

NATURAL GAS WELL CAUSED FATAL BLAST

This is Opinion of Government Expert Probing Cleveland Tragedy.

DEATH TOLL NOW REDUCED BY TWO

Conditions May Prevent the Completion of the Water Works Project.

Cleveland, O., July 27.—Indications that a well of natural gas was uncovered by the tunnel explosion here last Monday night were reported today by L. M. Jones, a government mining expert sent here from Pittsburgh.

Another Attempt. Despite this development preparations for another exploration were made today.

Two More Alive. Patrick Kearns, supposed to be entombed turned up alive today.

TROOPS IN MEXICO ARE ENTERTAINED

Headquarters Punitive Expedition, Mex., July 27.—Fifteen hundred officers and men of the punitive expedition were entertained at a makeshift arena last night to watch, by starlight, thirty-six rounds of lustrous boxing by regimental champions.

MAN THOUGHT DEAD HOME FROM FRANCE

Danville, Ill., July 27.—Missing since May 1915, and believed to be dead, Curtis Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Corbett of this city is at Danville, Ill., recovering from a smashed foot, injured while fighting with the American legions in the trenches of northern France.

A letter received by the parents states that he has seen a year's service on the front and has been promoted to a lieutenancy for bravery under fire.

RAIL INSURANCE

Winnipeg, July 27.—Over \$20,000,000 municipal hall insurance is in force in the province of Saskatchewan. It is administered by a co-operative commission.

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There is a big short interest in the Winnipeg market, however, which must also be taken into account.

All the exports are doing at present is to take a very small supply of wheat to the coast.

The Victoria Elevator company of Winnipeg, capital \$300,000, has been incorporated, C. E. Austin being the principal director.

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Violence Resists. The companies attempted to resume operations of cars in the Bronx at 8 o'clock this morning and resulted in serious disorder.

CAR ATTACKED BY STRIKERS IN THE BRONX

Bricks Hurlled and Other Violence Occurs This Afternoon.

OTHER LINES MAY ALSO BE AFFECTED

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NORWAY OBJECTS TO THE BLACKLIST

Berlin, July 27.—(By Wireless to Seattle).—The Norwegian newspaper Verdens Gang of Christiania, prints a protest against a new edition of the British blacklist in which the largest Norwegian bank is included.

SUGGEST PURCHASE OF JEFFERSON HOME

Washington, July 27.—Mrs. William Cummings Storey, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a large committee from that organization, asked President Wilson yesterday to use his influence in behalf of a bill now pending in congress for the purchase by the federal government of Monticello, the former home of Thomas Jefferson in Virginia, for \$500,000.

Mr. Brown is resting easily now. However, he will not be able to play ball any more this season.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL IS SIGNED

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MINNESOTA DAY OF THE GRAND FORKS FAIR PROVING MOST SUCCESSFUL OF THE WEEK THUS FAR; LARGE DELEGATIONS ARRIVING

Crookston People Arrive in Force Accompanied by Boys' Band—Flight of the Aviator, Baxter Adams, is Big Feature of Program for the day—Other Thrillers to be Staged this Evening—Weather is Ideal.

AMTOS LINE TRACK

An hour before the grand stand program opened, the fence around the race track was lined with automobiles while cars packed every conceivable parking place on the grounds.

AVIATOR IS FEATURE

The feature event of the afternoon was the loop-the-loop in a Curtiss bi-plane as flown by the famous eastern aviator. An aviator first thrilled North Dakota fair visitors six years ago, but the thrill of Arch Hoxey's first flight was not greater than the thrill which was aroused when Adams did the loop-the-loop, one of the most dangerous feats in the aviator's program.

This evening, Walter Raub will give another balloon ascension, but this one promises to be much better than former efforts. It will be a night ascension. The balloon and the parachutes, during the ascension and drop, will be lighted by red fire.

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HANKINSON'S AUTO POLO TEAMS, WHICH ARE PROVING THE BIGGEST "REPEAL" ATTRACTION OF THE FAIR, WILL PLAY ANOTHER GAME TONIGHT.

There is exceptional rivalry between the two teams this week and some unusual thrills are promised.

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APPROPRIATION WILL AID FAMILIES OF THE MEN IN ARMY SERVICE

Washington, July 27.—An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for relief of the dependents of men in the militia and regular army in service in the Mexican emergency was agreed to by the senate today as an amendment to the army appropriation bill.

SERIOUSLY BRUISED WHEN AUTO HITS HIM

Langdon, N. D., July 27.—While walking with his wife on the south side of the track, the road Tuesday evening, a Ford owned and driven by James Dobbie of Nakoma ran into Mr. Brown. He was caught between the lamp and the wheel and sent with great force through the double windshield.

PROSPECTS BRIGHTER

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NEW BUILDING PUT UP RECENTLY IS GREAT IMPROVEMENT OVER TENTS FORMERLY USED FOR PURPOSES OF DISPLAY—MORE ROOM STILL IS REQUIRED FOR SHOW.

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BORDER GUARD IS WARNED OF BANDIT GANG

Marathon, Tex., July 27.—United States patrols in the Big Bend district were ordered today to be particularly alert upon the receipt of confirmation of the presence of a large bandit force at Sierra Blanca, sixty miles south of the border.

SUBMARINE BASE IS HEAVILY BOMBARDED BY GERMAN AIRSHIP

Berlin, July 27.—(Wireless to Seattle).—A German naval airship on July 25 attacked the main base of Russian and British submarines at Maricham, in the Barents sea, announced by the German admiralty today.

THREE SHIPS ARE TORPEDO VICTIMS

London, July 27.—Twenty-eight members of the crew of the Norwegian ship Bama, Siebrid and Juna, were landed at Rotterdam today by a fishing smack, says a dispatch to Lloyd's shipping agency.

NO VERDICT YET IN MURDER CASE

Jamestown, N. D., July 27.—The jury that tried John Miller for murdering Frederick Hins was still out at 2 o'clock this afternoon, standing 1 to 1 on conviction, according to reports.

ARMY TRUCKS ARRIVE

Eagle Pass, Tex., July 27.—Thirty-four army trucks arrived here today and were distributed along the border for army service.

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NO SIGNS OF DEPARTURE ON DEUTSCHLAND

German Consul Declares the Submarine Will Not Leave for a Week.

WAR VESSELS ARE WATCHING COAST

No Report on Mysterious Visit Reaches British Admiralty.

Baltimore, July 27.—If Captain Paul Koang of the merchant submarine Deutschland, plans to start to return to Germany, nothing is going on this morning at the pier where the submarine is berthed that is any more indicative of departure than has been the case during the last few days.

Over night developments, in fact, tended to increase the probability of the report that the submarine had been decided to hold the Deutschland here until some word was received concerning her sister ship, the Bremen.

FUNCTION POSTPONED

When Carl A. Luederitz, the German consul here, announced the reception to ambassador Von Bernstorff which he had planned at his home for last evening had been indefinitely postponed, he asked when the Deutschland would leave.

"She will not leave for a week," answered Luederitz. "The postponement of the reception was owing to the inability of the ambassador to come here last night," Luederitz said.

The Deutschland crew slept aboard the interned North German Lloyd steamer Neckar, last night.

CRUISER OFF COAST

Norfolk, July 27.—The armored cruiser North Carolina and three destroyers which are outside of Cape Henry near the allied warship patrol line worked slowly up and down today, close to the English cruiser.

SEARCHING BREMEN

Beaufort, N. C., July 27.—Two allied war ships appeared off Beaufort Inlet last night following reports that the German merchant submarine Bremen was headed this way. Nothing was seen of the submarine, but the warships continued their patrol today, cruising about fifteen miles off shore.

NO REPORTS

The admiralty today stated no information has been received regarding the reported mysterious visit Monday night of a British cruiser within American territorial waters near the Virginia capes.

TRACK WORKER KILLED

Galesburg, Ill., July 27.—A quarrel between Mexican track laborers resulted in the killing today of Joe Arroyo by Lewis Volosor. The slayer made his escape and a posse is now searching for him.

PRIEST RELEASED

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GERMANS HOLD LINES ALONG SOMME FRONT

Berlin Statements Claim Repulse of Attacks by the Allies.

RUSSIANS TAKE MUCH MATERIAL

Austrians Withdraw Before Superior Pressure in Galicia.

Berlin, via London, July 27.—British land grenade attacks against the German lines west of Posieres in the Somme region were repulsed yesterday, according to the announcement from the German army headquarters today.

South of the Somme, a French attack on a point northeast of Bar-le-Duc failed, the statement advises. In the Verdun region several strong attacks were carried out in the region of Froide Terro and Fleury, but were repulsed.

Headquarters German Army, on the Somme, via Berlin to London, July 27.—The French and British, giving themselves no rest, are continuing efforts to widen the sack-like position north and south of the Somme where they are now pinned on three sides by German armies.

Both German officers and men are confident of their ability to hold their own, and are aided by the most powerful aggregation of artillery Germany has as yet accumulated in any single battle theater.

On the evening of July 24, an attack was made by a strong force on the line from Pogiere to Garguier by a British division headed by picked troops and bomb throwers. The attackers were able to establish a foothold in the German lines but later were driven out by a counter attack. The British also succeeded in entering temporarily the German trench system in the vicinity of Longueval and Gulleumont, but here were also finally expelled.

French Assist. General Foch supported his British colleagues with a determined attack south of the Somme. On the block-drenched terrain between Estrees and Soyecourt he gained a few hundred meters of front line trenches south of Estrees but was unable to hold them.

Russian Take Supplies. Petrograd, via London, July 27.—In the battle Tuesday of the Russian western front, 6,250 Germans were taken prisoners, says the official statement today of the Russian war department. The Russians also captured five guns and 23 machine guns.

The Russian forces operating in the Caucasus are continuing the pursuit of the retreating Turks the department says. In the Turkish fortress of Erzingan the Russians took a depot of war material.

AUSTRIANS RETREAT

Berlin, July 27, (wireless via Seattle).—An Austrian withdrawal before superior Russian pressure north of Brody in northeastern Galicia was announced in the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters report of July 26.

Continue Attack. London, July 27.—Throughout the night British troops continued to press the Germans with hand to hand encounters at various points on the Somme front in France, says the official British statement today.

ARRESTED AS BOMB PLOTTER

Ring of Five Being Sought by San Francisco Police Force.

San Francisco, July 27.—With the arrest of Warren K. Billings, a shoe cutter, aged 25, with a lengthy criminal record, the police asserted today they were confident a net would soon close upon a "ring of five" of whom Billings is an alleged member, which is believed to have perpetrated the bomb explosion in connection with last week's preparedness parade.

A vigorous search is being made for Thomas Mooney, an industrial worker of the World agitator, who, the police say has been missing from San Francisco since the preparedness parade.

HOLLAND CLAIMS RIGHTS INFRINGED

Fargo, N. D., July 27.—Albert Holland, through his attorneys, Fowler & Green, has served notice on Asahim & Son that they cease manufacturing and selling the Asahim wild oats separator which Holland alleges is an infringement of his patents in eight different countries.

Unless Asahim & Son cease making this machine Holland will hold them liable for damages, he claims.

Holland says that he invented a separator which takes the wild oats by means of a funnel cloth over which the grain is made to run. He patented this machine and the parts of it. The separator has proved a success and is meeting with great demand. It is claimed that Asahim & Son are using the same patented process of separating wild oats. Holland has threatened this process and claims that his patent is being infringed upon.

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