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WILL BRING FULL REPORT ON SINKING

Clifford N. Carver, Private Secretary to Ambassador Page, is Now on His Way to America.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS

Crisis is Lessened But Administration Officials Are Far From Being Unduly Optimistic.

LONDON, Aug. 25—Clifford N. Carver, private secretary to Ambassador Page, left London today for America. He is believed to be carrying to Washington the official report of the United States embassy on the destruction of the Arabic.

The departure of the secretary led to the impression that Ambassador Page did not wish to entrust his entire report to the cable. Sec'y Carver probably will reach Washington about Sept. 2.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Ambassador von Bernstorff secluded himself in his quarters at the RitzCarlton today while he awaited dispatches from the German government instructing him as to further action in the crisis caused by the sinking of the liner Arabic.

When asked whether he would go to Washington to confer with Sec'y of State Lansing or whether he had received any further messages from Berlin, he replied:

"I have nothing to say."

Then he retired to his quarters, leaving word that he was not to be disturbed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. — The German crisis resulting from the sinking of the liner Arabic admittedly was lessened today, but administration officials were far from being unduly optimistic. They interpreted the note of Ambassador von Bernstorff as indicating that the German government desired to be conciliatory But whether that government is willing to accept the position of the United States—that American citizens cannot be endangered whether traveling on neutral or belligerent ships, xcepting in accordance with international law—still was problematical.

Neither the state department nor the white house would interpret the significant paragraph in the German note that "if Americans should actually have lost their lives, this would naturally be contrary to our intentions." Taken at its face value, officials declared that it indicated a sweeping change in the German submarine policy to accord with the demands of the United States, that the right of stoppage, visitation and search be exercised where passenger-carrying vessels are held up by submarines. But so far, there has not been the slightest evidence from Ger-

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GERMANY WANTS NO WAR WITH US

High Official Says Arabic Might Have Went Ino Path of Torpedo.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Aug. 25.—"Germany wants no war with the United States," was the emphatic assertion made by a high official of the German government to the International News Service today.

"We are confident that there will be no war," he continued. "The enemies of Germany are doing everything possible to cause difficulties but we trust to the fair-mindedness of the American people to see through these efforts."

Referring to the sinking of the Arabic, the official called attention to the German admiralty's statement of July 14 that "German submarines are using every precaution to prevent loss of life on ships they attack."

"There has been no change in the policy of the admiralty since that statement was issued," he went on. "If the Arabic was intentionally sunk without warning the commander of the submarine violated the admiralty's order and his act will be disavowed.

"According to reports that have reached here the commander of the Arabic admitted that he changed his course to approach another vessel—the Dunsley—that had been attacked by a submarine, but which was still afloat.

"It is possible that the Arabic crossed the path of a torpedo launched at the Dunsley. In such a case the submarine commander was not responsible. Only the captain of the Arabic can be blamed for the loss of his ship.

"We regret that any lives were lost when the Arabic was sunk. Germany is not warring upon non-combatants."

NAMES POSTMASTERS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. — The president today appointed the following postmasters: Indiana—James W. Payne, Shelburn; Louisiana—Herbert N. Gordon, Melville.

Damage Auto In Joy Ride; Leave Home

Parental f giveness in the way of enough mor y on which to return home came o one of two Chicago boys who ran away from home and were found here by the local police. The money was divided equally and both boys were sent back to Chicago Wednesday morning.

They were Alfred DeGraw, 17 years old, and Edward Pasal, 17 years old, who left home because they feared the wrath of the latter's father whose auto they had taken on a joy ride. While out riding the machine ran into a brewery truck and was badly damaged.

One of the boys confided to Chief Kerr that he had come to South Bend to see a girl, but the family was not at home. The boys were found sleeping in the Salvation Army tent on N. Michigan st., Tuesday night.

FILES $493,633,400 MORTGAGE FOR RAILROAD

Instruments Setting Forth Bond Issue by New York Central Recorded at Cost of $67.

Indentures setting forth the issuing of $493,633,400 in refunding and improvements mortgage bonds by the New York Central Railway Co. have been filed with the county recorder. The instruments, of which there are two, contain 18 pages and the cost of recording is $67.

There is an original indenture made by the New York Central Railway Co. to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee, setting forth the issuance of $246,611,400 in refunding and improvement mortgage bonds dated Oct. 1, 1913, and due Oct. 1, 2013. By a supplemental indenture, dated June 15, 1915, the lien of the mortgage is extended so as to include the properties formerly owned by the Lake Shore, the Michigan Southern Railway Co. and the Geneva, Corning & Southern railway. The additional bond issue under the supplemental indenture is for $197,022,000 due on various dates. In this instrument John B. Cockrum of Indianapolis is named as co-trustee.

WILLIAM HENRY LEER, PIONEER OF CITY, DIES

Was Born Here in 1845—Found Dead in Bed Wednesday Morning.

William Henry Leer, 69 years old, 1621 Lincoln way E., a pioneer resident of South Bend, was found dead in bed by his wife when she awoke Wednesday morning. It is not known how long he had been dead when he was found, for Mrs. Leer was not disturbed by him during the night. Death was caused by Bright's disease with which Mr. Leer has been suffering for some time.

He was born in South Bend Oct. 2, 1845, and during the early years of his life he was engaged in farming on the old homestead which now forms a part of South Bend. In 1900 he platted a part of the land which became known as the Henry Leer addition, forming a valuable adjunct to South Bend.

He was married in 1868 to Caroline Shedrick, who survives him. Two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Bimm and Mrs. ElDora Moore, the latter of Cassopolis, Mich., also survive him.

Funeral services will be held from the residence Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. T. E. George officiating. Burial will follow in Bowman cemetery.

TALCOT IS APPOINTED RECEIVER FOR SEIFERTS

Dealers in Wall Paper and Paints File Involuntary Petition in Bankruptcy.

Thad M. Talcot, jr., U. S. district attorney, was appointed receiver for Seifert Bros., 517 E. Jefferson blvd., Wednesday morning. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed Tuesday in the district court at Indianapolis by Seifert Bros., who placed their assests at approximately $2,000 and their liabilities at close to $3,000.

The business of the petitioners has been in wall paper and paints. Neither member of the firm could be gotten in touch with Wednesday for further information.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO VISIT SOUTH BEND

Charles A. Greathouse of Indianapolis, state superintendent of public instruction will meet with county and city officials here Thursday to discuss school matters with them. It is probable that plans for the coming school year will be taken up by Mr. Greathouse with the local officials.

The question of industrial and vocational education probably will be taken up, for Supt. L. J. Montgomery has been expecting a meeting with the state superintendent for this purpose for some time. Mr. Greathouse will visit other northern Indiana cities while on a trip through this part of the state.

GOES TO SENDER'S RISK

Instructions have been sent out from the postoffice department that, according to advice from the postal administration of the Argentine Republic, all mail parcels containing articles of commercial value are sent to that country at the risk of the sender. This is due to the fact that such articles are liable to customs duty and are liable to confiscation by the customs authorities if the addressee fails to pay the duty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Kazmarek Wiecorek, section hand; Helen Stempin, cigar stripper.

Frederick I. Schoeppel, teacher; Helen Irene Johnson, teacher.

John Franklin Rupp, salesman; Florence L. Claunch, clerk.

James Johnson, laborer, Niles; Mating Johnson, missionary.

WANT MORE TROOPS FOR MEX BORDER

Army Now on Border is Insufficient to Deal With Continued Raids of Armed Mexicans.

TWELFTH CAVALRY IS NOW CHASING BANDITS

Gang Crosses Rio Grande at Ranchera and at Laisle and Are Proceeding in Direction of Falfurrias

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 25.—United States military authorities have appealed to Washington to send more troops to the Brownsville region, reporting that the troops now on the border are insufficient to deal with the situation caused by the continued raids of armed Mexicans.

A band of Mexicans has crossed the Rio Grande at Ranchera and another at Laisle. At last reports they had effected a junction and were proceeding in the direction of Falfurrias.

American troopers have been sent to prevent any attack on that town.

A detachment of the 12th cavalry under Maj. Carter is pursuing the Mexicans.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 25.—Federal and state authorities today began a thorough investigation of the murder of Mell Wormser, an American cattleman, whose body was found last night on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Wormser disappeared after he had crossed the border on his way to see the Villa authorities about a cattle deal.

The investigation now under way aims to ascertain whether Wormser was killed by Mexican bandits or Villa soldiers. His friends say that his murder may prove a second Benton case.

Villa officials will be asked to grant permission for an examination of the body, which was found partially buried in the sand at the edge of the Rio Grande.

KAISER ADDRESSES MEN

Present at Formal Occupation of Novo Georgievsk.

NOVO GEORGIEVSK, Poland, Aug. 25.—(via The Hague Aug. 22 and 25.)—Emperor William personally witnessed the formal occupation of Novo Georgievsk by German troops today. From his horse he addressed about 10,000 troops assembled on the battlefield between the captured forts.

"Again we give the greatest glory to God," he said in a clear, ringing voice that even the soldiers in the rear ranks could hear. "I thank you, soldiers and commanders, for the bravery shown in taking such a formidable stronghold in only eight days."

POLITICIAN KILLS SELF

Boonville Man Tells Wife He is Going to Shoot Squirrels.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Aug. 25—Thos. Brammer, 48 years old, ex-trustee of Campbell township and a prominent republican politician shot and killed himself with a shot gun. Brammer told his wife that he was going to shoot squirrels. Shortly after a shot was heard and Brammer was found dead. It was not definitely establish today whether he killed himself accidentally or committed suicide.

TWO TRAWLERS ARE SUNK

Crews of Both Ships Escape After Torpedo Explodes.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Lowestoft trawler Integrity was sunk by a submarine today. The crew was saved.

The trawler Young Frank was sunk by the same submarine that destroyed the Integrity. This boat's crew was also rescued.

STREET CARS OPERATING

Conditions at Galveston Are Now Nearly Normal.

GALVESTON, Texas, Aug. 25.—For the first time in 10 days, limited street car service was in operation in Galveston today. Conditions which were demoralized by the storm of last week were nearly normal today.

TWO THOUSAND ARE MAROONED BY WATER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 25.—Five hundred army tents and two carloads of provisions were sent to Newport, Ark., today from Little Rock to shelter and feed the 2,000 persons marooned by the high water of White river. Some families have been without food since Sunday morning. Six have died from exposure and the back waters covering thousands of acres of farm lands are dotted with dead horses, hules, hogs and cattle.

Two business houses were partly washed away by the river current running through the main street of Newport.

Late Bulletins

GERMANS WIN.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The advanced positions of the Russians defending the fortress of Brest Litovsk have been pierced by the Germans. Official announcement of the breaking of the Russian front at Brest Litovsk was made today by the German war office.

The capture of 8,000 more Russian prisoners in the eastern theater of war is reported.

STEAMER ASHORE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. — The coast guard cutter Miami is rushing to the relief of a steamer that has gone ashore on the Adjax reef, off the southern coast of Florida, headquarters here were notified today. The steamer sent out calls for aid, that were received by the cutter early today. The name of the steamer has not been learned.

PENETRATE STRAITS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Two allied cruisers penetrated the Dardanelles Sunday and bombarded the Turkish batteries at Kastanea, according to a dispatch from Mitylene.

SINK COLLIER.

SEBASTOPOL, Russia, Aug. 25.—A wireless dispatch says that a flotilla of Russian torpedo boats overtook a Turkish collier bound for the Bosphorus and sank it.

NAMES TAMPERED WITH IS CHARGE

Prosecutor in Election Fraud Cases May Demand a New List of Jurors.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 25.—Notwithstanding assurances made by James T. Layman and William Nackenhorst, jury commissioners, to Circuit Judge Ewbank, that they had found no evidence that the box containing the names of 1,000 prospective jurors for the coming election frauds trials had been tampered with, Pros. Rucker today has under way a movement for the substitution of new names.

Rucker charged in a petition before Ewbank that he believed someone had access to the box and that they were now engaged in the nefarious business of "investigating" the persons who might be drawn. It is believed that unless more evidence is produced by the prosecutor's office the petition will ber efused.

Judge Ewbank today withheld his decision, pending the production of more evidence by the state attorney's office.

MEN ARE DENIED PAROLE

Will Have to Remain at Federal Prison Until Sept. 1.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 25. — The nine men under sentence of one year and one day for Terre Haute election frauds, have been denied parole by the federal board of parole and will have to remain at the Leavenworth penitentiary until Sept. 1, after which time the board will again meet at the prison commission to reconsider their case.

The nine men eligible to parole are John Masselink, Arthur Gillis, Joseph Strauss, Charles Haughton, Edward Hollee, Alex Acztel, Joseph O'Mara, George Sovern and Maurice Walsh.

UNITED STATES IS NEUTRAL

Italy-Turkey Proclamation Signed by President.

WASHINGTON, Aug 25. — Pres't Wilson today signed a proclamation of the neutrality of the United States in the war recently declared between Italy and Turkey. The proclamation it is understood is almost identical to the many proclamations already in effect between the various warring European nations.

NOW RESIDING AT RENO

Huntington Wilson to Sue Wife For Divorce.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 25.—Huntington Wilson, former assistant secretary of state under Philander C. Knox and Elihu Root, has been living in Reno for the past five months for the purpose of suing for divorce. He has taken every means to hide his identity and confines himself entirely to his apartments. His suit is expected to be filed next month.

GREAT FLEET VIEWED BY STATE HEADS

North Atlantic Squadron Passes in Review at Boston, Steams For Southern Drill Grounds.

CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD IS INSPECTED

Sec'y Daniels Attends Conference at State House. Govs. Hammond and Whiteman Speak.

BOSTON, Aug. 25.—The inspection of the great fleet of the North Atlantic squadron as it lay off Boston light was the feature of today's gathering of the governors' conference.

The proud flotilla which constitutes the first defense of Uncle Sam, comprised 16 battleships of the first class, five armored cruisers of the most formidable construction and a great array of torpedo boat destroyers, auxiliaries and the minor components of a strictly up-to-the-minute fighting organization.

Gov. Walsh had asked for one battleship to be placed at the disposal of the visiting dignitaries. Sec'y Daniels answered by sending the great squadron. He came himself also and took part in the review, and he personally attended the conference at the state house and delivered his message of greeting.

Secretary Transfers Flag.

Sec'y Daniels transferred his flag from the Dolphin to the flagship Wyoming. Admiral Frank Fletcher commands the fleet.

The fleet comprised these battleship: Wyoming, Arkansas, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, Florida, Michigan, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Nebraska, New Jersey, Louisiana, Connecticut Minnesota and New Hampshire; and these first class cruisers, in addition to those of minor craft: Washington, Des Moines, Montana, Tennessee and Birmingham.

Following the business meetings of the conference this forenoon at the state house, the governors left by automobile for the Charlestown navy yard. There with their lady guests, they boarded the Wyoming. Then followed a sail down the harbor, luncheon aboard the Wyoming, and the review of the fleet.

The fleet then proceeded in imposing procession north along the coast to Gloucester. The governors and their ladies left the Wyoming at the old fish city.

Ships Turn South.

From that point the battleships, cruisers and the auxiliaries immediately turned south and cruised for the southern drill grounds.

This evening the trip will terminate at the Eastern Yacht club, where dinner will be served, with the Boston chamber of commerce as host.

The morning session of the conference was presided over by Gov. Frank M. Byrne of South Dakota, and the speakers were Gov. Winfield S. Hammond of Minnesota and Gov. Charles S. Whitman of New York. The latter spoke on "Conservation." Gov. Hammond's topic was "Economy and Efficiency in the State."

Gov. Whitman of New York, in his speech recommended that a census be taken of game as well as of all the resources of a state and that all states cooperate in conserving the game, forests, waters and natural wealth which is distributed largely throughout large districts of the United States.

"I condemn wholesale slashing of forests," he said, "carelessness of the hunter and summer camper in respect to fires, ruthless slaughter of birds and fish; controlled use of water power by private companies and divergent laws which are a menace to outside or neighboring states."

After Gov. Whitman's speech, the slated session of the conference adjourned. The governors and ladies left the state house by automobile for the Charlestown navy yard for the sail down the harbor and the review of the North Atlantic squadron.

The early morning rain caused a postponement of the Italian festa at the estate of Mrs. John Hays Hammond this afternoon. On arrival at Gloucester the governors and their guests will be entertained by Mrs. Hammond.

Gary Minister is Killed; Allie Supporters Blamed

GARY, Ind., Aug. 25.—A sweeping investigation was started today into the death of Rev. Edmund Kayser, pastor of St. James Evangelical Lutheran church, who was found mysteriously slain near his home last night. Antagonism among Slavic steel workers against the pastor for his pro-German utterances is believed by the police to have been responsible for the crime.

A month ago Rev. Kayser appealed to the police for permission to carry a revolver. His request was denied and his congregation formed an escort for him from his home to the church.

The pastor was alone in his home when attacked. No bloodstains were found in the house, but the furniture was overturned, showing that a struggle had taken place. Windows had been torn down and the cords used in an attempt to bind the minister. Two curtain cords were about his neck and one around his right wrist when his body was found 30 feet from the house.

Two bullet wounds, one through the left shoulder and the other through the neck, which severed an artery, were found by the coroner.

The tragedy had its beginning about a year ago when the Germans were turned back in their drive on Paris. Rev. Mr. Kayser aroused considerable feeling by his pro-German remarks, indulging in street arguments with sympathizers of the allies. On one occasion he was threatened with violence.

The authorship of several radical letters defending the sinking of the Lusitania, and published in Gary newspapers was attributed to the minister, although not signed with his name.

Detectives searched today in Tolleston, a suburb of Gary, among steel workers to secure evidence in the case. Mr. Kayser's widow and two daughters are expected to return today from Grand Rapids, Mich., where they have been visiting Mrs. Kayser's father, Rev. Dr. A. Koch.

Rifle Trunks Of Austrian Ambassador

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 25. — The trunks and bags of Dr. Constantine Theodore Dumba, Austrian ambassador to the United States, were rifled at the Lenox railroad station during the night and letters and documents scattered all over the floor.

Ambassador Dumba admitted today that he thought the burglary was inspired by persons who sought to get secret Austrian papers. Imperial documents of importance were all in a traveling bag which he carried in his automobile.

One of the bags at the Lenox station containing $5,000 worth of jewelry belonging to his wife, was pryed open but none of the valuable contents were stolen.

SOLE OBJECT IS TO AID HAITIENS

Sec'y Lansing Denies United States Has Plans of Annexation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A complete disavowal that the United States plans annexation either of the whole or part of Haiti was made by Sec'y of State Lansing today. The secretary declares this government had acted to save the Haitien people from professional revolutionists and that the proposed convention does not even ask an American naval base in Mole St. Nicholas.

"The United States has only one purpose in mind at this time," said Sec'y Lansing. "That is to help the Haitien people and to prevent them being exploited by professional revolutionists.

"We and other countries have great interests in Haiti. Yet the disorganizers, I cannot call them real revolutionists, have trampled on our rights and those of other nations. They have refused to support any government.

"People have been and are starving in the streets of the large cities because the authorities are afraid to bring in food stuffs from the country districts where they are going to waste. The convention that we have asked Haiti to agree to is designed purely and simply to protect the interests of Haitiens. It does not even ask the guaranteeing of an American naval base in Mole St. Nicholas.

"The convention, it must also be remembered, must be approved by the United States senate before it can be made effective."

Sec'y Lansing stated further that the principle enunciated by Pres't Wilson in his Mobile speech that the United States would not acquire by contest a single foot of foreign territory would rule in our dealings with Haiti.

BOMBARDS GERMAN CITY

Twelve Non Combatants Are Killed at Offenburg.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(by wireless).—Offenburg, in Baden, was bombarded by a French aviator last night and 12 non-combatants were wounded it was officially announced today. The damage to property was somewhat serious.

The war office in making the announcement was careful to point out that Offenburg is outside the zone of military operations. The city is nine miles southeast of Strassburg and 30 miles north of Frieburg. It is on the railway running south from Karlsruhe.

WERE MERE AMATEURS

Burglars Enter Home and Take Only Real Money.

Burglars entered the home of Alexis Mossey, 208 E. Navarre st., sometime between 2:30 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and stole between eight and 9 dollars. According to Chief of Detectives Kuespert, the operations of the thief were the crudest ever seen in South Bend. Every room in the house had been ransacked, the dining room table turned over and even the cases taken from the pillows.

BACKED INTO VEHICLE

Violation of City Ordinance Causes Man's Arrest.

Samuel Raz, 108 N. Walnut st. was in city court Wednesday morning charged with backing his buggy into another vehicle and slightly damaging it. This was in violation of city ordinance No. 1558. The case was continued until Tuesday.

RUSSIA CALLS UPON JAPAN FOR SOLDIERS

TOKIO, Aug. 25.—Russia has appealed to Japan to send troops to Europe, according to reliable information secured by the International News Service today. The request is now being discussed by the cabinet, but it probably will be unsuccessful. Opposition to Japan's further active participation in the war is steadily increasing.

Leaders of the opposition assert that the constitution forbids the use of Japanese troops for any purpose other than the direct interests or honor of the nation.

TURK TROOPS DRIVEN BACK BY ENGLISH

Capture of 200 Yards of Trenches is Announced in Paris Report—Troops at Dardanelles Increased.

ARTILLERY DUELS ARE HELD ON WEST FRONT

Grenades and Petards Play Important Part in Fighting. Station Bombarded by French Aviator.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—British troops at the Dardanelles, reinforced by troops recently landed at Suvla bay, have resumed the offensive. The war office today announced that the left wing of the English army captured 800 yards of Turkish trenches.

The text of the official statement on the Dardanelles operation follows:

"At the Dardanelles the period of five days that has elapsed since the last communique has been marked in the northern zone by new progress of the left wing of the British army, which has captured 800 yards of enemy trenches.

"In the southern zone the operations have been limited to artillery actions and conflicts between patrols.

"During the night of Aug. 23-24, one of our companies succeeded in making a surprise attack on a Turkish observation station. On the morning of Aug. 24 a group of the enemy attempted to reoccupy it, but was repulsed.

"On Aug. 20 our fleet bombarded successfully the point of disembarking at Akbashliman, on the Europe hill to the north of Nagra. Despite the violent fire of numerous batteries directed upon him, one of our aviators sunk at anchorage a large Turkish transport."

ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—Violent artillery duels were fought by the French and Germans at various points on the front last night. Conflicts were also waged with grenades and petards, but the communique issued this afternoon reported no infantry engagements.

A French aviator bombarded the station at Torrach, Baden. No information as to the result was given in the communique, which follows:

"In Artois in all the sectors to the north of Arras, the cannonade was rather sharp during the night. Some combats with grenades were waged around Souchez and Neuville.

"In the region around Roye and Lessigny there was an artillery duel which was violent all the time.

"In Champagne and in the Argonne only some mine conflicts were reported.

"In the Vosges there were conflicts with grenades at Barenkopf.

"One of our aeroplanes bombarded the station at Torrach, in the grand duchy of Baden last night."

SINK TRANSPORTS.

ATHENS, Aug. 25.—Four Turkish

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KOVEL, RAILROAD CENTER, CAPTURED

Russians Retreating Northward to Pripet River Persued by Teuton Cavalry.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—Occupation of Kovel by Austro-German forces leaves only one railway line leading from Brest-Litovsk in the hands of the Russians over which a retreat may be carried out and the supplies in the fortress transported to safety.

The Russians, who retreated northward from Kovel, are falling back upon the Pripet river, hotly pursued by Austro-German cavalry.

(Kovel is a railroad center of importance, lying 65 miles southeast of Brest-Litovsk. Two great railways pass through the city, one running from Odessa to Petrograd, the other leading from Warsaw to Kiev. There is a short line running southward to Vladimir Volinski, which town is also in possession of the Austro-German forces.)

With the capture of the Russian fort on a hill at Kopytow, southwest of Brest-Litovsk, the Teutonic troops have forced the first breach in the outer works defending the great fortress.

For the time being attention is centered on the operations around Brest-Litovsk to the exclusion of activities elsewhere in the eastern theater—even those in the north in the Riga zone.

The campaign against Brest-Litovsk is assuming the same characteristics as that against Warsaw. The Austro-German forces are fighting hard to draw a circle around Brest-Litovsk and they are succeeding. It is confidently predicted that the next 72 hours will see the fortress evacuated by the Russians or taken by the Germans with their artillery and bayonets.

Swamps and numerous small rivers are hindering the transportation of the big guns of the Germans and Austrians and hundreds of miles of plank road are being built by the engineers for the movement of artillery and ammunition and supply trains.