

VILNA FALLS TO VON HINDENBURG

ONE MORE STEP IN VICTORIOUS MARCH OF THE GERMAN TROOPS.

RUSSIAN ARMY IS IN DANGER

Once More There is a Possibility of Czar's Troops Being Entirely Surrounded by Invaders.

London.—The Germans have occupied Vilna and by a wide sweeping movement to the northward of that city have succeeded in almost if not entirely surrounding a portion of the Russian army, which is fighting in the railway triangle between Vilna, Lida and Vileika.

At any rate the Russian forces in this district either must fight their way out eastward or retire in a south-easterly direction, for the only railway left entirely in their hands is that which runs from Vilna to Lida and thence to Baranovitch.

The army of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, which took Vilna and has reached Vileika to the east of Vilna, is working in close cooperation with that of Archduke Leopold of Bavaria in an effort to catch a part of the Russian army, an operation which has been so often tried without success since the Austro-Germans commenced their drive in western Galicia in early May.

Vilna, a city of some 170,000 inhabitants on the Warsaw-Petrograd railway line, has been the object of a German offensive movement for weeks past in the course of the widespread operations of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the northern end of the extended battle line in the east.

After the fall of Povo to the northwest and Grodno to the southwest no fortress barrier remained before the Germans moving on Vilna, but stubborn defensive measures were taken by the Russians to hold back the Teutonic advance, Vilna being the northern key position on the important strategic railway running southeastward to Rovno which the Russians were striving to retain. It was on this line, running through Lida that the defenders of Vilna apparently had their sole opportunity to retreat along railway routes when the German offensive recently developed intensive force, the lines southwest of the city and those to the north and the east having been cut.

CARRANZA MAY GET RECOGNITION

A. B. C. Conference Thinks He Has Strongest Party.

New York.—Secretary Lanning, representing the United States government and the representatives of Chile, Argentina and Brazil and minister from Uruguay resolved at their meeting here that the time had come for the extension of formal recognition to a government in Mexico.

Three weeks from now another meeting of the conference will be held in Washington at which a decision is to be made as to the elements upon which recognition should be conferred.

A formal statement issued by the conference declared that inasmuch as the factions themselves had failed to come to an agreement, recognition would be accorded to the de facto authorities possessing the material and moral capacity necessary to protect the lives and property of nationals and foreigners.

Each of the several governments, it was announced, would itself judge such capacity and recognition will likewise be extended by each government separately at such time as it may deem proper.

Unless the military situation in Mexico takes a decided turn within the next three weeks in favor of General Villa, who has concentrated his forces for battle with General Obregon, the Carranza, commander-in-chief at Torreon, most of the conferees were of the opinion that the Carranza government would logically be entitled to recognition.

Enrique C. Lorente, representative of General Villa, expressed confidence that within three weeks there would be ample proof of inability of Carranza to control the territory he claims. He would not state what plans for a guerrilla campaign had been made, but it is understood that General Villa, occupying Chihuahua as a base, will send flying columns into various parts of the republic and by a series of sensational dashes endeavor to show the helplessness of Carranza. There also will be a renewal of activity by the Zapata forces in the south.

Internal Trouble in Russia. Berlin.—Stockholm dispatches say the socialist deputy Tchenias and seventeen other members of the Russian duma have been arrested. The duma buildings in Petrograd and all the railway stations have been occupied by the military, the advices add. Considerable dissatisfaction was evinced last week when the Russian duma was prorogued to the middle of November. The cabinet had objected to the program of reforms proposed by the majority and had threatened to resign.

STEFANSSON ALIVE AND SAFE



First definite tidings that the world has received from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, for a year and a half were received by the naval department, which sent him and his companions on their perilous trip to the frozen north. Stefansson's advices came from Nome, Alaska, an unreported all safe.

CONDEMN U. S. MEAT CARGOES

BRITISH PRIZE COURT DECIDES AGAINST PACKERS.

\$15,000,000 Loss On Cargoes Which British Claim Were Intended For Germans.

London.—The British prize court condemned the greater part of the American products forming the cargoes of four steamships. The products, valued at several millions of dollars, are declared forfeited to the crown.

The judgment was delivered by Sir Samuel T. Evans, president of the court. It involves the cargoes of the Norwegian steamships Kim, Alfred Nobel, Bjornstjerne Bjornson and Fridland. All the goods on these vessels consisting principally of the American meat products, are confiscated, with the exception of a small proportion which the court released to claimants.

The case has been pending for several months. The steamships were seized last November and although efforts were made by the American owners to obtain an early trial the British court set the trial for June. The hearing closed last month and judgment was reserved until last week.

In a lengthy judgment Sir Samuel said it was plain these ships were carrying toward Copenhagen, when captured, more than thirteen times the amount of goods which under normal circumstances would have been taken to that port. That fact gave practical and overwhelming assurances that the goods were intended to find their way to Germany although of course it did not prove conclusively that they were destined for an enemy of Great Britain.

One circumstance throwing light on the real destination of the goods, Sir Samuel said, was that the exportation of lard by one American company alone to Copenhagen in three weeks after the outbreak of the war was twenty times more than in periods of peace. As to tins of canned meat he said, it had not been shown they had been sent to Denmark in any great quantity before the war, yet hundreds of thousands were on the way when the vessels were captured. These tins, it seemed, could not have been meant for any persons other than German soldiers.

Chicago.—The meat cargoes confiscated by Great Britain will be a complete loss to the packers, according to Thomas E. Wilson, president of Morris & Co., as there were no advance payments made on the shipments. If the confiscation of American meat cargoes ordered in London is upheld on appeal from the British prize court, Chicago packers will lose approximately \$15,000,000 at which the shipments were valued.

REPORT OF BELGIAN COMMISSION

Belgiums Themselves Contribute Much To The Fund.

London.—The first complete report of the commission for relief in Belgium, covering the first eight months of its existence, reveals that in income and expenditure the organization forms the greatest relief movement of history. The commission has collected and distributed \$50,000,000, \$15,000,000 of which has been contributed in the form of money or gift food by the people of the United States and the British empire and Belgium itself. The bulk of the income has come from other than purely philanthropic sources, but the raising of this enormous sum has been exclusively the work of the commission, which by financial arrangements with Belgian individuals and institutions, exchange of currency with Belgium and a system of providing the solvent Belgian inhabitants, has maintained the entire population of a nation for almost a year.

A remarkable feature of the report which has hitherto received but little notice is the effort being made by the Belgians to help themselves. Over 50 per cent of the money expended by the commission in benevolence is being furnished by Belgians abroad, and a large amount also is being supplied by Belgians in Belgium.

ALLIES WANT A BILLION \$ LOAN

COMMISSION NOW IN NEW YORK TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

PRO-GERMAN BANKS TO HELP

But Sentiment in the West is Not So Favorable.—Germans May Also Take Half a Billion to Tighten Market.

New York.—The pro-German element of New York's financial world probably will be invited to participate if they signify that they desire such an invitation in floating the \$1,000,000,000 credit loan which Great Britain and France hope to establish in this country.

The moneyed faction of this element, Wall Street heard, would be glad to have a chance to help; another faction composed largely of middle western bankers with pro-German sympathies would bitterly oppose participation in raising funds for the use of Germany's enemies even though the money all will be spent in the United States.

Heretofore the commission has met and conferred only with bankers who are proudly in their sympathies and connections.

Some of the largest financial institutions in the United States, including the big bank house of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, which is second in New York only to J. P. Morgan & Company, thus have been excluded by this policy. Apparently it had been taken for granted that it would be useless to ask financiers with German sympathies to contribute their dollars toward the proposed loan. Such a policy, however, was disavowed by Basil H. Blackett, secretary of the commission.

Overtures looking to the possible participation of Kuhn, Loeb & Company in the loan while not made openly, were said to be in the making. James J. Hill, railway builder and financier of the northwest, who has championed the cause of the commission and conferred with J. P. Morgan on the situation, left Mr. Morgan's office for the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Company and there sat down for a twenty-minute talk with his old-time friend, Jacob H. Schiff, a member of the firm.

Not at all in keeping with this cheering word was the intelligence received during the day by the commission as to the activities of certain other German sympathizers, chiefly in the middle-west. In the gossip of Wall Street, pro-German bankers of Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee and other western cities would bitterly oppose any action looking to the financing of a loan by American banks. These bankers, according to reports were prepared not only to resent the suggestion that they might be permitted to participate but would take active steps to combat the tendency of other banks to lend the money.

No one would permit his name to be linked with the report that pro-German sympathizers were prepared to take extreme measures to oppose the flotation of the Franco-British loan, but Wall Street heard that the German sympathizers of the middle west were contemplating as a counter movement the flotation of a \$500,000,000 loan here for Germany with the sole purpose of withdrawing this vast sum from the money markets of America and making it unavailable for the allies.

This was not the only retaliatory measure expressed in the form of a Wall Street rumor. It was said that the more partisan workers were prepared to advocate that the pro-German depositors show their displeasure with any banks participating in the proposed credit loan to France and Great Britain by seeking other depositories for their funds.

Ask Too Much, Think Some. It was the opinion of some of the pro-German bankers that the Anglo-French commission had made a grave mistake in placing its requirements so high as \$1,000,000,000. Such a drain on the resources of the banks and other financial institutions of the country, they assert, would not only be unnecessary, but would constitute a menace to the moneyed interests of the country.

World Series to Open October 8.

Chicago.—The first game in the series for the baseball championship of the world will be played on Friday, October 8. Dan Johnson, president of the American league, said that it was his opinion that the big series should begin on Friday, one day after the close of the respective seasons, although Garry Herrmann, president of the National commission, is said to favor the day following. The first two games will be played on the grounds of the club winning the toss up.

Directors Must Dig Up \$6,000,000.

Chicago.—Judge George A. Carpenter of the United States district court ordered the receivers of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad to start action against present and former directors of the company for the recovery of \$6,000,000. Under the court order the proceedings are to be instituted in the federal court of the southern district of New York. The suits for recovery are to be based on the transactions arising from the acquisition and subsequent divorcing of the "Frisco lines."



RUTH SHEPLEY

Ruth Shepley is a dyed-in-the-wool outdoor girl. She is fond of horses and is a daring equestrienne. She loves dogs. As a driver of racing automobiles she is a charming feminine daredevil.

ROBERTSON HEADS I. O. O. F.

OKLAHOMA CITY MAN ELECTED GRAND SIRE

Sovereign Grand Lodge at Frisco Convention Honors Former Judge of Oklahoma

San Francisco.—Judge J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma City was elected grand sire and Frank C. Goady of Denver, deputy grand sire, at the ninety-first annual session of the sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F. held here.

Judge J. B. A. Robertson, mentioned in the above dispatch, is a well known resident of Oklahoma City and a member of the law firm of Burford, Robertson & Hoffman. He was born on a farm in Keokuk, Iowa, March 15, 1871, and was educated in the common schools of that state, coming to Oklahoma while yet a territory in 1891, locating near Chandler, Lincoln county, where he engaged in farming and school teaching. In 1898 he was admitted to the bar and has been actively engaged in his profession since that time, having served as county attorney of Lincoln county, district judge of the Tenth judicial district and a member of the supreme court commission until his resignation to enter the democratic gubernatorial race in 1914. He joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Keswick, Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1891, and transferred his membership to Chandler Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., at Chandler; entered the grand lodge of Oklahoma in 1900 and was elected deputy grand master in 1905; grand master, 1906, and has been one of the grand representatives to the sovereign grand lodge since that time; he was elected deputy grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge at the 1914 convention at Atlantic City, N. J., and by the death of Judge Robert T. Daniel in May, 1915, became acting grand sire and was unanimously elected grand sire at the ninety-first annual session of the sovereign grand lodge at San Francisco. As grand sire he has jurisdiction and general supervision of the affairs of the order throughout the world.

HUBBY WAS SHOT BY A NURSE

And His Widow Values His Life at \$67,000.

San Antonio.—Sue to recover \$67,000 life insurance in three companies was filed in the Thirty-seventh district court by Mrs. Emma Koehler, widow of Otto Koehler, the millionaire brewer, who was shot and killed in this city November 12, 1914. Koehler was shot to death in the home of Miss Hedda Burgemeister, a trained nurse, who admitted committing the deed. She was indicted and later released on a habeas corpus hearing in \$7,500 bond which was forfeited when the case was called for trial. She left a note which was read in court to the effect that she had gone to Europe to accept service as a war nurse.

Vergera's Murderer Caught.

Laredo, Texas.—Apolonio Rodriguez, a former captain in Victoriano Huerta's army, was lodged in jail here by Texas rangers on a charge of stealing thirteen horses from Clemente Vergera, a Texas ranchman in February, 1914. Vergera was enticed by Mexicans to an island in the Rio Grande on Feb. 13, 1914, by the statement that he would receive payment for thirteen horses stolen from his Texas ranch. Vergera was kidnapped when he reached the island and later killed and buried on Mexican soil.

His Plea. "Well, Cuddyhump," said Squire Peavy, addressing a colored citizen who was suspected of having wandered from the straight and narrow path, "what have you to say for yourself?" "Den dis, yo' honah—dis yuh am muh prevarication," was the reply. "Nemmine wadder I's guilty or not, but dess tempt mercy wid jestice, and tuhnn me loose. Tuhnn me loose, sah, and sho's yo' hawn I'll do as much for yo' some time!"

Answered. Harbor (finishing up)—How do you part your hair, sir? Customer—With a comb.

The Appropriate Thing. "What did they do when that speaker caught fire?" "Sent in a still alarm."

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He Took a Chance.

"It's a good thing you had accident insurance, isn't it? That fall must have laid you up for two weeks."

"I know, but it doesn't help me out in this case."

"And why not?" "Why, it carried a clause forbidding me to engage in any extra hazardous occupation."

"Well, you weren't, were you?" "Yes, I was trying to sell Jones some life insurance."

Of Course. Mamma was taking daughter to task.

"I don't like the way you and Jack hang over the front gate every evening," she remonstrated.

"Well, as to that, there's a great deal to be said on both sides," replied daughter.—Judge.

Waning of the Honeymoon. Young Wife (six weeks marriage)—Darling, do you love me still?

Husband—What a silly question! Why, of course I love you still—and the stiller the better.

Nothing to Feed. Donald—I'm tryin' feesh, Sandy. It's an elegant brain food, ye ken.

Sandy—Fine! But, man, in your case it seems a pity to waste the feesh.

Relaxation. "What did your husband think of the ball game?"

"Oh, he doesn't go there to think. He just hollers."

When a young man is sure he can't live without a certain girl he ought to marry her and discover his mistake.

NEW CURE FOR RHEUMATISM

Woman Who Had Suffered for Many Years is Cured by Bolt of Lightning.

The medical faculty was put to shame by a bolt of lightning which the other night struck the farmhouse of Charles A. Burdick, on Washington Ridge, says the Berlin (Conn.) correspondent of the New York Herald. The electric bolt destroyed articles in all the eight rooms of the house and did damage exceeding \$1,000, but it cured Mrs. Burdick of rheumatism, from which she had suffered for many years.

Mrs. Burdick was about to put wood in the kitchen stove when the bolt struck her, knocking her down and rendering her unconscious. One of her feet was on zinc beneath the stove. The lightning took a nail out of the sole of her shoe and her foot was severely burned. Dr. Thomas Mulligan of New Britain soon revived her.

Today Mrs. Burdick, although suffering from the burns on her foot, was free from rheumatic pains. She does not think the price her husband must pay in repairs to the house too high, but Mr. Burdick is discreetly silent.

Some Town.

"We're a growing town," said the leading citizen of Painted Post.

"I don't know," said the traveling man, "there aren't any more people here than there was last year."

"I know that," said the proud resident, "but the Smith twins put on long pants last week."

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