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## GERMANS CLOSING IN AROUND WARSAW

BRITISH PRESS IS DISCOUNTING THE FALL OF THE POLISH CAPITAL.

### UNABLE TO STRAIGHTEN LINE

Absence of Additional Information There Is Nothing to Throw Light On Austro-German Front.

London. — With the German field marshals, Von Hindenburg on the north and Von Mackensen on the south, whipping forward the two ends of a great arc around Warsaw, it is realized in England that Grand Duke Nicholas, in defending the city, has the most severe task imposed on him since the outbreak of the European war. Some military writers seem to think the feat is well-nigh impossible.

There was sustained confidence that Germany's previous violent attacks along the Bzura-Rawka front never would pierce the Russian line, but the present colossal co-ordinate movement was developed with such suddenness and carried so far without meeting serious Russian resistance that more and more the British press is discounting the fall of the Polish capital and, while not giving up all hope of its retention, is pointing out the enormous difficulty the Russian armies have labored under from the start by the existence of such a salient.

Unable to straighten out their line by an advance through East Prussia, in the north, and Galicia in the south, the Russians perpetually have forced the pincers of the Austro-Germans and if these cannot be sufficiently tightened Warsaw must go and with it the entire line.

As was the case when the Austro-Germans recorded the success of their offensive in the east, no official communication from either Berlin or Vienna reached the London newspapers.

In the absence of additional official information from Petrograd, there is nothing to throw fresh light on the eastern front but the Austro-German advance could hardly so soon have lost its momentum.

According to the latest accounts, the Austro-German forces advancing from Przasnysz were within 40 miles of Warsaw; while to the south Von Mackensen's center at points was within 10 miles of the Lublin-Cholm Railroad.

**Frank Attacked By Prisoner.**  
Milledgeville. — Leo M. Frank, whose death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan recently was commuted to life imprisonment, was attacked by another prisoner at the state prison farm and seriously injured by being cut in the throat. Prison authorities say the attack on Frank was made by William Green, who is serving a life term for murder. Frank's condition is said to be very serious. The attack on Frank, which was made shortly after 11 o'clock, was made from behind with a butcher knife. Frank's jugular vein was severed, but neither the spinal cord nor windpipe was injured.

**Plea For Art Treasures.**  
Rome. — The pope has written a letter to the Austrian emperor exhorting him to "respect international law and the law of humanity and to spare from bombardment Adriatic towns containing priceless monuments of art and religion."

**Liberty Bell at Frisco.**  
San Francisco. — The Liberty Bell's triumphal journey across the continent from Philadelphia reached a climax in its welcome at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, where it will remain until December.

**Would Tag Soldiers.**  
Paris. — A distinctive sign, ribbon or arm badge, is demanded for soldiers who have accomplished their duty, been incapacitated by wounds or other disability, and returned to civil life.

**To Junk Heap.**  
Washington. — Another of the navy's historic old wooden men-of-war passed to the junk heap when the department authorized the sale of the freighter Portsmouth to John F. Burke of Brighton Mass., for \$4,689.

**Fight Fire With Steam.**  
Woodriver. — Approximately 200,000 gallons of crude oil were burned when lightning struck a tank of the Standard Oil Company's refinery. The blaze was extinguished by steam.



DR. ANTON MEYER-GERHARD.  
Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, who went from America on a mission for Ambassador Bernstorff, presumably to acquaint the German government with the real state of public opinion in the United States, has arrived in Berlin.

## NEW VICTORY IS GERMAN CLAIM

SECOND SUCCESS CLAIMED FOR CROWN PRINCE IN THE ARGONNE.

London. — Except for a sharp conflict in the Argonne, where the German official communication claims an attack by the crown prince's army was "crowned with complete success," but which the French report says "was repulsed, there has been little beyond the usual artillery actions and the bombardment of points of concentration.

This is the second success claimed for the crown prince in the Argonne during the last few weeks, but as in the previous case there is a complete conflict of testimony between the two headquarters. The Germans state they took nearly 3,000 prisoners, while the French, although admitting that their line momentarily gave way, declare that their counter-attacks arrested the progress of the Germans and drove them back.

There is no change reported on either the eastern or Italian fronts, while reports that Turkey is seeking separate peace; that some change in the Balkan situation is imminent and that the allies have made further progress on the Gallipoli peninsula still lack official confirmation.

**Rate Case Is Modified.**  
Washington. — In a supplemental order in the Shreveport rate case the Interstate Commerce Commission granted some of the requests of the Louisiana Railroad Commission, designed to remove discriminations against traffic between Texas points and Shreveport.

**Wants 1916 Convention.**  
New York. — William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, received from Dallas, Texas, an offer of \$100,000 to the National Democratic Committee should the 1916 convention be held in that city.

**Berlin Proposes Peace.**  
London. — The Financial News displayed with great prominence reports "from quarters in close touch with German sources of information" that Germany is making "tentative peace proposals" through the United States.

**\$15,000,000 Ford Refund.**  
Detroit. — The Ford Automobile Company announced a refund of approximately \$15,000,000 to owners of Ford automobiles who have purchased their machines since August 1, 1914.

**Bandits Loot Iowa Bank.**  
North Liberty. — Two men robbed the Farmers' Savings bank here of \$2,000, after they had bound and gagged the cashier.

**149 Ships Transferred.**  
New York. — Under the law admitting foreign-built vessels to American registry, 149 ships with a gross tonnage of 527,071 tons were transferred to the United States flag during the fiscal year ending June 30.

**No Absinthe For French.**  
Washington. — Not a drop of absinthe has been admitted within the French fighting line since the beginning of the present war, according to officials here.

## CAULIFLOWER SEED FOR STATE FARMERS

LARGE SHIPMENT ORDERED IN DENMARK FOR NEXT YEAR'S LOUISIANA CROP.

### SAYS PATRONAGE IS ASSURED

A Collapsible Crate Is Also Being Perfected, Which Will Cost a Little More, But Is Improvement.

New Orleans. — Three thousand dollars for one order of cauliflower seed. That is only one contribution of the Lafourche section towards Louisiana diversified farming.

Last year was the first time that winter cauliflower was raised there. The acreage was small, the crop fine and the profit large. The cauliflower displaced the California and Florida products in the New York market, and patronage is assured. The cauliflower won first prize at the San Francisco Exposition, on California's own soil.

Three hundred pounds of seed were ordered direct from Copenhagen, Denmark, the large and combined order assuring the highest type of specially grown and inspected seed. There will be at least three hundred cars of the first grade product to market. There will be several cars of brined product besides, which will be disposed of to pickle manufacturers. A collapsible crate is also being perfected, which will cost a little more but which is expected to furnish an ideal package, which will enhance price and facilitate marketing.

This is part of the scientific growing and selling system of the Louisiana Distributing Company, which is made up of the local associations in Iberville, Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes. General Manager A. S. Faker will stamp each crate of the co-operative cauliflower with the fact that Louisiana holds the national championship. The crop is due in December and the marketing will continue through February.

## BRIEF NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisiana has only really been in the thoroughbred swine industry a year, and in that time has achieved more success than any other state. Not only have all the new breeders paid out the first year, but they have been unable to supply the demand, for other states and countries have been competing with the home farmers for the stock.

The Louisiana Naval Battalion, with Capt. J. W. Bostick commanding, left New Orleans on the monitor Amphitrite for the summer cruise. The ship will visit Ship Island, and the battalion will spend some time in target practice and maneuvers, and will proceed, probably, as far as Pensacola, and, if the weather is favorable, may go to Tampa, Fla.

Mention was recently made of the excellent oats raised by Mr. Green on his East Baton Rouge plantation, a new crop in that section. He has completed threshing the crop off his thirty-acre field, and the result is an average of 60.2 bushels to the acre, a good showing for an initial attempt.

Fifteen carloads of cattle were shipped from Fordoche to Kansas City markets by local dealers. The shipment comprised four hundred head, and is considered the largest single shipment of cattle ever recorded in this vicinity.

The first police woman in New Orleans will be appointed by Mayor Martin Behrman in the near future and stationed at Milneburg. The report is said to be in need of a woman's supervision with police authority.

The Tangipahoa police jury caused a stampede among the operators of near-beer saloons in Tangipahoa parish, when an ordinance was passed whereby the license for the operation of near-beer saloons was placed at the high figure of \$1,000 a year.

Construction work on the new \$13,000 brick school building at Cozzinston has started, and Contractor Mitchell says the building will be completed by October 12.

Lieut. John C. Soley, in charge of the New Orleans Branch Hydrographic Office, has taken over the work incident to the New Orleans navy recruiting office.

Malaria, pellagra and various other diseases were discussed at the second annual conference of the parish health officers, under the auspices of the State Board of Health. There were eighty-five parishes represented.

Dr. von Ezdorf, of the United States Public Health Service, showed how any town or section may free itself of malaria at little expense and by the exercise of intelligent work. Dr. Bass, the local pathfinder who has gained an international reputation, claimed that quinine is a complete specific for prevention as well as cure and that the profession is culpable if it does not go far in stamping out the disease.

Dr. von Ezdorf acceded to a number of private requests from the health officers to make surveys at their stations.

City Health Officer O'Reilly told of the plague war waged here so successfully and declared that rat-proofing has advanced more here than in any other place and has made this the greatest city in America.

Rabbi Sternheim, of Baton Rouge, brought up the campaign for the teaching of sex hygiene and enlisted the co-operation of the doctors.

President Dowling, of the Board of Health, said the Women's Federation had submitted sex hygiene posters with which they desired to cover the state, and hinted that the board likely would give the subject full recognition.

Another attempt to hold the American Sugar Refining Company responsible for alleged violations of the statute regulating the purchase and sales of Louisiana sugar was made when R. G. Pleasant, attorney general of Louisiana, filed ouster proceedings against the corporation in the Civil District Court. Application also was made for a receiver, and Judge Parker issued a rule to show cause why an injunction should not issue and a receiver be named. The petition is drawn up on lines suggested by the Pontot general anti-trust act, passed at the recent extra session of the legislature.

The first co-operative packing plant was soon to be erected in Louisiana. It will probably be built at Napoleonville, and, although it will cost between thirty and forty thousand dollars, it will be a model in every way. The territory the enterprise is designed to cover is along the Southern Pacific and Texas and Pacific railroads, between the Mississippi River and Bayou Lafourche, and for that reason Napoleonville is favored, as it is reached by both lines and is accessible by road as well.

The Board of Equalization opened its sixty-day session at the capitol with the option of a resolution offered by R. W. Riordan of New Orleans, the effect of which is to take the spotlight off whatever lobby gathers here during the session. The resolution invites all lobbyists to appear before the board and say their say. The invitation, which is addressed to all who may have objection to what they consider the board may do, obviates the necessity of lobbyists registering with the secretary of state.

Little surprise was occasioned when it was learned that H. N. Arnold, special attorney identified with the attorney general's office in Washington, was in New Orleans conferring with Judge Guion, federal prosecuting attorney for this district, relative to the suit pending against the American Sugar Refining Company.

T. H. Harris, superintendent of the department of education, has issued a circular stating that the Louisiana State Board of Education will meet in the latter part of the month to consider the practicability of making additions to departments of agriculture and domestic science in the approved high schools.

New Orleans will soon have the second largest wireless station operated by the Navy Department, according to advices received from Washington. Work on the plant at the New Orleans Naval Station is going steadily ahead, and it is believed that the necessary apparatus will be in place before the end of the summer.

The National Fish, Game, Produce and Ice Company, Incorporated, is the style of a co-operative company that recently has completed its organization and will open a large store in the center of New Orleans on or about November 1.

The first payment on the principal of the state debt will be made by Treasurer Le Doux E. Smith August 1, when \$53,000 of bonds will be called in and canceled.

The Black River Stock Farm at Jonesville has just received from Iowa two carloads of Percherons that will be a valuable acquisition to the live stock industry of the state.

## WILSON PREPARING REPLY TO GERMANY

PRESIDENT WILL COLLABORATE WITH SECRETARY LANSING IN COMPLETING NOTE.

### DETAILS ARE WITHHELD

Declares There Is Little Likelihood There Will Be Further Discussions of Principles Involved.

Washington. — With the return of President Wilson, the formation of the policy to be pursued by the United States as a consequence of Germany's last note on submarine warfare will be begun.

The president will collaborate with Secretary Lansing in completing a note to the German government that has been tentatively prepared, to be dispatched probably the end of the week.

While details as to the course which is to be followed are withheld, it is known that both the president and Mr. Lansing have practically made up their minds that a definite statement of what the consequence of further violations of American rights would be should be given to the German government in the next communication. There is little likelihood that there will be any further discussion of the principles involved.

By the recent attempt to destroy the British liner Orduna, carrying a score of Americans, on her voyage to the United States, with no munitions or contraband, officials here feel that the position of the United States as stated in its previous note has been materially strengthened. They declare it bears out the American contention that the character of a vessel, her destination and her cargo can be safely determined only by visit and search.

As yet, official information is lacking to show whether the Orduna was attacked without warning and what the circumstances were of her encounter with the German submarine. In discussion of the case, stress is laid upon the fact that the vessel was en route to the United States and carried no cargo of importance, making the attack on a vessel carrying Americans seemingly wholly unwarranted.

A statement of the circumstances probably will be made by American passengers aboard the Orduna to the State Department, although the American government might take cognizance of newspaper statements. A thorough investigation of the facts will be made and a request probably will be sent to the German government for its report of the affair.

**Sugar Company Charged.**  
New Orleans. — Charging that the American Sugar Refining Company had violated the anti-trust laws of Louisiana through a conspiracy to control the price and output of sugar and thereby restrain trade within the state, Attorney General Pleasant applied for appointment of a receiver for the sugar company and asked that it be prohibited from doing further business in this state.

**Larger Parcels By Mail.**  
Washington. — Postmaster General Burleson ordered that the size of packages for parcel post shipment be increased to a combined length and girth of 84 inches, which will permit the mailing of standard-sized fruit and berry crates.

**Against Anti-Tipping Bill.**  
Montgomery. — The anti-tipping bill passed by the Legislature in February probably will be vetoed by Gov. Henderson, and there is doubt that it can receive the necessary vote in the two houses to pass it over the governor's veto.

**Saloonless America.**  
Chicago. — Resolutions demanding that all church workers unite to procure saloonless all United States of America and also peace in Europe were adopted by the World's Christian Endeavor convention at its final session here.

**Eugenics Hinder Hymen.**  
Madison. — Under the eugenic marriage law the number of weddings in Wisconsin decreased from 21,052 in 1913, to 17,245 in 1914, a decrease of 3,807, according to an announcement by Dr. C. A. Harper, secretary of the State Board of Vital Statistics.

**Steers at \$10 Per 100 Pounds.**  
Kansas City. — Mrs. R. Morgan of Plattsburgh, Mo., topped the cattle market of the year with 50 steers sold at \$10 per 100 pounds.



HARRY K. THAW.  
Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, who was adjudged sane by Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hendrick.

## HARRY K. THAW GIVEN FREEDOM

CROWD AROUND COURTHOUSE CHEERED THAW WILDLY WHEN HE APPEARED.

New York. — Harry K. Thaw, adjudged sane by a jury, was given his freedom by Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hendrick, who announced he had adopted the jury's verdict.

The state immediately served notice of appeal and Justice Hendrick fixed Thaw's bail at \$25,000 to insure his presence at future proceedings. A surety company was prepared to give the bond and Thaw was taken from the courthouse to the judge's chambers so that details might be arranged.

A crowd around the courthouse cheered Thaw wildly when he appeared on the courthouse steps.

In announcing his decision Justice Hendrick said:

"I have reached a decision in this case, and it is based on my own mind, fortified by the action of the jury."

Thaw, sitting comfortably in his chair, counsel on each side, his mother and his sister a few feet behind him, anticipated the court's decision with a broad smile.

"I want to say a word about the alienists," Justice Hendrick continued. "We have been told by one alienist that it is impossible to determine the sanity or insanity a person without taking the word of alienists. This court and jury cannot depend upon the word of an alienist who for years has devoted himself to a case of this kind and assisted in its preparation. That a doctor can help prepare a case and then go on the stand as an expert witness is wrong.

"I hope the legislature will find some means to correct this. Gentlemen, I have adopted the verdict of the jury. I declare now that it is the decision of this court that Harry K. Thaw is sane."

Edgar Bromberger, appearing for the State, gave notice of appeal. At a previous conference of counsel it had been made clear that should the court decide in Thaw's favor the commitment under which Thaw was sent to Matteawan in 1908 after he had been acquitted on the ground of insanity of the murder of Stanford White would not be formally vacated, but simply would cease to operate.

Justice Hendrick decided that the State's notice of appeal automatically acted as a stay. John B. Stanchfield, of Thaw's counsel, then moved that Thaw be given his liberty under bond.

This motion was vigorously opposed by the State. Mr. Bromberger told the court he considered Thaw insane and a menace to the community. Mr. Stanchfield replied that Thaw had been adjudged sane and that to deny him bail virtually would nullify the court's decision until the appeal had been decided.

**Higher Rates Held Up.**  
Washington. — Increases by Southwestern railroads on petroleum products from Oklahoma points to east of the Mississippi were suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission for investigation until November 28.

**Governors to Meet.**  
Columbia. — Governor Manning issued a proclamation calling on the governors of the 13 Southern states to attend a meeting of "The House of Southern Governors" at Charleston during the assembling of the Southern Commercial Congress in that city, December 13 to 17.

**Russia Will Hold Gold.**  
Petrograd. — The Ministry of Finance has issued an order prohibiting the export of gold.