

## WEALTHY NEW YORK WOMAN DIES OF FRIGHT IN HER HOME WHEN ROBBERS ATTACK HER

### Masked Men Remove \$10,000 Jewelry From Fingers of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols.

### HALL BOY ARRESTED

### Servants in the Home Believed to Have Been Involved in Mystery.

New York, N. Y., September 9.—(Special Telegram.) A Russian Finn, for two and one-half months a hall boy in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, the aged widow, who met death last night at the hands of masked men, who robbed her of gems valued at \$10,000, was arrested today after he had confessed the police assert, to playing a part in the crime. He was formally charged with murder.

All other servants in the house were under suspicion. Deputy Police Commissioner Lord announced. Preliminary examination of Mrs. Nichols today revealed the probability that she had been frightened and out of her wits at the time she was attacked.

Although the burglars stripped their victim's fingers and ears of diamonds and other jewelry worth \$10,000, they failed to take the strong box of her safe in which she kept gems valued at \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Mrs. Nichols was the widow of James E. Nichols, founder of the wholesale grocery firm of Austin, Nichols & Co. She was reputed to be worth about \$2,000,000 and it was known that much of this was invested in gems which she kept in the house. She was 80 years old and quite stout. Because of her physical condition, Mr. Lord said, it was reasonable to assume that she had died of fright, a theory which, he added, was confirmed by a preliminary examination of the body.

### Dawn Ships Watched.

In an effort to recover the stolen jewelry and perhaps thereby obtain a clue to the burglars a detective was stationed in every pawn shop in New York city with instructions to remain on watch all day.

A general alarm and a description of the valuables were telephoned from police headquarters to every city as far north as Buffalo and as far south as Philadelphia.

Police in which the police claim was his confession, is alleged to have said that for some time several men had been trying to get him to "stand in with them" to rob Mrs. Nichols, but that he had refused such advances until Tuesday night, when he consented, upon the understanding that Mrs. Nichols was not to be harmed. He is said to have told the police that only the goods his employer wore on her person were to be taken.

The police quote Tallas as saying the men arrived at the Nichols home at 8 o'clock last night by appointment, and in response to a double ring at the bedroom door, he admitted them. He told of being backed into a corner by the men and of their finding the maid. The maid, he is alleged to have said, was threatened and tied up. One man was seen to stand guard over her while the others hurried upstairs to the apartment of Mrs. Nichols. Tallas is said to have asserted he was ignorant of what happened there, as he heard nothing. He did say, however, that the men were upstairs ten or fifteen minutes, leaving by the basement door and passing by him without comment.

New York, Sept. 9.—The manner in which Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, the wealthy widow, frightened to death last night in her home by masked men, who stripped her fingers and ears of gems valued at \$10,000 came to her end, was described today, according to the police, by Oswald Tallas, the hall boy in the Nichols home. Deputy Commissioner Lord announced that Tallas had made a confession relative to the murder, details of which would be made public later in the day.

## RESERVIST GETS TERM IN PRISON

Gustav Stahl, Lusitania False Witness, Sent to Atlanta Penitentiary 18 Months.

New York, Sept. 9.—Gustav Stahl, the German reservist who swore he saw four guns on the Lusitania just before she sailed from here on her last trip, but later admitted his affidavit was false and entered a plea of guilty to perjury, was today sentenced by Federal Judge Hough to 18 months imprisonment in the federal prison at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

## DUMBA AWAITING VERDICT ON CASE

### Washington Government to Get More Documentary Evidence on Ambassador's Acts.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Secretary Lansing has cancelled the passports of James F. Archibald, the American correspondent upon whom British secret service men found communications from Dr. Constantin Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, to his foreign office on the subject of fomenting strikes in American munitions plants. Archibald now is at Rotterdam and American Minister Van Dyke has been instructed to issue an emergency passport to permit his return to the United States, when the department of justice probably will be called on to decide if he has violated any law of the United States in acting as a messenger for one of the European belligerents.

Cancellation of Archibald's passport is the first official action in a diplomatic situation which it has been suggested might possibly extend so far as to cause the departure of Dr. Dumba from this country.

American government officials were amazed at the disclosure which followed Archibald's detention at Falmouth and were particularly amazed that an American passport had been used to carry what practically amounts to military information.

Dr. Dumba has made his explanations to Secretary Lansing, saying the only instructions from his government were to give widest publication to the degree announcing enforcement of the Austro-Hungarian penal code against subjects who engaged in manufacture of war munitions for their country's enemies. He contended he was fully within his rights in warning his countrymen.

Unless the Austrian government itself takes some step in the case of Dr. Constantin Dumba, its ambassador here, the diplomatic incident growing out of the disclosure of the ambassador's connection with plans for hampering manufacturers of war munitions in the United States, probably will be called to the attention of the Vienna foreign office.

## STATE ROAD MEN HOLD CONVENTION

### Annual Meeting of Illinois Association of Highway Commissioners and Clerks at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 9.—The sixth annual convention of the Illinois Association of Highway Commissioners and Town Clerks opened here today. Building and maintenance of roads was the main topic discussed. Addresses by road experts were featured.

The bridges, their construction and maintenance, was the subject of an address this morning by Andrew S. Woodman of Chicago. George R. Bag of Hoozerville, Ill., spoke on "Road Legislation in the Forty-ninth Assembly." At the session this afternoon J. M. Payne of Monmouth, Ill., was to speak on "Ditching Roads" and Clifford Older of the state highway department was to talk on the subject, "Construction of Bridges and Culverts."

The afternoon session was to be followed by a trip of inspection over Peoria county roads, and an entertainment by the Peoria convention bureau in the evening. Sessions of the convention continue tomorrow.

## SPOKANE'S CASHIER CLEARED OF CHARGE

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 9.—H. F. Tabb was back in office as city cashier today, after a three weeks' investigation by the Spokane civil service commission of a shortage of between three and four thousand dollars in the accounts. The commission, in a decision reinstating him, said that various attaches of the city treasurer's office had access to the cashier's cage and it was therefore unfair to hold Mr. Tabb responsible for the loss.

### Indicted for Manslaughter.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 9.—Announcement was made today that the attorney general of British Columbia had laid indictments for manslaughter against Thomas Graham and J. H. Tonkin, two of the most prominent mining men in Canada. They are charged with carelessness in connection with the disaster that caused the loss of 19 lives in the Reserve Mine near Nakaimo on Feb. 15 last.

### Mysterious Explosion.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 9.—William Moon, an employe, was killed and one of the six wheel mills of the Western Powder company's plant, 15 miles west of here, was wrecked by an explosion today. The concussion shook houses in the residence district, breaking numerous windows. Officials of the company could not explain the explosion.

## Swiss Chief Holds Peace Effort Afar

### But Says Time Will Come When Neutrals Will Have Right to Interfere.

Paris, Sept. 9.—Neutral nations are justified in protesting against war, because they are its victims, in the opinion of Dr. Giuseppe Motta, president of Switzerland, who expressed his views in a conversation with Elenko Lamy, the French ambassador. An account of this interview, which appears in the Petit Parisien, quotes Mr. Motta as having said:

"Past wars affected only belligerents, but nowadays, owing to growth, the change in ideas, habits and wealth, there is a community among peoples. The rupture of this community by war between certain states affects all the rest."

"The will of neutrals is less respected in time of war. It is not, then, sufficient that they await the end of the conflict. For them passiveness has become a duty and energy has become the proper policy. They have a right to raise their voices against war, because they are its victims. It is legitimate for them to unite their interests, because they are injured in common, but the hour has not come for that effort. Words, like spent bullets, would glance off the armor of belligerents without affecting it, but armor finally becomes heavy, even for the strongest."

"The first sign of that fatigue will not find Switzerland inattentive or hesitant. She will act in concert with other neutral governments, convinced as she is that the cause of peace is the cause of all. Necessary peace is not one which will be glorious, for it cannot be glorious for all, but equitable justice alone is lasting in effects."

## CHICAGOAN WINS FROM EASTERNER

### Miss Ernestine Pearce Defeats Mrs. R. B. Barlow, Philadelphia Expert, in Golf Match.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Emily Gavin of England will meet Miss Ernestine Pearce of Chicago tomorrow in one of the semi-final matches for the women's golf championship of the United States. Mrs. Gavin defeated Eleanor Allen of Boston, 4 and 2. Miss Pearce, former Chicago champion, furnished the upset of the day by winning from Mrs. R. B. Barlow, the Philadelphia expert, 4 and 2.

The other semi-final match will be between Miss Alex Stirling of Atlanta, the southern champion, and Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck of Philadelphia. Miss Stirling readily won from Miss Margaret Edwards of Chicago, 5 and 4. Mrs. Vanderbeck, gold medalist, with 55, handily eliminated Mrs. Ernest L. Beifield of Chicago, sister of Elaine Rosenthal, western champion, 3 and 1. Mrs. Vanderbeck attained a lead of two holes on the out journey and gained another by the time she passed the 15th and was down to three.

The match was exciting all the way and furnished the best golf of the tournament thus far. Mrs. Vanderbeck went out in 41 and Mrs. Beifield was only two strokes higher. Mrs. Vanderbeck played the live-hole for 18 holes, 84, women's par and a new women's record for the 6,435 yard course.

## GARRANZA IS NOT TO OPPOSE PEACE

### Answer of Mexican Chief, Last to be Heard From, Is Expected at Capital Tomorrow.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Secretary Lansing announced today that General Carranza's reply to the Pan-American peace appeal was expected tomorrow or Saturday. The secretary said he had no advance notice of its contents.

Official reports, however, indicate Carranza will decline to enter objections. As soon as Carranza's answer has been received another meeting of the Pan-American conferees will be called.

Improvement of general conditions in the vicinity of San Luis Potosi and Aguas Calientes are described in today's reports to the state department.

### THE WEATHER

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

Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature. Temperature at 7 a. m., 63. Highest yesterday, 87; lowest last night, 62.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., two miles per hour.

Precipitation, .32 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 66; at 7 a. m., 87; at 1 p. m. today, 61.

Stage of water, 3.2; no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## FIERCE DRIVE UPON FRENCH DURING NIGHT

### Paris Says All Lines in Argonne With One Exception Hold Successfully.

### FACTORIES DAMAGED

### German Dirigible Drops Bombs at Nesle and Railroad Station Attacked.

Berlin, Sept. 9. (via London, 8:50 p. m.)—An important victory in the Argonne was announced today by the war office. French positions over a front of two kilometers (1 1/2 miles) and 300 to 500 yards deep, were captured.

The war office also announced that in the Zeppelin raids over England on Tuesday and Wednesday nights bombs were dropped on docks and other port establishments in London and vicinity. The German airships returned safely.

Paris, Sept. 9. (12:35 p. m.)—There was very violent fighting last night in the Argonne region, according to announcement made this afternoon by the French war office. The Germans attacked the French lines with great ferocity, but with one exception, these lines everywhere held fast. The French took some prisoners.

The text of the report reads: "In the Artois district there has been fighting with hand grenades and rifle firing between the trenches in the sectors of Neuville and Becluncon. There was also fairly spirited cannonading to the south of Arras and in the region of Roye."

"In the Argonne, not far from Fontaine Aux Charmes, very violent fighting took place during last night. The Germans renewed their attacks with great ferocity. With the exception, however, of a section of trench to the east of Lavey de Rimartille, our lines everywhere held fast. We took some prisoners and captured a machine."

"In the Lorraine district in the forest of Paroy, there took place advance post engagements, in which the fighting rested with us."

"In the Vosges there has been fighting with hand grenades on the heights to the east of Metzgeral."

"About 20 shells were thrown down yesterday by French aeroplanes on the railroad station at Chalangeau."

"During the night of Sept. 8-9, one of our dirigible balloons bombarded the railroad station and certain factories at Nesle, in the department of the Somme."

## THE WAR TODAY

(Associated Press Summary.) Last night's Zeppelin raid on London and the English east coast resulted in the killing of 29 persons and the injuring of 84 others. This makes a total of 33 persons killed and 129 injured in the raids of two successive nights.

A dispatch from Berlin carries the report that the British steamer Southland, formerly the Red Star liner Vandalind, which was serving as a transport, has been torpedoed in Turkish waters. A message from Sofia by way of Berlin last week reported the sinking by a mine of an unnamed British transport at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

Large forces are being concentrated by the entente for an assault on the Dardanelles.

Violent attacks in the Argonne region were renewed last night by the Germans, who threw heavy forces of infantry against the French trenches near Fontaine Aux Charmes. Paris declares that except for the taking of one section of trench, the German attack failed.

French armies continue their bombardment of German lines of communication, dropping bombs on railroad stations to the rear of the battle front.

Rome in its latest statement claims an Italian advance in Cadore, which, however, stopped before strong defenses erected by the Austrians.

The Russian war office in its current communication claims an important success near Tarnopol in Galicia. The defeat of two German divisions and an Austrian brigade, and the capture of more than 5,000 prisoners, 39 cannon and many machine guns is recorded.

Apparently the engagement is the one alluded to in yesterday's German official statement, in which it was declared that the Russians had won a victory or that any German cannon or machine guns had been captured.

## Pastors Have Bitter Fight; Cops Called

### Colored Baptist Convention in Chicago Is Scene of Exciting Proceedings.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—A police guard and the serving of an injunction were looked for developments at today's session of the Negro National Baptist convention. The injunction restraining Rev. K. C. Norris of Helena, Mont., president of the convention, from speaking at the convention or taking any other active part.

The trouble began at the first session yesterday when Rev. E. P. Jones, Madras, Mo., was made temporary chairman after Mr. Norris had raised against a new charter. The meeting grew more disorderly when Jones took the gavel after Norris had left with many of his friends. Many of the remaining delegates surged toward the speakers' platform. Jones was pounding for order in vain. Two policemen mingled with the crowd. Jones was pulled backwards. He fell on his knees, but was not hurt. Finally he abandoned his attempt to preside.

Cries of "Oh, Lord, help us" could be heard above the din. Suddenly Jones pointed at a delegate and shouted: "Arrest that man, he threatened my life!" The man indicated eluded the grasp of the policeman nearest him and escaped, but a number of others were ejected. The convention was one of the attractions of the Lincoln jubilee, an exposition held to demonstrate the progress of the negro in the last 50 years.

## RUSSIANS CLAIM VICTORIOUS BLOW

### Report Having Inflicted Severe Defeat on Their Opponents Near Galician Frontier.

London, Sept. 9. (12:20 p. m.)—For the first time in many weeks the Russians according to their own statement, have inflicted a severe defeat on their opponents. The battle of Tuesday, near Tarnopol, to miles west of Lemberg and near the Galician frontier, while not conclusive, is regarded in England as indicating that the Russians are reaching the stage where they purpose striking back after their long retreat.

The Tenthic forces engaged in this battle included not only Austrian, but German forces. The Russians maintain that 5,000 prisoners, exclusive of the dead and wounded, measure the extent of their victory, and that it would have been more pronounced but for their inferiority in artillery.

The German center is being forced slowly by virtue of sustained pressure, but in the north Field Marshal von Hindenburg is still unable to force a passage of the Dvina.

Grand Duke Nicholas, removed as commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, is today on the way to his new headquarters in the Caucasus. Pending further developments, the Russian and English press is unable to furnish just what the transfer signifies. It is suggested in some quarters that the shift may be a forerunner to an important Russian diversion on the Turkish frontier, in connection with the Franco-British attempt to force the Dardanelles.

By means of air raids, gunfire from the sea and artillery bombardments in many places on the western front the French and British continue to hammer the German trenches without launching infantry attacks.

## TRANSPORT SUNK IN TURK WATERS

### Bremen Newspaper Reports Loss of Southland, Formerly Red Star Liner Vandalind.

Berlin, Sept. 9. (via wireless to Tuckerton, N. Y.)—A statement given out by the Overseas News Agency today quotes the Weserzeitung of Bremen as saying that the British steamship Southland, serving as a transport, was torpedoed recently in Turkish waters. The news agency says:

"The Weserzeitung of Bremen points out that the transport Southland was torpedoed in Turkish waters. The Southland formerly was the Red Star liner Vandalind. These steamers flew the Belgian flag up to the time of the occupation of Belgium and then sailed under the American flag. Now the Southland, which lately was flying the American flag, suddenly was changed into a British transport."

### Green Returns to Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 9.—E. H. R. Green, who has been living for more than two years in New York with his mother, Mrs. Hettie Green, will return to Texas to take charge of the Green interests in the southwest. It was announced here today by F. B. McDay, general passenger agent of the Texas Midland railroad. Mr. Green was one of the pioneer railroad builders of the southwest and president of the Texas Midland. His home is in Terrell.

## ZEPPELINS DROP BOMBS ON HEART OF LONDON, KILLING 20 PERSONS AND WOUNDING 86

## SENATOR SLAIN BY POLITICAL ENEMY

### Spaniard Confesses to Taking Life of Rio Janeiro Leader, Blaming Him for Troubles.

Rio Janeiro, Sept. 9.—The assassination yesterday of Senator Pinheiro Machado has caused a profound sensation throughout Brazil. The Spaniard charged with his murder has confessed, the authorities assert, that he had no accomplices and that he killed Senator Machado because he blamed the politician for mistreatment which had befallen his family.

Pinheiro Machado frequently was referred to as the political "boss" of Brazil. He was president of the senate and leader of the conservative. He had become unpopular of late because he championed the cause of former President Frouca, who recently was elected to the senate.

Machado, who was reputed to be immensely wealthy, was credited with playing an important part in bringing about the election of President Braz. It was said he forced the proclamation of martial law in Rio Janeiro in 1914 as a piece of political strategy.

## DOCTORS ANSWER CHARGES OF JURY

### Denied That Hospitals of Duluth are Aiding Libertarians in Securing Operations.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 9.—Representatives of the St. Louis (Duluth) County Medical association today made public a protest against the report of the St. Louis county grand jury, in which hospital authorities in the county were criticized yesterday as being careless in permitting incompetent surgeons to perform major operations.

Dr. J. J. Eklund and Dr. S. H. Boyer, members of the association, declared that their organization has exerted its utmost efforts to halt practice on the part of unlicensed doctors, but that practically in all cases it had been without result.

Dr. Eklund, in a written statement concerning the arduous raid stated that the Zeppelins "visited" the eastern counties and the London district.

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## MRS. ARMOUR USES AD TO GET JEWELS BACK

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Mrs. J. Ogden Armour will not prosecute the two robbers who looted her home on Monday, 607 will she view any more suspects in an attempt to identify them, she told the police today.

She has attempted to recover the stolen jewelry without the aid of police. Want ads were published in papers today offering a "suitable reward" for the return of diamonds which are valued at more than \$3,000. "No questions will be asked," the ad stated.

## 41 NORWAY VESSELS GO DOWN DURING WAR

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Forty-one ships flying the Norwegian flag have been lost since the beginning of the war in Europe and 76 sailors have perished, according to a report received at the state department today from the American minister at Christiania. Thirteen ships were destroyed by mines, 24 were sunk by torpedoes, three disappeared in the war zone and one was crushed by a German warship, the report stated. Another ship was taken as a prize to Hamburg. The extensive losses have impelled the Norwegian war risk insurance bureau to increase premiums and adopt additional restrictions.

### Trying to End Strike.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Efforts to end the strike of employes of the United Traction company in Albany, Troy and surrounding towns was to be made today at a meeting of representatives of the commercial clubs of Albany and Troy, to be held here. Representatives of the company and the strikers were invited to attend the conference.

## Women and Children Among Victims of Latest Night Attack of Airships.

## WIDE ZONE IS COVERED

### London Newspapers Warn People to Take Attacks More Seriously.

London, Sept. 9. (4:05 p. m.)—Twenty persons were killed and 86 others injured in last night's Zeppelin raid.

These figures were given out here officially today. The German airships flew over the eastern counties of England and the London district.

The official statement gives the following list of casualties: Killed, 12 men, two women and six children; injured, seriously, eight men, four women and two children; injured, slightly, 38 men, 23 women and 11 children.

One soldier was killed and three were injured. All the other victims were civilians.

There were no Americans among the Zeppelin air raid victims, the American embassy and the American consulate reported this afternoon.

The attack of last night brings up the total of casualties from Zeppelin raids to 322 killed and 348 injured. On the previous night 13 persons were killed and 43 wounded.

London, Sept. 9. (2:37 p. m.)—The raid of Zeppelins last night is described by the Pall Mall Gazette as "Londoners' first glimpse of the war at close quarters."

The Evening Standard speaks of the coolness shown everywhere, but warns the public against the "noticeably widespread and dangerous disposition to regard the Zeppelins as a species of sportsman."

It suggests that in addition to the Zeppelin which within limits, "is a terrible instrument of war," there is also danger from anti-aircraft guns. Therefore the public, it says, would be well advised to take aerial visitors more seriously than it did last night. Last night's official statement concerning the arduous raid stated that the Zeppelins "visited" the eastern counties and the London district.

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## BRITISH LABOR IN SUPPORT OF WAR

### Trades Union Congress Takes An Affirmative Stand on the Subject of Recruiting.

Bristol, Eng., Sept. 9.—The Trades Union congress adopted virtually without opposition, at today's session, a resolution presented by the Railway Clerks' union on the subject of recruiting. The congress resolved:

"That this congress, being convinced that the issues involved in the present European war are of transcendent importance to the democracies of this and other countries, hereby records its entire approval of the action of the parliamentary labor party in cooperating with the other political parties in the national recruiting campaign."

The consensus of opinion as revealed in speeches was that it was not part of the teaching of trades unionism that it is the duty of man to turn the other cheek to the man who smites him. One speaker said that if, when "dear brother Fritz" invaded Belgium the British government had not decided to resist this move, the men and women of Britain would have forced it to do so.

### Making War Munitions Strikes.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—Five Chicago firms, said to have contracts for the manufacture of shell casings, or machinery for making them, are the objects of strikes by machinists, according to a story printed in the Evening Post today.