

SERIOUS CRISIS AGAIN SEEMS TO BE IMMINENT IN AFFAIRS OF MEXICO

GERMANS ARE REPULSED IN ATTACKS ON RIGA IN LAND AND NAVAL ENGAGEMENTS

Military Operations in Courland Have Been Checked by Russians.

FLEET IS DRIVEN OFF

British Find Encouragement in Gains Made by the Troops in Flanders.

Berlin, Aug. 10 (via London).—Fort number four at Loman has been stormed and the town of Loman, which is situated on the Narva river, 72 miles southwest of Swawlki, has been occupied by German forces, according to an official statement issued by the German army headquarters staff today.

London, Aug. 10.—Although military operations in Russian Courland have hardly reached the decisive stage, the Germans who have been smashing their way toward Riga have been checked. Almost simultaneously German warships which attempted to seize the Gulf of Riga and attain a strategic position to assist the troops advance were dispersed and damaged. The assemblage of German craft was the largest of any engaged in the naval actions of the war thus far, with the exception of the allied squadron of the Baltic. It used its way towards Riga much after the manner of the British ships engaged in the Belgian coast last fall. The fact that the German warships were forced to retire is a source of satisfaction to the British press, which finds encouragement in the resistance of the Russians in contrast to their retirement elsewhere.

The British advance in the vicinity of Riga, while not comparable with the tremendous actions of Poland, marked the most important engagement in which the British army has engaged since the battle of Festubert in 1914. The gain was small and still has to be maintained against the almost inevitable German counter attack.

The Balkan situation is still chaotic. Proposals from Saloniki say that the Austro-German plan to strike again at Serbia already has found expression in a concentration of Teutonic forces along the Serbian frontier. It is said 100,000 men have been massed near Orsova, Hungary, which may be the forerunner of the predicted campaign through Serbia for the relief of Thrace. Italy as yet has not declared war on Turkey, but Athens reports that Italian consuls are leaving the Ottoman empire, entrusting their affairs to their American colleagues. If this be true, it probably means that impending developments in the Balkans dictated the action of Italy.

Peace Talk Riddled.

It has been rumored frequently that Italy would send troops to assist France and England in the Gallipoli operations, but thus far such reports have not been borne out, and the Paris and Rome maintain surface relations of nations at peace.

For Germany's reported peace overtures to Russia the British press finds only sarcasm. Virtually all papers reiterate affirmatively what officials have insisted so often—that there can be no peace until the allies have gained victory. It is believed generally in England that Germany is willing to conclude peace as matters stand, but the burden of all written and spoken comment is that such a situation would be impossible, from the standpoint of the allies.

Repulse German Fleet at Riga.

Petrograd, (via London) Aug. 10.—The following official communication was issued last night: "A German fleet of nine battleships and 12 cruisers, with a large number of torpedo boat destroyers, persistently attacked the entrance to the Gulf of Riga Sunday, but everywhere were repulsed."

"A cruiser and two torpedo boat destroyers were damaged."

(Riga, next to Petrograd, the capital of the Russian empire, is the most important seaport on the Baltic sea. It is situated on the Gulf of Riga, and therefore is a landlocked harbor. The mouth of the gulf is heavily fortified and by nature is excellently adapted to the protection of mine fields. The Gulf of Riga and, farther north, the Gulf of Finland, at the extreme eastern end of which Petrograd is situated, form the great basis for the Russian fleet.)

Turk Aeroplane Sinks Submarine.

Constantinople, Aug. 9. (via Berlin, Aug. 10, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—A submarine of the entente allies was sunk near Bulair this afternoon by a Turkish aeroplane which threw bombs on the craft. All the crew were lost.

ARTILLERY DUEL WON BY ITALIANS

Austrian Troops Released From Russian Front Make Desperate Effort to Relieve Gorizia.

Geneva, Aug. 10. (via Paris).—The appearance on the Italian front of Austrian troops released from the Russian campaign is announced by the Tribune in a dispatch from Ljubach, Austria. These troops, to the number of 30,000, equipped with artillery sufficient for two army corps, attacked the Italians yesterday outside of Gorizia. The Italians brought up additional artillery and after a battle of 16 hours, the dispatch says, forced the Austrians to retreat into Gorizia, leaving 2,000 dead on the battlefield.

The Italians are said to have gained an important point strategically by joining forces between Romans and Dobersdo, south of Gradiska. The Austrians endeavored in vain to prevent this junction, losing heavily in the effort.

The bombardment of Revere continues.

Trieste, Italy, Monday, Aug. 9. (via Paris, Aug. 10).—Information has reached Trieste that General Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, has decided not to resume the offensive on a large territory until his troops are well settled and organized in the positions lately occupied.

MINE EXPLOSION PLOT HEARING ON

East St. Louis Negro Tells of Effort of Five Men to Get Him to Do Deed at Winko, Ill.

Winko, Ill., Aug. 10.—The preliminary hearing of five men charged with plotting to blow up the Granger coal mine at Winko, Ill., was scheduled to begin here today. The defendants were David Richards of Coatesville, Ill.; Fred Harp of Belleville, Ill.; Andy Stads, Joseph McNamara and Martin Marce of Winko, Ill.

An alleged attempt to dynamite the mine was revealed last week by Wm. Hawkins, a negro of East St. Louis, Ill., who said two men offered him \$200 to "do a good job" but he did not learn the nature of the job until he reached Coatesville. Three of the men were arrested on Hawkins' testimony that they had supplied the explosives and the two others because it is alleged they had been heard to remark that the mine should be blown up.

About six months ago a cooperative organization took charge of the mine and since then there has been considerable enmity between the cooperative miners and the employees of the former owners whom they replaced.

THE WAR TODAY

Teutonic pressure on the eastern war front continues heavy against the Russian positions all along the line, with steady bombardment of the grand duke's troops in most of the sectors.

North of Warsaw and up to the Baltic provinces the Russians are making their most determined stand. Increasingly strong resistance to the German assaults is indicated in this territory where serious breaches would menace the new Russian lines of defense.

In the Baltic provinces Petrograd claims that the Germans are being pressed from Riga on land, while on the water an attempt by a German battle fleet to break through the mine barriers defending the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, was beaten off.

The Russians also assert they have checked German advance guards in the Vilkomer district, at which point the invaders are within 50 miles of the trunk line railroad to Petrograd.

At Kovno it is declared that despite the bringing up of the heaviest caliber German guns, desperate attacks on the fortress have been repulsed with heavy losses on the attacking forces.

Austro-German pressure of the retreating Russians continues strong in the Warsaw sector and along the lines to the southeast. Pronounced successes for the Teutonic forces are reported all through southern Poland from the Vistula to the Bug.

Rome reports the capture of some Austrian trenches in Cavallo pass in the Carina region and a similar success in the Playa zone.

The allies are again attacking vigorously in the Dardanelles and making substantial progress, according to news agency dispatches from Athens. The Russians report new successes against the Turks in Caucasus near the Euphrates river.

Tomorrow DOLLAR DAY Bargain Day Rock Island and Davenport Come Early

MARINES OFF FOR HAITI CAMPAIGN

Nine Hundred Leave on Cruiser Tennessee Carrying Supplies for Long Stay from Rome.

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—Carrying 892 marines, the United States cruiser Tennessee sailed from the Philadelphia navy yard today for Haiti. Colonel L. W. T. Waller and his staff sailed on the Tennessee. Colonel Waller will assume command of all the United States marines in Haiti. The marines that left here today will reinforce those now in Haiti, under command of Rear Admiral Caperton.

The Tennessee carries enough supplies for a three months' campaign.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Evacuation of Fort Liberty by the Haitian government troops and the departure of the gunboat Castine for St. Marie, where an uprising was recently reported, were announced by Admiral Caperton in a report to the navy department today.

The Haitian tug Nord Alexis, which recently put into Port Au Prince carrying a number of native troops, has now left for Cap Haitien. The soldiers were disarmed. Men whose homes are in the vicinity of Cap Haitien left on the Alexis.

Port Au Prince, Cap Haitien and Port Au Paix were reported quiet.

FEAR FOR REVOLT IN JOLIET PRISON

Number of Guards Redoubled as Result of Escape of Prisoners From Honor Farm.

Joliet, Ill., Aug. 10.—Guards at the state penitentiary here have been redoubled, it was learned today, as a result of the escape yesterday of three prisoners at the "honor camp" and of fear that a general revolt among all honor convicts may occur.

Deputy Warden Ryan, who has been in charge of the institution since Warden Allen resigned, directed search today for the escaped prisoners, one of whom is a murderer.

Springfield, Aug. 10.—Telegrams to Governor Dunn today from C. W. Faltz and James J. McGrath, members of the board of prison trustees, now living at the penitentiary at Joliet, said all the inmates were in good spirits.

In a message signed jointly by the two trustees the governor was told the convicts had applauded his message to them saying the honor system was to survive. Acting Warden Lawrence Ryan talked over the long distance telephone with William Sullivan, secretary to the governor. He told Sullivan everything was going well at the prison and denied there was any reason to fear an outbreak.

The trustees in their messages said the convicts had given assurances of their loyalty to the state's honor system.

BULGARIA GETS OFFER OF ALLIES

Diplomatic Representatives of Quadruple Entente Make Bid for Her Cooperation in War.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The correspondent at Saloniki of the Havas agency telegraphs that diplomatic representatives of France, Russia, Great Britain and Italy have delivered a joint communication to the Bulgarian government with a view to procuring the collaboration of that nation with the allies, as part of a common understanding with the Balkan states.

FERVID PLEA IS SENT FROM MEXICO CITY

Courier Brings Delayed Message From Terror-Stricken Americans.

FEAR MEXICAN HATRED

Residents at Capital Declare They Are Living on Smouldering Volcano.

Mexico City, July 29. (by courier to Vera Cruz, via Laredo, Texas), Aug. 10.—An appeal for help for Americans in Mexico and for the relief of the people of the country itself was sent today by the American Society of Mexico to the state department in Washington through the Brazilian minister. It recites conditions in the Mexican capital, which are described as unendurable and which are declared to have driven Americans here almost to desperation, and implores the Washington government to act promptly in bringing about amelioration.

"The American residents of Mexico appeal more to their government and people in behalf of the suffering millions of pacific men, women and children in this country who are victims of hunger and cruelty and violence," the appeal begins. "These conditions put the gravest responsibility on the United States, which not only has passively ignored them, but promoted them with arms and ammunition and by encouragement to political adventurers who have prostituted the name of liberty and the cause of human rights."

Beg for Protection.

"Americans and other foreigners," the appeal continues, "stand aghast and wonder whether they can be living in the 20th century and in a country bordering on the United States, which has made itself responsible to the world for protection of life and property and yet does nothing more than send repeated warnings that we are to be driven by half-savage men, drunk with ill-gotten power and the spirit of graft and hate."

"For many months the Americans here, driven almost to desperation, have tried to bring their government to a realization of the awful situation and begged that the American people be informed. Their request, long denied, was finally conceded in part by the president in his own statement of June 2 reciting briefly the conditions in Mexico."

No Semblance of Government.

"These conditions, then hardly endurable, are much worse now and the apparent inactivity of the government at Washington discredits Mexico with despair. There is not even a semblance of government here at the capital and we are living on a smouldering volcano. The entire city council has been imprisoned without cause. We have seen three changes of armed government in 30 days. There is no communication with the world except by special messengers."

BIG SHIPMENT OF GOLD IS MYSTERY

England Sends Millions to United States But Explanation of Exchange Is Refused.

New York, Aug. 10.—Considerable mystery surrounds the shipment from England to this country of a large amount of gold, the sum being variously estimated at \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000. The gold, which probably takes the form of American eagles, is being transported from Halifax, to which port it was taken by a British steamer, presumably under government convoy, to this city by a special train.

J. P. Morgan & Co. are the consignees but the bankers refuse to give any information regarding the transaction, stating that such details ought to come from London, where the shipment was arranged in response to the extraordinary exchange conditions between that center and this city.

At the sub-treasury it was admitted that a request had been received to take care of a large amount of gold now on the way from Canada but the sum involved was not known. The American Express company, which has charge of the gold from Halifax to this city, declined to give any particulars of the shipments, on the ground that such a course would be unwise at this time.

Demand sterling suffered further depreciation at the opening of today's foreign exchange market, declining to 47 1/2%, but later advancing to 47 3/4%.

EXPRESS THEFTS ARE CLEARED UP

Wells-Fargo Detectives Get Three Men Who Confess to Long Career of Dishonesty.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 10.—With the arrest here today of three men, one of whom is said to have confessed, detectives for the Wells Fargo Express company uncovered a system of thefts through which the company has been robbed of merchandise totaling nearly \$200,000 within the last 12 years.

The men under arrest are Frank Wilson, who is alleged to have disposed of the stolen goods, Benjamin Watkins, an employee of the express company, and a man known to the police only as the "mysterious man," who is said to have traveled under as many as 20 aliases.

Watkins was employed by the United States Express company, which was absorbed by the Wells-Fargo a year ago. For 11 years previous to that time, detectives said, the United States company had been losing an average of \$2,000 worth of goods a month. Watkins remained in the service when the United States company was absorbed.

Package containing valuable watches was charged, and addressed to the "mysterious man" at some suburb of Chicago, where it would be claimed by him under the alias which happened to be on the label.

ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLISH COAST

One of the Airships Damaged by British Planes Had to be Towed Into Ostend Harbor.

London, Aug. 10.—An attack by German airships which flew over the English coast last night was announced today by the official press bureau. The statement says one of the airships was damaged by British aeroplanes and was towed into Ostend.

According to the official announcement eight women, four children and one man were killed, and six women, four men and two children were wounded as the result of the explosion of missiles dropped by the Zeppelin.

The airship visited the east coast last night and left the coast between 8:30 p. m. and 12:30 a. m. One Zeppelin was brought under heavy fire by aircraft from Dunkirk. Her hatch was broken and her rear compartments damaged and she was completely destroyed by an explosion. Sub-lieutenant Lord, one of the English aviators attacking the enemy, was killed on landing in the dark.

ALLIES GET BUSY AT DARDANELLES

Attacks on Turkish Positions at Gallipoli Are Resumed With Great Vigor.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The allied forces have resumed their attacks on the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles with great vigor during the last two days and have made considerable progress on the Gallipoli peninsula, according to a Havas dispatch received from Athens. The Turkish losses have been heavy. Simultaneously the allied fleet bombarded the Turkish positions on the Dardanelles, inflicting severe damage on their defense works.

London, Aug. 10.—The troops of the entente allies in the Dardanelles made a gain of 200 yards on a front of 500 yards east of the Krithia road on the Gallipoli peninsula. It was officially announced here today. A footing also has been gained on Chunuk Bair and another landing affected elsewhere, the statement adds.

The statement says the enemy's loss was considerable and that 630 prisoners were taken, together with two machine guns and a large number of bombs.

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK BY TORPEDO

Berlin Reports Sinking of Ship Off Swedish Coast—Eight Members of Crew Saved.

Berlin, Aug. 10. (via wireless to Sayville).—The British auxiliary cruiser India, of 7,900 tons, has been torpedoed off the Swedish coast. Eighty members of the crew were saved.

Fair Attendance Over 10,000,000. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 10.—Attendance at the Panama-Pacific exposition has passed the 10,000,000 mark, according to an announcement today by the exposition directors. The ninth million was registered on July 25 and the daily average in rolling up the 10th million was 75,924.

BATTLESHIPS PREPARING TO HASTEN TO VERA CRUZ TO SAVE FOREIGNERS IN RIOT

PRESIDENT WILL BE COMPELLED TO END HIS VACATION

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 10.—President Wilson was in communication today with Secretary Lansing regarding a request from Commander McNamee that a battleship squadron be sent to Vera Cruz to protect Americans, and was understood to be inclined to grant the request.

The president shortly after noon sent a code dispatch to Secretary Lansing containing instructions for Secretary Daniels.

While the contents of the message were carefully guarded, it was understood the president's first step had been to ask for additional information. It was said here the president would take action within the next few hours. He was impressed with the word from Vera Cruz and it was expected steps would be taken to protect Americans and other foreigners in case of trouble.

The president is planning to return to Washington soon, possibly by Friday. He is convinced his presence in the capital is required by press of official business.

President Wilson, asked this afternoon what he planned to do about Commander McNamee's request, declined to give any information.

TROOPERS AGAIN FIGHT MEXICANS

Border Patrol in Hidalgo County, Texas, Attacked—Armed Farmers Aiding in Pursuit.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 10.—United States cavalrymen and Mexican fought again today, this time near Mercedes, Texas. One Mexican was killed. None of the troopers was reported hurt.

Today's fight was west of the scene of the previous Mexican raid and closer to the border, occurring about 25 miles north of the Rio Grande. It was in Hidalgo county, while the previous fighting has been in Cameron county.

Six United States cavalrymen were on border patrol duty near Mercedes when the Mexicans attacked them. The soldiers captured four horses from the attacking party. Parties of armed farmers and merchants have gone from Mercedes and other nearby towns to try to capture some of the Mexicans.

VILLA INTERVIEW SATISFIES SCOTT

Leader of Northern Mexico Calls Off Meeting of Mining Men to Raise Forced Loan.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 10.—General Scott this afternoon issued this statement: "General Villa assured me during our interview that the proposed meeting of mining men will be postponed indefinitely. The foreign merchandise seized in Chihuahua last week will be restored. Violations of the law, however, will be prosecuted. My mission here is now accomplished."

General Villa came from Juarez accompanied by George C. Carothers, state department representative, and Col. R. E. L. Noble, aide to General Scott, who went there to meet him. Mr. Carothers and Alberto Madero, political adviser to General Villa, and brother of the late President Madero, were the only men present at the meeting between General Scott and General Villa. After the conference, Villa, accompanied by Colonel Michie and Mr. Carothers, returned to Juarez.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probable showers tonight. Not much change in temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 65. Highest yesterday, 83; lowest last night, 63. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., four miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity, at 7 p. m., 63; at 7 a. m., 80; at 1 p. m., 46. Stage of water, 8.4; a fall of 3 feet in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Serious Anti-Foreign Demonstrations Reported by American Officer.

SQUADRON MAY SAIL

Louisiana and New Hampshire Getting Ready at Newport to Go South.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Secretary Lansing announced late today that only one warship would be sent to Vera Cruz and that it was going to relieve whatever ship is used for transportation of the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers. Secretary Lansing denied that military or naval expeditions were being prepared and declared such reports only interfered with the success of efforts to settle Mexican affairs peacefully.

Secretary Lansing said the increase in the number of acts of brigandage on the border might necessitate strengthening the army forces there but he insisted such an addition to the troops had no connection with internal Mexican affairs.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Serious anti-foreign demonstrations reported today in the Washington government from Vera Cruz gave state and navy department officials considerable concern, particularly in view of the Pan-American conference to be resumed in New York tomorrow to devise means for restoring peace in Mexico.

Advices from Commander McNamee at Vera Cruz, depicting a threatening situation at the seat of Carranza's government, led to a conference between Secretary Lansing, Rear Admiral Benson, acting secretary of the navy, and Leon J. Canova, chief of the division of Mexican affairs. Commander McNamee's report had at first been regarded as alarming enough to warrant sending naval reinforcements to Vera Cruz and preliminary orders have been given to the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire at Newport to make ready.

Deliberation on the situation, however, resulted in the determination to await further reports before despatching any battleships, there being a genuine desire on the part of administration officials to do nothing to stir up feeling that might be embarrassing to the Pan-American conference.

Marietta Sent to Vera Cruz.

An order was sent, however, directing the gunboat Marietta to proceed at once from Progresso to Vera Cruz, a distance of about 160 miles. Rear Admiral Benson explained that the Marietta might be utilized to convey the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers in Mexico to New Orleans.

Commander McNamee reported that natives have made incendiary speeches in the streets of Vera Cruz against Americans and other foreigners and that there had been numerous endeavors to incite uprising although no overt act has yet been committed.

Secretary Lansing will leave for New York tonight to resume deliberations with Latin-American diplomats tomorrow. The secretary would not discuss the situation today, asserting that he had talked considerably yesterday about a confidential conference on could be fairly worked out in one more session of the conference, Mr. Lansing would not predict.

Naval Aid Asked For.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Commander McNamee, the senior American naval officer at Vera Cruz, has asked the navy department to send a battleship squadron to guard against anti-foreign demonstrations which he fears.

The gunboat Marietta has been ordered to proceed from Progresso to Vera Cruz in order to have a ship at the disposal of the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers, who are leaving Mexico. It is assumed that the Louisiana and New Hampshire will be held at Newport for further orders.

Anti-foreign demonstrations in Vera Cruz were the subject of a long cablegram received at the navy department today. Acting Secretary Benson said:

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Library on Lusitania Sinking.

New York, Aug. 10.—Ten volumes of 100 pages each containing newspaper clippings on the sinking of the Lusitania have just been completed for Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, whose husband was one of the victims of that tragedy. The volumes are designed as a memorial to Mr. Vanderbilt and it is reported that eventually they will be given to the library at Yale university.