

RUSSIANS HOPE TO HOLD LINES

Plan to Keep Austro-Germans Busy in Eastern Campaign.

WARSAW DEFENSE STRONG AS EVER

Successful Teutonic Armies Continue to Press Advantage and Push Russians Back to North of Dniester River—England's Campaign to Insure Supply of War Munitions in Full Swing.

London, June 25.—Something of a lull in the fighting as compared to the feverish activity of the last fortnight is enabling military observers on both sides to take stock and forecast future operations.

Petrograd claims that the Russian defensive positions are so secure that the Austro-Germans may not be able to withdraw many troops for use against the allies of Russia. Russia further asserts that the line before Warsaw is as strong as it ever was, and that the armies on the Dniester will fall back only if the eastern drive of the Teutons threatens to cut them off.

The authorities of the central empires are less communicative concerning their movements, but it is believed that Warsaw again is their objective.

Campaign For Munitions.

In England the campaign for munitions is in full swing, with the possibility of national registration to ascertain the "man power" of the nation. That England appreciates the need of adding to her fighting resources is indicated by the publication in the London Times of tables showing that casualties of officers during the last month came within a few hundred of the total officer casualties during the entire South African war. The total in South Africa was 2,722, while the loss since May 28 shows that 2,440 officers have been killed or wounded, or reported missing.

PRESSING THEIR ADVANTAGE.

Russians Pushed Back to Positions North of Dniester River.

Austrian Press Headquarters, via London, June 25.—The result of the success achieved by general Boehm in the battles to the east of the Galician capital, are making themselves felt also on the Dniester. Since taking Mikolajow, this army has been operating with General Limanog's army to the south and has been pressing the Russians back upon their positions north of the Dniester.

The Russians offered a desperate resistance on the Dniester, especially in the center, to permit their retreating armies to send themselves to safety.

The retreat of the Russians along the Sam and in the angle on the Vistula continues under conditions which are bringing successful results to the pursuing army of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand.

SAY AUSTRIANS SUFFERED.

Prominent Families in Lemberg Reduced to Necessity of Begging.

Berlin, June 25.—The German agent has received a dispatch from its correspondent at Lemberg which reads:

"Reviewing the nine months' rule of the Russians in Lemberg, it is found that among the chief sufferers in the Galician capital were certain former government officials whose salaries could no longer be paid. Prominent families were reduced to begging in the streets. Well known men of Lemberg chopped and sold wood, while their wives baked and peddled bread and cakes about the city.

The price of food reached exorbitant figures. Butter cost 6 crowns (\$1.20) per kilogram (2.20 pounds), or equivalent to 55 cents a pound. The city of Lemberg issued emergency two-crown notes, which, however, have had a better value of only one crown.

Regular Russian policemen and Cossacks patrolled the city. The schools were permitted to stay open only if the expenses could be met by the military government. At least five hours of the week had to be devoted to the study of Russian. The Russian calendar was introduced. Certain prominent residents favorable to Russia assisted the invaders and one of these, M. Gluskiwicz, a well known Ruthenian leader, was later rewarded by being named mayor of Przemysl.

All men of military age were taken into custody by the Russian authorities, as were also all pensioned Austrian and Hungarian officers. These included General Ryck, a veteran of Sebastopol, over 80 years of age.

The Russian municipal officials began leaving the city the latter part of May and all have disappeared.

Emperor Nicholas paid a visit to the Galician capital while it was under Russian control. Ruthenian books were destroyed and exchange of telegrams and letters in the Ruthenian language was prohibited.

PORTUGAL FAVORS ALLIES.

Ministerial Declaration Renews Manifestations of Sympathy With Cause.

Lisbon, June 25.—A Lisbon dispatch says:

"The ministerial declaration renews manifestations of sympathy for the allies, discloses the government disposition to present to parliament documents which throw light on the attitude assumed by Portugal in relation to the European war, and in conclusion announces the country's resolution to

SEEK REVENGE FOR DAMAGE SUFFERED IN AFRICA.

After reading the declaration Alexander Bragg, leader of the democrats, promised the government the support of his party.

AUTONOMY PLAN FOR POLAND.

Petrograd, via London, June 25.—The Russian council of ministers today decided to appoint a commission composed of six Russians and six Poles, under the presidency of Premier Gorky, to deal with the preliminary negotiations necessary to the carrying into effect of autonomy for Poland which was proclaimed by Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, on Aug. 14, of last year.

DERNBURG TO BE RELEASED.

Berlin, via London, June 25.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, returning from the United States, has sent a wireless message to relatives here that he expects to reach Berlin Saturday evening. Dr. Dernburg will be immediately called into consultation concerning the German answer to the American note on the Lusitania incident.

Austrians Deny Italian Claims.

Washington, June 25.—Dispatches to the Austro-Hungarian embassy here today said Piawa was still held by the Austrians and denied the claim that the Italians had broken thru. The message said:

"In the face of false reports our press bureau states that Piawa is still held firmly by us. These positions were ordered taken by the Italian king, according to statements of prisoners. The Italians have never broken thru. At least 3,000 unburied dead lie before our positions. Our losses are considerably smaller."

Small Steamer Torpedoed.

London, June 25.—A dispatch received here from Copenhagen says the steamer Nova has arrived there with the members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Truno, which last Wednesday was torpedoed by a German submarine and then set on fire. This occurred near the Shetland Islands. The Truno was built in 1896 and was of 1,571 gross tons.

SMITH TRIAL IN SECOND STAGE.

Evidence Indicates Collection of Insurance on Life of Beatrice Mundy.

London, June 25.—The trial of George Joseph Smith, indicted on a charge of murdering his three wives by drowning them in bathtubs, entered in its second stage today, the evidence relating to the death of Beatrice Mundy having been completed. The last witness in this connection was a Portsmouth banker, who testified the prisoner had opened an account in the name of Smith. This money, it was said, had been obtained from settlement of Beatrice Mundy's estate.

"We now begin the Alice Burnham story," remarked the trial judge, alluding to the second alleged victim. The first witness on this phase was an insurance agent from Southampton. Smith was introduced to Miss Burnham. The testimony showed she took out \$5,000 worth of life insurance for the benefit of her mother.

"Next day," the witness said, "Smith married Miss Burnham."

TURKEY'S RULER ILL.

Sultan Undergoes Operation and Trouble Arises in Official Family.

Paris, June 25.—The Turkish ruler, received from Constantinople, says a Havas dispatch from Athens, that after it became apparent last week that the illness of the sultan was of a serious nature, the royal princes met and decided that Yusof Izzet, eldest son of the late Sultan Abdul Hamid should assume the regency. This proposal was vigorously opposed by the committee on union and progress resulting in a deadlock.

An operation for the removal of a stone in the bladder has been performed upon the sultan by Professor Israel, the German specialist, who has been at the sultan's bedside for several days, according to a Constantinople dispatch received in London last night by the Reuter Telegram Company.

Sultan's Condition Satisfactory.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, June 25.—The condition of Sultan Mehmed VI, Turkey, who was operated on by Prof. James Israel, for gall stones, is satisfactory, according to a dispatch today to the Overseas News Agency from Constantinople.

PIER COLLAPSES; 100 DIE.

Excursionists Drowned While Returning From Holiday Trip.

Petrograd, June 25.—A dispatch from Kazan, in European Russia, 400 miles east of Moscow, says that upwards of 100 lives have been lost in the collapse of a river pier at a local pleasure garden. The last steamer returning to this city was to leave the garden at midnight. A crowd of holiday makers, men, women and children, were forcing their way thru the darkness to the boats, over the flimsy pier when the structure collapsed. Virtually everybody was thrown into the water.

MEXICANS TORTURE WOMAN.

Apply Fire to Feet to Induce Her to Reveal Hiding Place of Gold.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 25.—Seven Mexicans chopped their way into the home of Mrs. Louis E. Martinez, an aged resident of the Latin quarter near the Plaza, early today, and applied fire to her feet, which induced her to reveal the hiding place of \$120 in gold. Three of the men then attacked her, after which they quarreled because \$120 could not be evenly divided among seven. The dispute gave the woman time to summon the police and five of the seven robbers were captured.

Fort Dodge Plumber Dead.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, June 25.—John Koll, Sr., plumber, local and brewer, whose property was confiscated here in 1882 under the prohibition statute, died here today at the age of 83 years.

U. S. PLANT HELD BASELESS

Great Britain Makes Unsatisfactory Reply to Washington.

EXPLAINS STEPS TO AID SHIPPING

Secretary Lansing Preparing New Note to Great Britain, Citing Specific Instances of Wrongful Detention of Neutral Vessels—State Department Investigating Charges That American Passports Are Being Forged.

Washington, June 25.—Government officials today had under consideration in connection with the new American note to Great Britain the latest British memorandum. The communication explains measures taken by the British government to minimize inconveniences to neutral commerce.

The note declares American citizens have no grounds for complaint of the treatment accorded their cargoes. Sufficient facts on detention and seizure of American ships and cargoes by British ships have not yet been gathered by the state department to issue the new note to Great Britain.

Gathering Data.

Secretary Lansing said today that the portion of the note dealing with the principles of the blockade had long ago been outlined, but that officials have been absorbed in getting data on American ships and goods detained or seized.

The British memorandum will be acknowledged in the new note and some of its points will be discussed, although it is recognized here that the memorandum was not in reply to the American protest to the order in council.

Charges that forged American passports are issued in Antwerp, made when France gave notice that she would bar naturalized Americans of German, Austro-Hungarian and Turkish origin are to be investigated by the state department.

Britain Tells of Efforts.

Great Britain, in a memorandum transmitted to the United States and made public here in London Thursday night, recites at length its efforts to minimize inconvenience to neutral commerce resulting from the order in council against Germany, Austria and Turkey, and asserts that American citizens have no just grounds for complaint on account of the treatment accorded their cargoes.

No attempt is made to answer the principal assertion in the American note of March 1, protesting against the order in council and insisting upon the right of neutrals to carry on legitimate commerce with each other and to trade in non-contraband with civilians in belligerent countries. In transmitting the memorandum, Ambassador Page said it was merely an "explanation of concrete cases and the regulations under which they are dealt with."

Lists Good Deeds.

In its memorandum the foreign office emphasizes the various official concessions made in favor of United States citizens. In setting forth that all British officials have acted in every case "with the utmost dispatch consistent with the object in view and of showing in every case such consideration for neutrals as might be compatible with the object, namely, to prevent vessels from carrying goods for, or coming from, the enemy's territory."

Arrangements for buying American cotton detained and for permitting the passage of goods bought in Germany by Americans before the date of the order in council are outlined and the promise made that consideration will be given to special cases of this kind in the future.

Roster of Ships.

"According to a summary of ships detained there are now twenty-seven vessels which cleared from the United States now held in ports of the United Kingdom. Of these, eight are said to be unloading cotton which Great Britain has agreed to purchase, seven will be allowed to depart as soon as items of their cargo placed in a prize court have been discharged and the other twelve—three of them American ships—are the subject of investigations not yet completed.

Wish to Avoid Delay.

"His majesty's government," the memorandum concludes, "are earnestly desirous of removing all causes of unavoidable delay in dealing with American cargoes and vessels which may be detained and any specific inquiries or representations which may be made by the United States government in regard to particular cases will always receive the most careful consideration and all the information which can be afforded without prejudice to prize court proceedings will be readily communicated but they can scarcely admit that on the basis of actual facts any substantial grievances on the part of the American citizens is justified or can be sustained and they, therefore, confidently appeal to the opinion of the United States government as enlightened by this memorandum."

American Seizes Release.

Washington, June 25.—John Reed, an American war correspondent arrested in Russia recently for entering the war zone without permission, has been released. Ambassador Murray, reporting today, made no mention, however, of Boardman Robinson, an artist, arrested with Reed.

American Missionaries and other foreigners in Urumiah, Persia, and vicinity, no longer are in danger, the Russian foreign office has advised Ambassador Murray.

Russian Troops recently occupied the

SAY GERMANS DEMAND PEACE

Debate in Prussian Chamber of Deputies Excites General Comment.

SOCIALISTS SAY MASSES OPPOSE WAR

Declarations Openly Made in Chamber That People Do Not Favor Territorial Expansion and Do Not Wish to See Opponents Humiliated—To Make Impossible Repetition of Attack Said to Be Object of Prolonging Hostilities

YALE WINS SECOND VARSITY EIGHT RACE

Two Mile Event Captured by Blue Oarsmen by One-third Length of Shell—Gusty Wind Delays Start of Race Between Freshmen Crews.

New London, Conn., June 25.—Yale won the second varsity eight race by a third of a length from Harvard in a snappy mile contest over the Thames course today.

Yale led from start to finish, the Harvard made a game rally at the last quarter of a mile. Yale caught the water first and soon opened up a lead of a length. The two crews rowed a clean stroke and there was little splashing. Harvard increased her stroke and came up on nearly even terms with Yale, but the Blues shook off the challenger and at the mile had a lead of nearly a length.

Near the finish Harvard came strong and cut down the lead foot by foot. Yale, however, shot over the line with one-third of a length to spare.

The freshmen crews reached the starting line at 11 a. m. and were waiting for the starting pistol when a gusty wind sprang up. The regatta committee decided to postpone the contest until after the big varsity four-mile race this afternoon.

CAMPBELL HELD FOR MURDER

Coroner's Jury Says Negro Convict's Guilt Is Not Certain.

Joliet, Ill., June 25.—"Chicken Joe" Campbell, trustee at the penitentiary, was not placed in the county jail today on recommendation of the coroner's jury that he be held to the grand jury in connection with the murder of Mrs. Allen, wife of the warden of the penitentiary. Campbell was not formally charged with the murder.

Tact doubt of Campbell's guilt was expressed by the jury, which stipulated that the charge against Campbell should not preclude suspicion against others. Officials at the prison were directed to continue the quest into circumstances surrounding the fire in the penitentiary building which occurred on the morning of the murder of Mrs. Allen. The jury was unable to decide on this point.

IOWA GOVERNOR DELIGHTED AT FRISCO

Clarke Finds No Reception Committee at Oakland and Is Compelled to Find Way to Ferry and Across Bay Alone—Speech Heard in Iowa.

San Francisco, June 25.—Governor George W. Clarke, who was the principal speaker today at the Iowa day at the Panama-Pacific exposition, encountered a welcome that was hopefully expected to have obliterated any reception he received yesterday when he arrived at Oakland, ferried across the bay and hunted up his hotel alone. It was explained to him that his staff had seven colored men, but that one of them and other officers, who had arrived the day before, had gone to meet him at the wrong time.

Speech Heard in Iowa.

Des Moines, June 25.—Nearly 300 members of the Des Moines chamber of commerce listened to the address of Governor George W. Clarke at San Francisco over telephones here today.

MAY EXAMINE ELIOT.

State's Attorney Asks Commission to Learn Why Thaw Left College.

New York, June 25.—Interest in the proceedings to ascertain whether Harry K. Thaw is now sane or insane was divided today between taking evidence in court here and the effort of the state to appoint a commission to learn from Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, why Thaw left that institution in 1892 without completing his course.

KANSAS WHEAT CROP.

State Agricultural Report Estimates Yield at 138,700,000 Bushels.

Topeka, Kan., June 25.—Kansas winter wheat probably will yield 138,700,000 bushels this year, an average of 18.2 bushels an acre, according to the monthly state crop report issued today. This estimate is 2,100,000 bushels higher than the May forecast.

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The Weather.

Sun rises June 26 at 4:30; sets at 7:35. Iowa—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; warmer in north portion to-night.

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DISTRICT JUDGES ORGANIZE.

Form State Association With Aim of Receiving Uniform Probate Rules.

Special to Times-Republican.

Port Dodge, June 25.—Twenty-one district court judges at the state bar meeting organized the state association to secure uniformity of rules regulating probate practice and for better acquaintance and exchange of ideas. Judge W. J. Springer, of New Hampton, was elected president; H. E. Fry, of Boone, secretary and treasurer. The society will meet annually the day before the state bar and at the same place.

Court reporters today organized a state association, electing J. A. Williams, of Council Bluffs, president, and R. C. Turner, of Grand Junction, secretary and treasurer, and will meet annually at the time and place of the state bar.

The state bar association elected Judge A. N. Hobson, of West Union, president; William McNett, of Ottumwa, vice-president; Prof. H. C. Horace, of Iowa City, secretary; L. T. Carney, of Marshalltown, treasurer; A. J. Small, of Des Moines, librarian. Dubuque and Council Bluffs are contesting for the next session.

CONTINUE RATE HEARING.

Railroad Council Reply to Packers Before Commerce Commission.

Washington, June 25.—Argument continued today before the interstate commerce commission on the increased freight rates asked on packing house products by western railroads. R. P. Burt, of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and C. C. Wright, of the Northwestern and other lines, replied to the argument of the packers.

Mr. Burt said much of the opposition was because of the probable effect on factors in western territory. Mr. Wright said he believed they were warranted in asking increased rates and in selecting commodities they tried to put the increase on commodities where it best could be borne.

MANUFACTURERS TO CLOSE.

Shut Down in Building Material Plants of Chicago Further Recruited.

Chicago, June 25.—The great shut down of building material plants, which is expected, will throw 200,000 men out of employment in Chicago by the end of next week, was further recruited today when owners of lumber yards, employing 10,000 men, voted to close.

A meeting at which it is expected that practically all the lumber manufacturers will vote, will be held late today. This means that manufacturers hope to force the carpenters to accept arbitration.

SLAPS LEGISLATOR'S FACE.

Arizona Representative Resents Remarks of Colleague to Stenographer.

Phoenix, Ariz., June 25.—Representative James Goodwin, of Phoenix, had his face slapped today while explaining to the house of representatives his vote against a proposed "search and seizure bill." The bill was defeated.

Goodwin thought he observed that the house stenographer was not taking down his remarks and commented on the fact. W. P. Mahoney, representative from Mohave county, took exception to what Goodwin said and an altercation ensued.

BIG WINERY BURNED.

Lake Formed by Million Gallons of Wine Causes Conflagration.

Fresno, Cal., June 25.—A lake of fire formed by a million gallons of escaping wine burned itself dry here today and the conflagration which started last night in the Barton winery was over.

The winery buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Child Killed by Auto.

Davenport, June 25.—Nellie Cruson, a 6-year-old, was instantly killed by an automobile driven by John Kennedy last night. The girl was run down while her mother watched from the curb powerless to save her. Kennedy was given the car by the will of a wealthy relative a few days ago.

ZAPATA FORCES TO DEFEND CITY

Engage Attacking Carranza Army in Series of Artillery Duels.

FIRST INTIMATION OF RESISTANCE

Communication With Mexico City Severed Since June 18 and Not Likely to Be Restored Until Gonzales Can Force Entry Into Capital—Carranza War Effort Urged Delay of Red Cross Expedition Until City Falls.

Washington, June 25.—Zapata forces defending Mexico City have engaged the attacking Carranza army in a series of artillery duels and delayed the advance. No details were contained in the advices reaching here today, which were the first indication that the Carranza advance would be resisted.

Communication with Mexico City has been cut off since June 18, when the wires with Vera Cruz were cut at Otumba, twenty-five miles east of the capital.

Consular advices from Vera Cruz today said the wires were still down and it was improbable that communication would be restored before Gonzales entered the city.

Gonzales Will Prevent Siege.

Vera Cruz dispatches have insisted Gonzales was trying to "save the city from the horrors of attack" and had been ordered to instruct every man to induce the Villa-Zapata troops to withdraw.

The Carranza war department urges that the Red Cross expedition be delayed until after the occupation of the capital.

The foreign chancelleries interested in the Mexican situation have been given to understand that the president will determine on some line of action after he returns from New Hampshire in July. Some of the diplomats here received word that, while residents were starving, \$400,000 worth of foodstuffs were exported to Cuba in the first four months of 1915.

The Carranza agency today issued another disclaimer of food exports from Vera Cruz, and declared food sent from that port had gone to Yucatan.

C. E. Bates, an American arrested at Caborca, Sonora, charged with having imported Carranza currency into Villa territory, has been ordered brought to Nogales, where Consul Simplich reported today, he expects his release.

LAST APPEAL FOR BECKER.

Counsel For Condemned Man Likely to Ask Writ of Supreme Court.

New York, June 25.—Counsel for Charles Becker considered today the advisability of an appeal to the United States supreme court to save Becker from execution in the week of July 12, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. It was reported that a writ of error or habeas corpus might be asked. Either writ would automatically stay Becker's execution.

A letter written to Becker's counsel by a prisoner at Sing Sing, saying he overheard part of a plot by Jack Rose, Harry Vallon and "Bridge" Webber, to "frame" Becker, may be the basis of the proposed appeal. The letter was signed by Joseph Murphy, who said he was in the Tombs prison when Rose, Webber and Vallon were detained there as witnesses. Murphy said he saw the three men conferring in the corridor of the prison, and heard one say:

"We haven't a chance in the world unless we frame Becker up. According to the papers they seem to think Becker had something to do with the murder because Rosenthal made that quawk and it won't be hard to make the people believe it is the truth."

LEAGUE MAGNATES MEET.

Finances and Umpires to Be Discussed at Western League Conference.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 25.—A meeting of Western League officials, called to discuss finances and umpires, opened here today. The clubs are all in much better shape than they were two weeks ago, President O'Neill said.

"I believe all will go thru the season now if the weather is favorable," he said.

Almost all the league umpires have had controversies with the team owners and it is said that the heads of several of the arbitrators may fall.

Question of salary reduction and extending the season to play off postponed games also will be settled.

AUTO VICTIM DIES.

Frank Pelnar, Hurt During Iowa City Races, Succumbs to Injuries.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, June 25.—Frank Pelnar, aged 35, died this morning in a hospital as the result of injuries recently sustained when an automobile plunged thru the fence in the twenty-five mile race at the Iowa City meet. Pelnar was a spectator.

DIES UNDER CAR WHEELS.

Frank Smith Mangled in Illinois Central Yards at Fort Dodge.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, June 25.—Frank Smith, whose residence is unknown, was mangled beneath an Illinois Central train early this morning in the local yards. A sister resides at Dubuque.

Bosch Assigned to Honolulu.

Washington, June 25.—Rear Admiral Boush, lately relieved of command of the second division of the Atlantic fleet, was today designated as commander of the naval station at Honolulu. He succeeds Rear Admiral Moore, who retired July 23, because of his age.