

GERMANS CAPTURE GRODNO

RUSSIANS LOSE LAST OF THEIR BIG FORTRESSES

Russian Forces Continue to Retire along the Galician Border.

GREAT ARTILLERY DUEL French and Germans Are in Bitter Fighting All along Line in the West.

BERLIN, by wireless, Sept. 3.—The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg has captured Grodno, the last of the strong Russian fortresses, to hold out.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—The German troops, which are advancing on the important Russian port of Riga on the Baltic, have made a further consequential gain. Official announcement was made here today that they had captured a position northwest of Friedrichstadt, which is about forty miles from Riga.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The evacuation of Grodno is under way. Petrograd admits officially that Russian forces are being withdrawn from the right bank of the Niemen. The loss by the Russians of the last of their strong fortresses has been expected and the report that its evacuation is imminent caused no surprise here. It has been evident for some time that Grand Duke Nicholas had no intention of allowing a number of men sufficient to maintain a long defense to be penned up in any fortress which could be invested.

Along the Galician border General Ivanoff continues to retire but without inflicting heavy losses on the Austro-German forces.

In the center and the extreme north the Germans are making little progress. The Russians claim another local success near Vilna.

The great artillery duel continues along a large part of the western front held by the French. The ultimate purpose of this activity is still obscure.

The British press is not greatly pleased at the reception by the United States of Germany's promise to modify its submarine campaign. It complains that a promise which does not include protection for merchantmen is inadequate.

Negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria concerning railroad concessions to the latter are again under way. It is not expected in quarters favorable to the entente allies that they will prove successful.

NOT TO MOBILIZE

Troops Generally in October, as Reported, is the Government of Spain.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—Premier Dato of Spain stated today that his government had received no reply from Germany to its protest against the sinking of the Spanish steamship Isidoro by a submarine, except the statement that Germany still lacks information concerning the incident.

In transmitting this information to Paris a correspondent at Madrid adds: "The Spanish government makes formal denial of the statement published abroad that it has determined upon a general mobilization of 800,000 troops in October."

COUNCIL TO MEET.

A regular meeting of the city council is to be held this evening at the usual hour. The business will be mostly routine.

FREE OF DEBT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—With the payment tonight of \$110,159, the Panama-Pacific exposition will be free of debt. To signalize the event a big celebration is planned, in which President Taft will burn the exposition mortgage.

GERMANY THE CAUSE.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—It was learned today that the decision of the French government to hold up American mail for two days before forwarding it was due to the discovery that Germany was communicating with persons in the United States through intermediaries in France.

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INVITED TO FUNERAL

Are Persons by Mrs. Mohr Who is Accused of Inciting Murder of Her Husband.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 3.—Although accused of having incited the murder of her husband, Dr. C. F. Mohr, one of the wealthiest physicians in the state, Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr, released on bond of \$10,000, had full charge of the funeral today of her husband, from whom she had been separated for several months. Mrs. Mohr sent out invitations to the services and asked the Rev. Francis J. Bassett, rector of the church of the Epiphany, to read the Episcopal funeral ritual in the parlors of Dr. Mohr's house in an exclusive residential section of the city. Mrs. Mohr also directed that the burial should take place at the Swan Point cemetery. Only intimate friends of the family were asked to attend the services. Mrs. Mohr arranged that her two children, C. Franklin Mohr, Jr., and Virginia, who have been living with her, return to their former home for their father's funeral. Charles Manning Mohr, of New York, a son of the physician by a former marriage, was also here with the expectation of attending the funeral.

FIVE MURDERERS

Are Put to Death in the Electric Chair at the Sing Sing Prison.

OSSENING, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Five murderers were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison today inside of sixty-five minutes. The men in the order of their execution were Antonio Salemeo, of Rochester county; Pasquale Venditti, of New York; Louis M. Roach, of Palisade; Thomas Tarpey and William Perry, of New York; Roach was convicted of the murder of John Barrett, a Palatine Bridge farmer on the night of December 22, 1913. Venditti snatched and killed Mrs. Alford Carmela, with whom he boarded in Brooklyn, on July 25, 1914. Tarpey killed Michael Crea, foreman of a paper factory where he had worked in Brooklyn, on May 30, 1914. Salemeo murdered his bride of a few weeks in June, 1914.

BURGLAR KILLED

By Badly Beaten Chief of Police and Another One is Captured.

HINGHAM, Sept. 3.—After he had been badly beaten by two prisoners who were attempting an escape, Chief of Police Washington James killed one and saw the other captured today. The chief got his man within two hours after the attack in which his skull was fractured and his nose broken by blows with a hammer. He was taken to a hospital where his condition was said to be serious. The dead man was known as James Harmon. Two street car employees, who saw the men leave the jail, released James. The chief started in pursuit in an automobile and overtook the men half a mile from the jail. When he called upon them to surrender Harmon replied with two shots from the chief's revolver. When James began shooting and his third bullet went through Harmon's head.

ANOTHER SHIP SUNK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—The British ship William C. Lewis, owned by Hindm Rolph and Company, of San Francisco was fired on and is believed to have been sunk today off Queenstown by a submarine, according to a message received here by the marine department of the chamber of commerce. It sailed from Everett, Wash., March 29 for Sheerness, Eng., with a cargo of lumber.

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BANDITS KILLED

As Well as a Mexican Woman by United States Soldiers in Texas.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 3.—Three of the Mexican bandits operating just north of here were killed last night by county officers at Las Quartas, five miles east of Barreda Station, fourteen miles north of Brownsville, according to information received here today. In addition to the Mexicans killed last night, it is said a Mexican woman deserted by her husband when one of the outlaws appeared at their home north of here last night was accidentally killed by United States soldiers when she approached them in the darkness in search of protection.

Quick retribution apparently is being meted out to the band which early yesterday burned a trestle north of Brownsville and murdered two Americans, Earl Donaldson and J. S. Smith. The Americans were tortured before being killed by a volley of bullets. At Fort Brown it was said today infantry and cavalry would remain in the field until the bandits are captured or killed. The body of Earl Donaldson will be sent to his former home in Montgomery, Mo. Smith will be buried at San Benito.

TROOPS ORDERED OUT.

ABLANY, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Governor Whitman today ordered out Company C of the national guard stationed at Watertown to take charge of the strike situation at the St. Regis Paper mills at Deferiet. The governor said he had no details regarding the situation.

POWER TO JAIL

Witnesses for Contempt Colorado's Military Court is Declared to Possess.

DENVER, Sept. 3.—The military court of inquiry investigating charges against Adjutant General John Chase and other officers of the national guard of Colorado is authorized to imprison witnesses, civil or military, who refuse to answer questions, according to an opinion transmitted to Governor Carlson today by Attorney General Farrar. The attorney general held that under the Colorado statute the military court has power similar to that of a civil tribunal to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses. This power will give the court the right to issue attachments for the arrest of recalcitrant witnesses and if they persisted in their refusal to answer questions to put them in jail for contempt.

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HUNDREDS OF BRITISH SOLDIERS DROWNED BY A TURKISH MINE

Six Hundred Bodies of Men on Transport Sunk at Straits Are Recovered.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—"Telegrams from Sofia," says the Overseas News Agency today, "state that off the entrance to the Dardanelles a British transport struck a mine and sank with 320 officers, 1,250 soldiers and 300 members of the crew, all of whom were drowned. Six hundred bodies were recovered."

The British government officially announced August 27 that the British transport Royal Edward had been sunk on August 11 in the Aegean sea by a German submarine. The number of troops on board was given as 1,250 with 320 officers and members of the crew. In the absence of the date for sinking of the transport reported through Sofia it is uncertain whether this refers to the sinking of the Royal Edward or to the loss of another transport by the British.

CARDINAL GIBBONS

Declines to Make Public Contents of the Pope's Message to Wilson.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 3.—Cardinal Gibbons maintained his reticent attitude today respecting the contents of the message from Pope Benedict, which he delivered to President Wilson yesterday. "A cablegram was sent to the pope stating that the president had received with great satisfaction the communication of the holy father," said the cardinal. "Pending the receipt of any further instructions from the pontiff, I must decline to make any disclosures or comment concerning the message."

SAME ACTIVITY.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—The French war office today issued the following statement: "In the course of last night our artillery displayed the same activity as has been the case recently without notable incident."

LOCAL HORSE WINS.

Lord Stout, owned by Ross F. Stout and Brothers, of this city, won a silver loving cup and a stake of \$600 for its owners by taking the three-year-old class trotting event at the Washington, Pa., fair Thursday afternoon. The local horse finished fourth in the first heat, but came back strong, winning the next three heats.

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PEACE EFFORT

Is Not to Be Made by the United States until Both Sides Desire the Same.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The United States will make no further efforts to bring about peace in Europe until it has received information that its good offices will be welcomed by both sides in the conflict. This was stated authoritatively here today in official discussion of the message from Pope Benedict, delivered to President Wilson yesterday by Cardinal Gibbons.

From the fact that the Vatican is in close touch with Austria the construction placed by officials upon the pope's message is that the Germanic powers will be willing to discuss peace at this time. It was stated by those in close touch with the administration that similar word will have to be received from Great Britain and her allies before the president will make further moves. President Wilson has made it clear several times that his original offer of services to bring about peace still stands and that he will do everything possible to further the movement.

The United States, however, will do nothing likely to endanger its position as a friend to all belligerents, it was said. The pope's message will not be made public by this government, although there would be no objections if Cardinal Gibbons gives it out. Enough of the contents of the message is known, however, to give basis for indicating that Austria, Germany and Turkey are not adverse to discussing peace.

PLANT BURNED

Spark from a Passing Railroad Engine Supposed to Be the Cause.

MARTINSBURG, Sept. 3.—The entire plant and equipment of Adamantine Clay Products Company located at North Mountain, this county, has been wiped out by fire which is supposed to have been caused by sparks from a passing Baltimore and Ohio railroad engine. There was no fire protection at the plant and as the buildings were mostly of frame, they were speedily reduced to ashes. Practically all the costly machinery, and even the books and papers in the office were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with insurance of \$37,000. The company was composed of Beckley and Jefferson county and Martinsburg people. The company only recently closed a contract with government officials at Washington for the output of the plant for the next six months. The plant will be rebuilt immediately.

FIRST SUBMARINE BASE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The first of the American submarine bases contemplated in the plan for an inner defense line of submarines along all coasts will be located at New London, Ct. The buildings of the coast guard training school abandoned in 1911, will be used to house the men of the submarine fleet. The navy department is now working out details.

TURKS SURROUNDED.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—An important part of the Turkish forces on the Gallipoli peninsula has been surrounded by the allies and its surrender is imminent, says a despatch from Athens.

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Great Tabernacle Campaign at Salem Promising Success in Soul-Saving.

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A personal workers class from all the churches is held each evening under the direction of Prof. Myers, that is proving of special benefit. Meetings for young men and young women are being conducted under the leadership of a specialist of the party for this purpose. In a survey of the work it is in a very interesting condition, and the present status of the revival highly pleasing to those in charge and the pastors of the various churches represented.

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NO EXTRA SESSION OF STATE SOLONS

To Act on Petitions for An Amendment to Sell Beers and Light Wines.

GOVERNOR HATFIELD GETS PREMIUM HAM.

Abe Lowther, prominent farmer of West Milford, is fully appreciative of Governor Hatfield's interest in the Central West Virginia Fair and in order to give substantial evidence of it he has presented to the governor a fine country cured ham, weighing twenty-seven pounds, which took first premium at the fair. The big ham is to be shipped to the governor at Charleston as soon as the people get through looking at it at the fair.

MRS. WERY DEAD

Well Known Belgium Woman Passes Away After An Illness of Dropsy.

Mrs. Josephine Elizabeth Wery, aged 79 years, widow of the late John Wery, died at 5 o'clock Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Woodruff, 131 West Pike street, following an illness of dropsy and diseases incident to old age.

Mrs. Wery was born December 3, 1836, at Jumet, Belgium, and came to this country when a young woman. She is survived by three daughters and a son. The daughters are, Mrs. Irma Denet, who resides in Belgium; Mrs. Julia Kurtz and Mrs. James Woodruff, of this city. The son is John Wery, of Columbus, O. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Woodruff and the burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery.

MURDER MYSTERY

In the City of Camden, N. J., is No Nearer Solution by Police of That City.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—The police of this city and of Camden, N. J., have apparently made no progress in their effort to solve the mystery surrounding the murder of Samuel S. Cord, the wealthy real estate man of Laurel Springs, N. J., who was found dead on the outskirts of Camden last Tuesday with five bullet wounds in his body. The Philadelphia police still stick to the theory that Cord was killed in a business quarrel. Olga Peterson, of Riverton, N. J., a partner of Cord's in some ventures, is still detained by the Camden authorities as a material witness, but he may be given his liberty today.

GERMAN ENTRY

Into a French City a Year Ago is Celebrated With Eulogies of Dead Mayor.

SENLIS, France, Sept. 3.—The anniversary of the German entry into this city and the execution of Mayor Eugene Odey and seventeen citizens was commemorated yesterday with a simple ceremony. After a religious service at the cathedral the people gathered before the soldiers' monument in the cemetery and listened to addresses in which tribute was paid to the heroism of the mayor by Deputy Mayor Parseval.

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GOVERNOR SAYS THAT

Rousing Reception Given Chief Executive Who Makes a Stirring Address at Fair.

"You can just put it in your hat," declared Governor H. D. Hatfield at the Central West Virginia fair here Thursday afternoon "that Henry D. Hatfield will not call any special session of the legislature for the purpose of repealing or weakening the prohibition laws of the state."

The governor was referring to the circulation of petitions in various parts of the state, calling on him to convoke the legislature to modify the liquor laws so as to permit the use of wines and beers.

"I firmly believe that the great majority of the people of West Virginia are in favor of drastic prohibition laws," said the governor, "and it is my duty as I conceive it to carry out their wishes so far as it is in my power. I believe it is a better thing all around, especially for our boys and girls. West Virginians are striving for better social and moral conditions, for a higher plane of civilization, and they are to be commended and helped in their endeavors."

Governor Hatfield brought forth a terrific storm of applause when, in his address, he advocated stronger national defense. "Our army and our navy should be strengthened," he declared. "They should be made sufficiently strong to command the respect to which this nation is entitled. They should be sufficiently strong to protect American citizens both at home and abroad."

The governor spoke for more than an hour to a vast throng from the grandstand at the fair, dwelling largely upon state conditions and his progress that has been made during his administration.

It was the "big day" of the fair and it had been designated as "Governor's day" in honor of the chief executive who was a special guest of honor, with other state officials.

Twenty thousand persons attended and witnessed a splendid program of racing and other events.

Governor Hatfield's remarks regarding the prohibition law were extemporaneous. A summary of his address is as follows: "Ladies and Gentlemen: 'We have met here to add whatever encouragement our presence may be worth to those who are responsible for the success of this fair. Such exhibits as we see here mean much to those who are interested in the improvement of stock and the development of the more advanced methods of farming."

"Blessings of Nature. 'We are located geographically in a country unsurpassed by wealth of a diversified nature, and Harrison county is in the heart of one of the very richest sections of our state. Its soil underlaid with one of the finest veins of coal of varying thickness, rich in oil and illuminating gas; its hills and valleys growing the finest crops of any and all varieties known to the farming industry; its valleys green with the finest blue grass, and upon its thousand hills can be seen stock of the highest quality. You people are indeed surrounded by all the wealth that nature can afford."

"There are many reasons why we, as West Virginians, should be thankful for all these bounteous gifts of nature, and the care of paternalism must not be lost sight of; we are only the custodians of these great riches, which we must sacredly guard and hand down unprofaned to our posterity. Received by us from our forefathers, who in turn braved the mighty hurricane of war, desolation and ruin which they experienced in the epoch in which they lived, we therefore, as their descendants, cannot be too thankful to them for these great heritages which we are enjoying. We cannot give thoughts too serious to our duty in guarding these natural resources which will affect so greatly generations unborn in an economic and social way."

"We as a people have indeed been prosperous, due to the great store."

OAK TREE

From Valley Forge is Planted by the Governor of Pennsylvania on the Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—This was Pennsylvania day at the Panama-Pacific exposition and more than 1,000 visiting Pennsylvanians were to participate in the exercises. Proceeding the exercises at the Pennsylvania pavilion, where the Liberty Bell is now on exhibition, a military parade consisting of the Second regiment of the Pennsylvania national guard, a battalion of United States marines and detachments of coast artillery and cavalry was to be reviewed by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania. An oak tree from Valley Forge was to be planted by the governor.

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