were defeated yesterday in an engagement with cavalrymen of General Aguirre's forces, according to reports from General Domingo Arista here today.

The bandit band was unable to withstand the Carranzista attack and scattered, fleeing in disorder for the mountains where they found refuge in the isolated canyons. General Aguirre's command is making every effort to run them down, it was reported.

General Trevino announced today that General Matias Ramos, commanding the government forces engaged in the bandit campaign in the vicinity of Mapami, Durango, and that he expected to obtain reports from him momentarily.

ILLINOIS GUARDS IN POOR SHAPE

San Antonio, Tex., July 25.—Ten miles of "hiking" betrayed the unfit physical condition of a large number of the Illinois guardsmen stationed at Fort Sam Houston today. The first brigade started to Leon Springs, a distance of 18 miles for rifle practice on the government reservation. Ten miles was the distance covered, the men marching without packs. Before arriving at camp it was necessary to send motor trucks from the army post to assist the brigade ambulance in carrying the tired out stragglers.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED. Washington, July 25.—After being held up since January on objection of Senator Hitchcock, the nomination of Thomas H. Allen as United States attorney for Nebraska, was confirmed last night by the senate. Allen is a brother-in-law of William J. Bryan.

RESCUE PARTY MEMBERS ALSO ARE TRAPPED

Two Efforts to Save Lives Add to the Toll of Grim Tragedy.

SEVERAL MORE ARE BELIEVED DYING

Assistance of Trained Mine Workers is Sent From Pittsburgh.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 25.—Twenty-two men died and half a dozen others are dying as the result of an explosion of gas in the waterworks tunnel, five miles from shore, underneath Lake Erie, last night.

The dead include the workmen trapped in the tunnel when the gas exploded and the members of two rescue parties, who attempted to save the men first trapped.

Rescue Party Trapped. Of the dead, eleven were in the force trapped by the explosion. Nine of these escaped. The first rescue party consisted of seven men. Four perished and three were saved. The second party comprised 11 men. Six of these lost their lives and five escaped. The first rescue party accomplished nothing. The second saved one of the first relief expedition.

Two men were overcome by fumes who did not enter the tunnel. The third rescue party entered the tunnel at 8:30 and brought out alive Gustav C. VanDusen, superintendent of the water works construction, who headed the second relief force. It had been supposed VanDusen had perished. One body also brought out by the third rescue party was a member of the second rescue crew.

No Apparatus. The tragic fate of the rescuers of the first and second instances was due to the fact of the workmen being without oxygen helmets which were unavailable. No pulmotors were at hand for the use of attempting resuscitation. Mayor Harry L. Davis today promised to conduct a rigid investigation of this short-coming as well as into the catastrophe itself.

Aid from Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, July 25.—A party of trained rescuers of the Pittsburgh station of bureau of mines left here today for Cleveland to assist in the relief work at the water works tunnel. They took the customary equipment of mine rescue apparatus.

H. M. Wolfin, engineer in charge of this division ordered a mine rescue car with an entire crew to hurry from Barnesboro, Pa., to Cleveland at all possible speed. Six engineers are in the party leaving here.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained. It is supposed some workman struck a pocket of gas with his pick or possibly the gas collected in the tunnel becoming ignited by electric sparks.

The tunnel was equipped with electrically driven machinery. It became known today that work was suspended for three days because of gas found. The men went to work last night believing the gas had been eliminated.

NIGHT AND DAY SEARCH IS ON

San Francisco Police Determined to Catch Thrower of Bomb.

San Francisco, July 25.—The special police squadron organized to arrest the person or persons responsible for the explosion which killed six people and injured more than 40 last Saturday during the preparedness parade, has been divided into three shifts of eight hours each, and from today the search will be carried on vigorously during every hour of the day.

The state and federal officials are co-operating to hunt for the bomb thrower. The coroner's jury, which announced that it will conduct a sweeping investigation, will begin taking testimony in a few days.

Funerals of four of the killed will be held today.

WEATHER FORECAST. North Dakota: Fairly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate winds; temperature in the northern and central in the 40s; west portion. UNIVERSITY WEATHER. 7 a. m. 69; maximum 74; minimum 56; wind light breeze; fair; light clouds; no rain; humidity 60; relative humidity 60.