

STRIKE CRISIS IS AGAIN DEADLOCKED

SLAY ENTIRE GARRISON OF GRECIAN FORT

Bulgarians Take Fort of Startila After Putting Defenders to Death.

REACH AEGEAN COAST

Sofia Reports Serbians Beaten on Macedonian Front and British Routed.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The Bulgarians have attacked and captured the Greek fort of Startila, after killing its commander, Chanas and the entire garrison, which offered spirited resistance, says a Saloniki dispatch to the Matin. The dispatch is dated Aug. 23 and was delayed.

Sofia, Aug. 26, (via London).—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing on the Macedonian front the Serbians have been defeated with very heavy losses and compelled to retire, the war office announced today. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians.

On the eastern end of the front Bulgarian forces have reached the Greek Aegean coast and put British cavalry detachments to flight. Several villages have been occupied by the Bulgarians.

Protest Bulgar Occupation.

Saloniki, Aug. 26, (via Paris, 5:55 p. m.).—A large popular meeting was held here last night to protest against the occupation of Greek territory by Bulgarians. It was followed by a demonstration for Venizelos and the singing of the national hymn.

The crowd then marched to the headquarters of General Sarrail, the entire commander, and sang the "Marseillaise." A. A. Mouskley, for an exchange of views against the Bulgarian occupation was drawn up and left with the prefect of police.

Athens dispatches say the government is much concerned about the liberal party manifestation which is being organized for Sunday and threatens to hold counter demonstrations of supporters of the king.

Entente Discuss Greece.

Athens, Aug. 26, (via Paris, 1:20 a. m.).—The present political and military situation, says the Patrios, has resulted in an exchange of views among the entente powers regarding the attitude to be taken towards Greece. It is questioned by entente diplomatists, the newspaper states, whether the measures agreed to by Greece in response to the demands of the allies, including demobilization of the army and a government offering all necessary guarantees for benevolent neutrality, are now sufficient, in view of the new situation.

Kaiser's Plan Rejected.

Paris, Aug. 26, 5:20 a. m.—According to information from diplomatic sources, says a wireless dispatch from Berne, Emperor William of Germany wrote to King Ferdinand of Rumania that he intended to send Duke Albrecht of Mecklenburg on a special mission to him with regard to the position of Rumania.

King Ferdinand replied, adds the dispatch, that the mission would be inopportune because, as a constitutional monarch, he would be obliged to refer the envoy to his ministers, and in the circumstances he preferred that an communication from the German government should be received through ordinary diplomatic channels.

Repealed Russ With Losses.

Berlin, Aug. 26, by wireless to Sayville.—Russian troops attempting to advance in the Carpathians toward the Hungarian border have been partially repulsed, suffering large losses, the official Austrian report of August 25 announces. Austrian positions captured by the Russians on General von Boehm-Bronn's front, in the Tereplakie-Pienik sector, have been recovered.

Italians Occupy Palermo.

Paris, Aug. 26, 1:14 p. m.—A dispatch from Avlona states that the Italians have occupied Porto Palermo and the summit of Mount Kalarat, in southern Albania, in order to watch the extraordinary coast of Cape Corchall, 50 miles southeast of Avlona, in which district there is said to be an Austrian submarine base.

Rumania's War Credit.

Amsterdam, (via London), Aug. 26.—By decree of the Rumanian council of ministers, published in the Monitor, the extraordinary credit for the army is increased by 200,000,000 francs to 600,000,000 francs, according to a telegram from Bucharest today.

General Paraskevicos has been appointed director of munitions, adds the dispatch, and General Popovic, inspector general of cavalry, has been appointed to command the first army corps in succession to General Averesco.

JAPANESE DIPLOMAT PASSES THROUGH U. S.



Marquis Inouye.

Marquis Katsunosuke Inouye, Japanese ambassador to England, is passing through the United States on his return to his native land. Marquis Inouye is one of the ablest of the Japanese diplomats, and has served with distinction at the court of St. James since 1913, all through the fateful days of the present world war.

PRIEST IS KILLED IN WINDOW FALL

Father Tomazin Plunged to Death From Sixth Story of Hotel Sherman.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Rev. Ignatius Tomazin, 70, formerly parish priest at St. Anthony's German Catholic church in Albany, Minn., fell from a sixth story window of the Hotel Sherman today and was instantly killed. Rev. Tomazin was relieved of parish work about July 24. Hotel employees say the priest has been acting strangely since coming to Chicago.

A letter was found in Rev. Tomazin's room addressed to Miss Martha McCluskey, his aged housekeeper. The letter is incoherent and meaningless. According to witnesses, the body struck between the horses hitched to a garbage wagon, catching on the reins and tearing the bits from their mouths.

The priest's neck was broken and he is believed to have died instantly. Miss Martha McCluskey, for 16 years housekeeper of the aged priest, said she believed Rev. Tomazin committed suicide while brooding over his church affairs. A letter, believed to have been intended for her, was found in the priest's room.

"Don't be scared," it read, "I am alright. Take the next train. Take all your things and my things for baggage. I am waiting for you." The letter was unsigned.

The priest, Miss McCluskey said, had been acting strangely for several days. After his resignation on July 23, she said, they went to St. Paul and arrived here Tuesday.

"Rev. Tomazin had trouble with his parishioners for five years—since he took charge of the church," she said. "One night three of the parishioners came to Father Tomazin's parish and beat him. That caused him to resign. It broke his heart, I think."

Miss McCluskey, who is middle aged, was asleep in another part of the hotel when the priest's lifeless body was found.

THE WAR TODAY

While determinedly resisting the allied advance on the Somme front in northern France, the Germans in other sectors of the western battle line. Near Tature in the Champagne, the French offensive of last September, German troops last night charged French positions.

Comparative inactivity on the western front has followed the news reported recently by the British and French. The Germans, however, have made a new attack at St. Mihiel, southeast of Verdun.

On the eastern front, the renewed offensive of the Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia is growing in extent. Recent fighting near Lake Van is described as a crushing blow to the Turks.

The Serbians have made appreciable progress on the left wing of the Saloniki front.

On the Somme the German counter thrust was directed at Hill 121 near Maurepas, past which village the French have hammered their way in the attempt to envelop Clery and clear the road north of the river to Peronne. This attack also was repulsed.

Military activity is developing in the Balkans.

The Bulgarians have reached the Greek Aegean coast. The Russians are continuing attempts to advance in the Carpathians toward the Hungarian border.

ENEMY SHIPS DESTROY ALL U. S. DEFENSE

Great Army of Theoretical Invaders Is Landing on Long Island.

BATTLE SANDY HOOK

The Battleships Nevada and Texas Among Losses Sustained by Yankee Navy.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The defending squadrons under Rear Admiral Helm have been "destroyed" by the hostile fleet under Admiral Mayo in the navy war game and this afternoon an invading army was being landed in theory on the shores of Long Island.

The red and blue fleets have been engaged in battle, the culmination of the navy war game, since 5 o'clock this morning off Scotland lightship, Sandy Hook.

Up to noon, by the umpire's decision, the battleships Nevada and Texas and the destroyers Wadsworth and Tucker of the enemy fleet, the scout cruiser Birmingham and the destroyers Benham, Fanning, Balch, Drayton and several others of the blue defending fleet, had been lost in action.

The battle is scheduled to last until 5 o'clock this afternoon. "Whatever the outcome," declared Rear Admiral Benson, chief of the naval operations today, "it has been an excellent maneuver. The department is well satisfied."

Washington Hears News.

The annihilation of the defending fleet was reported to the navy department in a wireless message from the chief umpire which said:

"Discontinued battleship engagement at 11:10 a. m. Red forces gain control of the sea."

Later dispatches to the navy announced that the defending submarines had failed to stop the transports, that the theoretical invasion of New York by a foreign foe was accomplished, and that the war game was over.

SOLDIER'S KILLING DUE TO JEALOUSY

Mrs. Adams Shot Captain Sprattling Because of Attentions He Paid to Her.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 26.—Accompanied by a military escort, the body of Captain Edgar J. Sprattling, F company, Fifth regiment, national guard of Georgia, who was shot and killed at the state mobilization camp here yesterday by Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta, early today was taken to his home in Atlanta. Burial will be at Opelika, Ala.

Mrs. Adams, formerly a patient of Captain Sprattling, who in civil life was a physician, last night was held by a coroner's jury for the killing. In the Bibb county jail here she asserted she shot Captain Sprattling because of attentions paid her while she was in his office in Atlanta.

After several hours in jail Mrs. Adams became hysterical, but frequently declared that when she goes to trial her course will be shown to have been justified. Her husband, a laundry wagon driver, is expected here today.

FIRST SPEECH FOR WILSON IN ILLINOIS

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The first speech for Wilson and Marshall to be delivered in Illinois under the auspices of the democratic national committee will be made at Monmouth Monday, Aug. 28, by Edwin Spencer, Jr., speaker of the house of representatives of Florida.

GIRL FALLS HEIR TO GREEK ESTATE

New Orleans, La., Aug. 26.—Frances Riley, an 8-year-old Greek girl, awoke today to be told she had inherited her grandmother's estate, said to be worth several hundred thousand dollars, near Athens, Greece.

THE WEATHER

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

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; somewhat cooler tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 83; lowest last night, 65; at 7 a. m. today, 66.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., two miles an hour. Humidity at 7 p. m., 37; at 7 a. m., 50; at 1 o'clock today, 58. Stage of water, 3.4 feet, with a fall of 1 of a foot in the last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

HILL SNAPPED IN NATIONAL CAPITAL



Louis W. Hill.

Louis W. Hill is the president of the Great Northern railway and the son and principal heir to the vast properties of the late James J. Hill. This photo of him was taken a few days ago in Washington, where he protested vigorously against granting the eight-hour day to trainmen.

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Battles in Air Were Features Along Entire Verdun Front.

VENICE FACES CRISIS

Hard Fighting Is Reported on Caucasus Front With Russians in Retreat.

Paris, Aug. 26, (noon).—After an intense bombardment last night the Germans launched an infantry attack west of Tature in the Champagne. They penetrated the French position, the war office announced today, but subsequently were expelled. German attacks on the Somme and Verdun fronts were repulsed.

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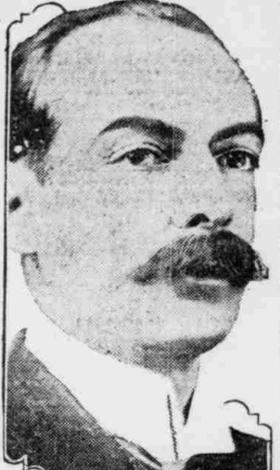
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PANAMA PRESIDENT AIDING THE JAPS?



President Elect Valdes.

The charge is made against President Elect Valdes of Panama that he was instrumental in securing a concession of 60,000 acres of land for one Fernandez, a Spaniard believed to be in the service of the Japanese government. The state department at Washington is making a searching investigation of the charge.

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The executives have been told that the men's leaders expect to have difficulty in restraining them after tonight. The proposal of the president, as he has stated officially, declines to concede the eight-hour day without arbitration and investigation of its application to railroading, but makes some concessions as to collateral issues. The effect of this proposal will be to pass the issue back to the brotherhoods.

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DESTROYER OF THE LUSITANIA GIVEN HONORS

London, Aug. 26.—The Shifts-Tidende of Ribe, Denmark, is quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen as saying the commander of the submarine which sank the Lusitania was Captain Max Valentiner, son of the dean of Soerensburg cathedral.

Captain Valentiner, this newspaper says, has been decorated with a number of orders since the sinking of the liner, including the iron cross of the first class and the Hohenzollern house order with swords, a special distinction which is the personal gift of the German emperor.

LAND BANKS ASKED FOR ILLINOIS CITIES

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Chicago's application for a federal land bank, as well as an application from Springfield, will be considered at a hearing of the federal farm loan board scheduled for Springfield Sept. 21, it was announced today.

Members of the board arrived here early today on their way to Madison, Wis., Captain W. S. A. Smith of Iowa was a member of the party.

BACK TO OLD IOWA AFTER DOING LOOP

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Muriel King and Mabel Schmidt, each 15 years old are to be returned to their home in Strawberry Point, Iowa, today happler and wiser.

The girls took a big six cylinder motor car belonging to Mabel's uncle, George Opperman, and started out Thursday with \$2 between them, to "see the sights." When Mabel attempted to give her bracelet as pay for gasoline, the police arrested them.

Latest Bulletins

Chicago, Aug. 26.—A second suit for \$100,000 has been brought against Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill, New York pastor and prominent in republican politics, by Miss Lucille Covington of Chicago, it became known today, for breach of promise.

New York, Aug. 26.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$125,390,260 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$2,202,860 from last week.

Shreveport, La., Aug. 26.—A mob of 1,000 yesterday took Jess Hammet, a negro, from the jail at Vivian, 20 miles north of here and hanged him to a telegraph pole. He was identified by a white woman as the man who attempted an assault upon her.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26.—Two patrolmen, one of them a negro, were seriously wounded in a revolver battle here this afternoon with two negroes who confessed attempting to rob the home of Mrs. Mabel Boardwell.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, Aug. 26.—Two men were probably fatally injured when an automobile in which they were enroute to the state fair turned turtle near here today. They are C. L. White, a business man, and Ray Courtney, clerk in a local hotel.

HOURS TENSE WITH GRAVE ISSUE AHEAD

President Wilson Holds Both Sides in Balance Pending Final Outcome.

SITUATION SERIOUS

Federal Board of Mediation Issues Significant Statement.

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BORDEN AND PARTY SAVED THEIR LIVES

On board U. S. coast guard cutter McCulloch, Bering sea, Aug. 26, (via wireless to Seattle).—The power schooner Great Bear, carrying the Arctic expedition headed by John Borden of Chicago and Captain Louis Lane of Seattle, was wrecked on a pinnacle rock in Bering sea, Aug. 20. The vessel was a total loss, but the entire party landed safely on St. Matthew's island, where they were found yesterday by the McCulloch.

The members of the party aboard the Great Bear were able to land tents and provisions on St. Matthew's island and lived comfortably 15 days until the McCulloch, which had been sent from Nome to search for the vessel found them yesterday.