

GERMANS ATTACK WARSAW FORTS

ARMIES BEGIN TERRIFIC ASSAULT ON POLISH CAPITAL NOW DEFENDED BY RUSSIANS.

Main Russian Armies Are Making a Leisurely Retreat, it Being the Aim of Germans to Intercept Their Flight.

After having tried for three weeks to force the Russians to evacuate Warsaw and the Polish salient by encircling movements from the north and pressure from the west, the Austro-Germans have commenced attacks on the fortresses of the capital and those of Lomza and Ostrolenka, to the northeast, and Ivangorod to the southeast.

Berlin claims that the Russians have been driven back to the advanced defenses of Lomza, that the Narew has been crossed near Ostrolenka; that driven out of their Blonkie positions the Russians have fallen back into the outer lines of Warsaw, which the Bavarians are attacking, and that the Austrians have captured the western part of the fortress of Ivangorod.

Thus what should prove a decisive battle for the Polish capital has begun in earnest.

In the meantime Field Marshal von Mackensen is slowly advancing from the southeast between the Vistula and the Bug in an effort to cut off the Russian armies, which apparently are making a leisurely exit from Warsaw and the western lines; while General von Buelow, in his wider encircling movement through Courland, has reached Kupischki, some fifty miles west of Dvinsk, on the Vilna-Petrograd railway.

Although the operations of Von Mackensen and Von Buelow appear to offer the most dangerous threats to the retreating Russian armies, the Russian general staff is paying more attention to Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who has been trying with more or less success to force the line of the Narew. Here the Russians are offering the most stubborn resistance and, according to an official dispatch from Petrograd, in two battles of three days each succeeded in checking the Germans and inflicting heavy losses on them. The Russians also admit severe casualties.

On the whole the Russians, so far as can be gathered from the official reports, are making an extremely orderly retreatment. They are losing comparatively few prisoners and, except for the thirty-two guns abandoned to the west of Ivangorod, the Germans make no claims to the capture of heavy pieces of artillery.

Quiet has settled down along the western front except in the Argonne and the Vosges, where German attempts to recapture lost ground or take new trenches have failed, according to the French communication.

New moves of the greatest importance are anticipated in the near east. Ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy have had a conference with the Greek government. A dispatch from Paris says that an Italian officer recently arrived at British headquarters in the Mediterranean to arrange for this.

Shoots Business Associate.

Louisville, Ky.—Frank M. Cockrell, son of former United States Senator Francis M. Cockrell of Missouri, was liberated on an appearance bond after having been taken into custody on the charge of shooting W. C. Brohm, vice-president and general manager of a Louisville manufacturing company. Brohm may recover.

Britons Pray for Victory.

London.—The British empire united on August 4 in prayerful observance of the anniversary of the declaration of war against Germany. In virtually every city and town in the British Isles, as well as in all parts of the dominions and colonies overseas, the day was one of intercession and prayer.

Confesses Wrecking Train.

Salt Lake City.—Confessing to having wrecked the Denver & Rio Grande passenger train near Springville, when scores of men and women narrowly escaped injury and death, Harry G. Houts, a printer, surrendered here Wednesday. The police say Houts is apparently insane.

Eight-hour Campaign Progressing.

New York.—J. J. Keppler, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists, announced Wednesday that five shops in the New York district, employing in all trades about 3,000 persons, had granted the eight-hour day and a general increase in wages.

Business Conditions Improved.

Washington.—General business conditions throughout the country continue to show improvement, but until crops are harvested, the full measure of this improvement cannot be judged, according to the monthly bulletin of the federal reserve board.

Leaves \$5,000 for Care of Dog.

Chicago.—David Russell Greene, the wholesale druggist of Chicago, who was killed in an automobile accident a few weeks ago, leaves \$5,000 for the care of his dog "Nellie."

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE

ENGLISHMEN DECLARE THAT THE CONTENTION OF THE U. S. IS UNSUSTAINABLE.

Changed Conditions of Warfare, the Note Contends, Requires a New Application of the Principles of International Law.

Washington.—Great Britain's replies to the latest American representations against interference with neutral commerce reject entirely the contention that the orders in council are illegal and justify the British course as being wholly within international law.

"Unsustainable either in point of law or upon principles of international equity," is the British reply to the American protest against the blockade of neutral ports, with an invitation to submit to international arbitration any cases in which the United States is dissatisfied with the action of British prize courts.

Great Britain's reply, embodied in two notes, one supplemental, was made public here and in London simultaneously, on August 2, by agreement between the two governments. With the notes was made public also the correspondence over the American steamer Neches, seized by the British while en route from Rotterdam to the United States with goods of German origin. All the correspondence aggregates 7,000 words.

Changed conditions of warfare, the British note contends, require a new application of the principles of international law. The advent of the submarine, the airship and the alleged atrocities by German troops in Belgium are cited as justification for the exercise of extreme measures. The blockade is justified on the contention that the universally-recognized fundamental principle of a blockade is that a belligerent is entitled to cut off "by effective means the sea-borne commerce of the enemy."

The note reiterates that Great Britain will continue to apply the orders complained of, although not without every effort to avoid embarrassment to neutrals, and observes that the American statistics show that any loss in trade with Germany and Austria has been more than overbalanced by the increase of other industrial activities due to the war.

In the general reply to the American representations against the orders in council Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, addressing Ambassador Page, begins by expressing the hope that he may be able to convince the administration at Washington "that the measures we have announced are not only reasonable and necessary in themselves, but constitute no more than an adaptation of the old principles of blockade to the peculiar circumstances with which we are confronted."

"I need scarcely dwell," wrote Sir Edward, "on the obligations incumbent upon the allies to take every step in their power to overcome their common enemy in view of the shocking violations of the recognized rules and principles of civilized warfare of which he has been guilty during the present struggle."

D. A. THOMAS



D. A. Thomas, a great Welsh coal producer, has come to America to supervise the purchase of munitions in this country and Canada for Great Britain. He thinks the war may last two or three years longer.

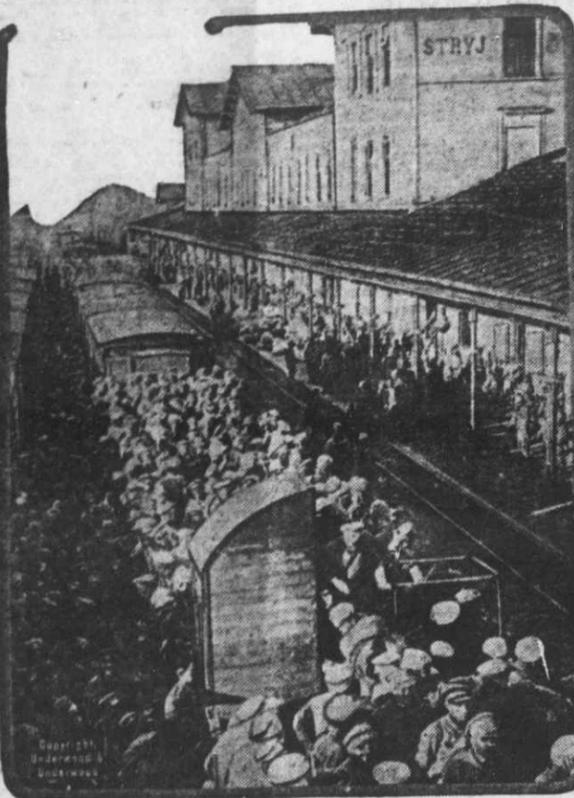
Grasshoppers Cause Damage.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Serious damage by grasshoppers to crops in Eddy and Chaves counties is reported here from Carlsbad. Crops of alfalfa, corn, cane and kaffir in the Pecos valley have been devastated.

Miners Escape Terrible Fate.

Indiana, Pa.—Wading in water, at times up to their necks, 450 miners escaped early Tuesday from the Sample Run mine, near here, after being imprisoned for several hours. It is believed that no lives were lost.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS AT STRYJ



Great throng of Russian prisoners of war at Stryj.

POPE APPEALS TO POWERS FOR PEACE

IMPLORES RULERS TO STOP CARNAGE WHICH FOR A YEAR HAS DISHONORED EUROPE.

"This is the Blood of Brothers That is Being Shed on Land and Sea."—Rulers Are Asked to Put an End to Terrible Strife.

Paris.—Pope Benedict has made an appeal to the warring nations to end the war which has been in progress in Europe for the past twelve months. In his appeal he says:

When we were called to succeed to the apostolic throne of Pope Pius X, whose upright and exemplary life was brought to an end by the fratricidal struggle which broke out in Europe, we, too, felt—after gazing fearfully upon the bloody battlefield—the despair of a father who witnesses his home torn asunder and ravaged by a furious tempest.

We thought, with inexpressible sorrow, of our young sons cut down by death; we felt in our heart, enlarged by Christian charity, the great unspeakable sadness of mothers and of wives made widows before their times, and the tears of children deprived too soon of parental guidance.

Today, on the sad anniversary of the terrible conflict, our heart gives forth the wish that the war will soon end. We raise again our voice to utter a fatherly cry for peace. May this cry, dominating the frightful noise of arms, reach the warring peoples and their chiefs and induce kindly and more serene intentions.

In the name of the Lord God; in the name of the Father and Lord in heaven; in the name of the blessed blood of Jesus—the price of the redemption of humanity—we implore the belligerent nations before divine providence forthwith to end the horrible carnage, which for a year has been dishonoring Europe.

This is the blood of brothers that is being shed on land and sea. The most beautiful regions of Europe—this garden of the world—are sown with bodies and ruins. There, where recently fields and factories thrived, cannon now roar in a frightful manner in a frenzy of demolition, sparing neither cities nor villages and spreading the ravages of death.

You who before God and men are charged with the grave responsibility of peace and war, listen to our prayer, listen to the fatherly voice of the vicar of the eternal and supreme judge, to whom you should give account of your public works as well as private actions.

Becker Laid at Rest.

New York.—The funeral of Charles Becker, executed in Sing Sing prison for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was held Monday from the Church of St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the Bronx. So great was the crowd around the church and the Becker home nearby that the police reserves had to be called to handle it.

Woman Pastor Expelled.

London.—The Rev. Gertrude von Petzold, the woman pastor of a Unitarian church in Birmingham and who is known in the United States, has been expelled from England by order of the British home office. She had lived here eighteen years.

Receivership Ended.

Seattle, Wash.—The receivership of the Goldfield Merger Mines company, a Washington corporation holding Nevada properties, was terminated by court order Friday.

FRENCH MARINES LANDED IN HAITI

ACTION IS TAKEN AFTER THE CONSENT OF UNITED STATES HAS BEEN SECURED.

Detachment From French Cruiser Guarding Legation at Port au Prince From Which President Was Taken by Mob and Assassinated.

Washington.—With the consent of the United States French marines have been landed at Port au Prince, Haiti, where last week's revolution overturned the government and necessitated the landing of an expeditionary force from the United States cruiser Washington to restore order. A detachment from the cruiser Descartes is now guarding the French legation, from which President Guillaume was taken by a mob and assassinated.

A request for the guard was presented by the French minister at Port au Prince and cabled to Washington by Rear Admiral Caperton in command of the American expeditionary forces.

The French minister had expressed an urgent desire that his legation be guarded by French sailors inasmuch as the Descartes had arrived at Port au Prince. The minister thought also that the French guard would be able to lighten the burden on Admiral Caperton's 400 men to some extent.

Upon receipt of Admiral Caperton's cablegram, Secretary Daniels conferred with Secretary of State Lansing. Mr. Lansing could see no objection to the landing of a small detachment from the Descartes for the special purpose of guarding the French legation. No complications would arise from such action in the secretary's opinion and Admiral Caperton was instructed to afford the French minister all facilities for landing the French guard.

CLOUDBURST IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Many Fatalities and Great Loss of Property as Result of Flood.

Erie, Pa.—Twenty-five lives lost, as estimated by the police, millions of dollars in property damage and the city in total darkness is the result of a cloudburst shortly after 6 o'clock Tuesday night that culminated in a flood that inundated a large section of the city.

The heavy precipitation caused dams south of the city to burst, flooding the main business streets to a depth of five feet.

Strike is Averted.

New York.—The threatened strike of 60,000 members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union in greater New York will not go into effect at present as was planned by union leaders.

Labor of Million Needed.

London.—The labor of a million men will be required to insure the predominance of the British fleet at sea, the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, declared at a meeting at Preston.

Alton Pleads for Coast Defense.

Berkeley, Cal.—From the pulpit of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church here Sunday, Judge Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate in 1904 for president, made a plea for stronger coast defenses.

Eight Die From Heat.

Philadelphia.—With an official temperature of 96, Sunday surpassed Philadelphia's highest record for any August 1 in the history of the local weather bureau. There were eight deaths reported as due to the heat.

BANKERS ASKED TO HELP MOVE CROPS

LETTER IS ADDRESSED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO TWELVE REGIONAL BANKS.

Action Taken to Forestall Any Possibility of Confession of Crops This Fall or Lack of Financial Accommodation to Move Them.

Washington.—Preliminary plans designed to make available the resources of the federal reserve system in the annual fall movement of crops have been worked out by the federal reserve board. Writing to the twelve regional banks, the board pointed out in a letter made public Monday how members of the system may help to finance the crop movement.

The board's action was taken, the letter says, to forestall any possibility of congestion of crops this fall or lack of financial accommodation to move them and to avoid a recurrence of the stringency which in the past has marked this movement.

Although the board applies its plan to wheat, corn and all other cereals, it devotes most attention to the cotton crop, which, it says, is peculiarly sensitive to abnormal conditions, such as now exist in the export trade.

Usually the crop movement has been taken care of by government deposits in banks or the issue of emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act, which expired last month. In place of these agencies, the board states, there is ample authority in the federal reserve act to meet the situation this fall.

SWALLOWED BY QUICKSAND.

Power Plant Caves in; Three Laborers Killed and Eight Injured.

Hudson, N. Y.—Three laborers were killed and eight injured, one of whom may die, when the power plant of the Knickerbocker Cement company at Greenport, half a mile east of here, was submerged in quicksand.

Without warning the plant, together with land about it to the extent of three acres, caved in to a depth of thirty feet. Officials of the company, which employs between 700 and 800 men, declared it would be several months before the plant could resume.

Mexican Merchants Murdered.

El Paso, Texas.—Confiscation of the property of merchants doing business in Villa territory and execution of six of forty-two Mexican merchants, imprisoned by the northern leader after a conference at which unsuccessful efforts were made to raise a forced loan, were reported by persons arriving here from Chihuahua City, where the conference was held.

Goethals Called to Washington.

Panama.—Just as he was leaving here Monday on board the steamer Pastores for New York for his vacation, Major General George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, received instructions to appear in Washington immediately instead of beginning his vacation.

Six Injured in Wreck.

Springville, Utah.—Six persons were injured but none seriously when the westbound Scenic Limited on the Denver & Rio Grande, while running at forty-five miles an hour, jumped the track seven miles east of here.

AMERICAN AVIATOR PROMOTED

Arrival in Warsaw, is Reported by the Times.

London.—Prussian Polish perceived by the Times announced the German emperor will make a try into Warsaw the occasion of claiming a new independence for Poland. The announcements in connection with the Times says are entirely inspired, declared that William will include in the program for a new and independent Poland not only the Polish part of Russia, but also the Gallician parts of Austria and certain territory, including the Duchy of Na and Danzig as a free port.

Bank Robber Sentenced

Chandler, Okla.—Henry Starr, charged guilty to bank robbery in strict court and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for which the last of the Starr gang was sentenced to the robbery March 27, 1915. Stroud National bank at Stroud in which the robbers obtained \$100,000.

Utah Loans Building to Colorado

San Francisco.—Monday's session of the Panama-Pacific exposition officials as Colorado day, appropriate exercises were held in Colorado has no pavilion at the exposition, the state of Utah, the commissioners, loaned its building to Colorado for the occasion.

Water Main Dynamited

Bellingham, Wash.—The water leading from the reservoir to the town of Bellingham international border was dynamited Thursday night. The town is adequate water supply.

Californian Banished for

Alameda, Cal.—Fred Westphal, a pioneer miller, has been banished from his native town of Alameda for the remainder of his life, the alternative of three months' imprisonment was refused. Westphal left town.

FEDERAL PROBE OF STEAMER DISASTERS

BOARD HEADED BY SECRETARY REDFIELD TO HEAR EVIDENCE ON EASTLAND TRAGEDY.

Underbaling or Improper Installation of Water Tanks Causes Ship Capsizing, According to Testimony of Inspectors.

Chicago.—With William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, in charge one investigation and a federal jury empaneled by Judge K. M. Daly conducting another, interested centers in the federal government efforts to fix the blame for the capsizing of the steamer Eastland with resultant loss of hundreds of lives.

The six men held responsible by the coroner's verdict, have been arrested. William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, aided by members of steamboat inspection service, So A. L. Thurman, solicitor of the department of commerce, and a number of civilians, invited as an advisory board, heard several witnesses on Thursday and will continue the investigation. The federal grand jury was organized by Judge Landis to proceed with a careful inquiry of the Eastland catastrophe.

Nothing to throw new light on the case of the capsizing of the Eastland was developed before Secretary Redfield. Inspectors and others expressed the opinion that underbaling, or improper manipulation of the water tanks had upset the ship. Reid of Grand Haven, Mich., general inspector who granted the land permission to increase his inspectors from 2,200 to 2,500 on July 1st, testified that the ship had plenty of room for even more passengers and complied with the law by providing the legal amount of life preservers and life rafts. He had on board carry 3,000 persons, said, had inspected the ballast, although not required to do so, had no fear of the ship's stability, son-in-law, J. M. Erickson, chief engineer of the craft. He said never received any favor from officer or owner of the vessel.

REDFIELD ANSWERS CRITICISM

Recent Attack Made Before Had Time to Deliver Eastland Case.

Chicago.—With one week since the steamer Eastland was wharf with 2,500 excursionists on board, investigation to determine for the accident had summoned to a federal grand jury to hear testimony and Secretary of Commerce Redfield, in an examination required by law, Federal Judge Landis forbade examination by others of the desired for the federal grand jury and had taken possession of the all documentary evidence available.

Secretary Redfield on Saturday notice of adverse criticism of inquiry and in a speech before the press said he was profoundly grieved the attacks made on him but had had time to deliver into the investigation any one could provide charges were proper against anyone.

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