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UNITED STATES PROTESTING

Will Send Strong Note to England on Order in Council, Which is Injurious to the American Trader With Neutrals.

Chief Interest of Day Centers in Diplomatic Actions of England, United States and Germany—Berlin Will Give Full Satisfaction for Sinking of Arabic and Hesperian—Russians Gain in South and Germans in North at Eastern Scene of War.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The American protest to Great Britain against the order in council interfering with American trade and the action placing cotton on the contraband list was completed today, but the time for sending it is held in abeyance until the note is approved by the president. The protest is as drastic as possible, flatly declaring that Great Britain violated international law in interfering with American trade with neutral countries.

GERMANS IN FRIENDLY SPIRIT.

Satisfaction in Arabic Case Promised and Financial Mission Hinted at.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—German newspapers were authorized today to announce that the government will give full satisfaction to the United States on the Arabic and Hesperian cases and within a short time the incident will be closed. It is also hinted that a "financial mission" may visit America.

SANTA ANNA SAFE.

Burning Liner Arrives at Azore Islands.

St. Michael, Azores, Sept. 17.—Italian liner Santa Anna, which was recently afire at sea, arrived here today. The passengers were transferred to the Fabre liner Anconia for Naples.

Britain's Great Debt.

London, Sept. 17.—Great Britain's appropriations for the war already totalling \$6,310,000,000 will be further increased before parliament adjourns. Premier Asquith will propose another vote of credit for a billion and a half.

SWITZERLAND NEXT VICTIM.

Reported That Germans Will Invade Switzerland to Attack France.

Paris, Sept. 18.—Switzerland is being drawn closer to actual participation in the great war. It is rumored that the Germans may invade Switzerland to attack the unprotected frontier of France, south of the present operations. A Zurich dispatch states the fourth division of the Swiss army has been called out for active service.

GERMANS STILL ADVANCE.

Around Vilna Russian Situation Serious—In Galicia Germans Defeated.

Petrograd, Sept. 18.—Vilna is surrounded by the Germans and it is feared the fall of the city is imminent. It is officially admitted that the Germans are advancing from Pinsk along the Xobrit-Pinsk railway.

The Russian offensive continues successfully in northeastern Galicia where the Russians have captured over three thousand within the last two days.

ITALIANS MOVE FORWARD.

Hard Fighting Resumed in Isonzo Valley.

Rome, Sept. 18.—Hard fighting has again developed at Plezzo and the Isonzo valley. The Italians moved their trench lines forward under the protection of a terrific bombardment.

Attempts to Invade Serbia.

Nish, Sept. 18.—Three attempts of the Austrians to invade Serbia by way of the Save River have been repulsed.

British Steamer Submarine.

London, Sept. 18.—The British tank steamer San Seferino from Mexico was submerged off Ireland today. Three of the crew are missing.

Turkish Fleet Attacks.

Constantinople, Sept. 18.—A part of the Turkish Black Sea fleet shelled the Crimean coast Friday. In the Persian gulf a hundred British were killed in a surprise attack.

BULGARIA AGAINST ALLIES.

London Has News That Bulgaria Has Joined Germany and Turkey.
London, Sept. 20.—Bulgaria has

removed all restrictions on the passage of merchandise through that country to Turkey and it is believed to indicate that Bulgaria has definitely allied itself with Germany, Austria and Turkey.

BERLIN CELEBRATES VICTORY.

Germans Now Talk of Campaign to Take Petrograd.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—While Berlin is wildly rejoicing today over the capture of Vilna one of the greatest battles yet fought in the eastern zone is raging east of the captured fortress. A German victory means the separation of the northern and southern Russian armies. Experts predict the early capture of Dvinsk and hint at a campaign to take Petrograd. Though the Russians achieved some local successes in the Volhynian triangle it is regarded of secondary importance.

ADMIT LOSS OF VILNA.

Russians Retreat from Another Great Fortress.

Petrograd, Sept. 20.—The war office today admitted that the Germans have occupied Vilna and the Russians are retreating through the city to avoid its destruction by bombardment. Russians still hold Dvinsk fortress and the entire Dvina river front.

CONSCRIPTION IS INEVITABLE.

England is Faced by Most Desperate Situation.

London, Sept. 20.—Conscription in England is believed to be inevitable. The publication of letters written by Lloyd-George asserting that the "issue is the gravest that ever confronted any country," is regarded here as the first step towards preparing the country for the announcement of a decree of compulsory enlistment. The cabinet meets tomorrow and will probably discuss conscription.

Skirmish on Dardanelles.

Constantinople, Sept. 20.—On Dardanelles Turkish reconnoiters repulsed the enemy, bombarding three trenches and capturing several guns. The Turkish artillery bombarded the enemy at Kamikilliman. The French warships bombarded the Turkish batteries, without damage.

Zeppelins Did Great Damage.

New York, Sept. 20.—Details of the London air raids were received today on the arrival of the Rotterdam. These were the first reports received, as they had been withheld by the British censors. They show that the situation in London and on the east coast are much more dangerous and greater damage was inflicted than at first reported. Numerous fires were started from Zeppelin bombs.

CONSULS ARE TRANSFERRED.

Two South Carolina Men Among Those Changed.

Washington, Sept. 18.—President Wilson today directed the transfer of Lewis W. Haskell, now consul at Belgrade, Serbia, to the same post at Geneva, Switzerland. He also transfers Julius D. Dreher from the consular post at Toronto, Canada, to the consular post at Colon, Panama. Geneva pays \$3,500 a year and Colon \$4,000. Mr. Dreher received the same salary at Toronto, but Mr. Haskell gets \$500 more at Geneva than at Belgrade. Both appointees are South Carolinians.

SERIOUS CANAL SLIDE.

Earth Shows Above Water in Channel.
Panama, Sept. 19.—A serious slide in the canal occurred yesterday north of Gold Hill on the east bank. The mass almost entirely fills the channel, so that the earth shows above the water where ships ordinarily pass. The yardage involved amounts to more than 100,000 cubic yards. The general opinion is that it will be a week at least before vessels even of light draught can pass.

BALKANS PREPARE FOR WAR.

ROUMANIA READY TO FIGHT FOLLOWING MOBILIZATION ON FRONTIER.

German Newspapers Tell of New Balkan League for Protection from Germany and Austria—Bulgaria Only One of Little Kingdoms not in Compact.

London, Sept. 16.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says German newspapers were permitted yesterday to publish sensational telegrams intimating that Roumania's participation in the war may be expected at any minute.

The massing of German and Austrian troops on the Roumanian frontier has resulted in the Balkan nation making preparations for eventualities. A part of her army already has been mobilized and reserves have been ordered home.

A steadfast refusal of Roumania to permit transportation through her territory by Germany of military supplies for Turkey is supposed to have aroused the animosity of the central empires.

Recent advices from Rome were to the effect that negotiations were under way for the formation of a new Balkan league to be composed of Roumania, Serbia and Greece. Bulgaria, it was said, was not included in the negotiations because of her agreement with Turkey by which she will obtain possession of territory along the Dedeaghat railway. Montenegro probably would act in accord with the other three powers as she already is arrayed on the side of the allies in the war.

ASKS AN EXPLANATION.

Bulgaria Questions Neighbors on Mobilization.

Rome, Sept. 15 (via Paris, Sept. 16).—Because of the concentration of Greek and Roumanian troops on the Bulgarian frontier, the Bulgarian foreign minister has instructed the representatives of that country at Athens and Bucharest to request an immediate and definite explanation, according to Sofia dispatches to The Giornale d'Italia. Press dispatches from Brest state that the Turks have already begun to carry out the provisions of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement. They have abandoned the barracks at Karaghatch and destroyed the forts on the right bank of the Maritza river.

The Bulgarian prefect at Stara Zagora has arranged to take formal possession of the ceded territory in the presence of his Turkish and Bulgarian ministers on September 18. The Turkish vali of Adrianople has gone to Constantinople to obtain instructions from the porte on the same subject.

MAY SEND EXHIBIT TO FAIR.

Farm Demonstration Agents in South Carolina Hold Conference in Columbia.

Columbia, Sept. 18.—United States farm demonstration agents in South Carolina met in Columbia yesterday to discuss plans for the work next year. It is probable that the agents will send an exhibit to the State fair.

Among those in attendance were: W. W. Long, State agent; W. R. Elliott of Winnsboro, W. P. Stewart of Simpsonville and C. A. McFaddin of Manning, district agents; Miss Edith L. Parrott, State agent for the home demonstration work, and L. L. Baker of Bishopville, State agent for the boys' club work.

Mr. Baker said that he was planning to have the boys send a large exhibit to the State fair.

CALLS ON BERNSTORFF.

Dumba Pays Visit to German Ambassador.

New York, Sept. 17.—Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, whose recall has been asked, visited Count von Bernstorff here today and remained with the German ambassador for more than an hour. When Dr. Dumba left he said he expected to go to his summer home at Lenox, Mass., tonight.

Through his secretary, Count von Bernstorff said he wanted it understood that Dr. Dumba had not held a conference with him and that the Austrian ambassador merely had dropped in to pay a friendly call.

Dr. Dumba cancelled his proposed trip by motor to Lenox tonight because of a rainstorm. Count von Bernstorff likewise remained here but said he would make his intended trip to Cedarhurst, L. I., tomorrow.

WILLING TO LEND HALF BILLION

DIMINISHES IN HALF ACCORDING TO WALL STREET REPORTS.

Commission Gives out no Information on Subject—Known That Rockefeller and His Associates Among Those Who Consider Taking Part of Big War Loan.

New York, Sept. 16.—The proposed billion dollar loan to Great Britain and France shrank today in the gossip of Wall street to half that size.

Five hundred million dollars was the sum set as the amount American financiers would lend. That figure seemed uniform in a half dozen or more reports current in the financial section. One financier was quoted as saying that sum would be loaned.

The commission itself and its American financial aids had nothing to say. In some manner not understood tonight, the situation was different from that of yesterday. There was an almost unanimous opinion among bankers whose views could be obtained that a billion dollars was not needed. Here is the way some financial authorities regarded the situation:

The commission asked for a billion dollars. It did not expect to get that. To the request bankers would naturally make a counteroffer.

After negotiations they would reach a common figure, and definite terms could be arranged.

A dozen or more prominent New York bankers talked with the commissioners today at a meeting place whose whereabouts was not disclosed. J. P. Morgan and two of his partners, Henry P. Davidson and Dwight W. Morrow, were among the number. Who the others were was not disclosed.

A representative of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., confirmed late today the report that Mr. Morgan had placed before Mr. Rockefeller tentative details of the proposed loan and had done so with a view to having Mr. Rockefeller subscribe to it. Although Mr. Rockefeller had not yet been asked to do so. In Mr. Rockefeller's behalf it was said that he neither had opposed nor espoused the project, but that he was considering it.

Considerable importance was attached to a visit made today by Jacob H. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., to James J. Hill. Renewal of the report that the so-called pro-German financial interests of New York might participate in the loan followed their talk.

Mr. Hill was quoted afterwards as saying the commission would obtain a half billion dollars here.

STRINGENT LAWS NEEDED.

Foreigners and Traitors May Conspire Against United States and Escape Punishment.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Sweeping amendments to the neutrality laws of the United States will be recommended to congress by President Wilson, it was learned today. The administration is amazed to find that under existing laws it is possible to plot against the good name of the United States, to conspire to destroy the country's free institutions and not be liable to any federal laws. Attempts to punish them under State laws have proven a complete failure. There is no law to punish persons sending coal and supplies to belligerent warships outside the three mile limit, except the custom laws. Both sides in the European war have time and again used the United States for supply stations. The Archibald case is another instance in point. More stringent regulation of espionage will be urged.

WHERE CENSORSHIP HELPS.

Columbians Rush to See Picture Condemned by Governor.

Columbia, Sept. 17.—A special performance given at the Ideal Theatre tonight, at which the picture "Hypocrites," which was last night censored by a committee including Governor Manning was shown, drew a packed house. There was a rush for tickets and several hundred Columbians had their look at this much-discussed picture tonight after the regular show had closed.

MONEY FOR DEFENSE.

Secretary Garrison Will Ask Congress for \$250,000,000.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Secretary Garrison will, in the estimate now practically complete, if President Wilson approves, ask congress for two hundred and fifty million dollars to strengthen the United States military defenses.

CZAR DISMISSES DUMA.

PROROGUES ASSEMBLY UNTIL NOVEMBER, WHEN IT MAY BE RE-ASSEMBLED.

Program of Reform Outlined by Liberals Considered Untimely and Adjourning of Lawmakers Results—Cabinet and Parliament Differ on Scheme of Work.

Petrograd, (via London) Sept. 16.—The Russia duma was prorogued today until mid-November, President Rodzianko announcing an imperial order authorizing the prorogation which had been transmitted through Premier Goremykin.

Today's session lasted only three minutes. A muttering from some of the Laborite and Radical deputies of "It is a crime" greeted reading of the imperial message, but the Constitutional Democrats maintained silence.

The deputies immediately left the hall while Deputy Kerensky, a Laborite, who shouted, "Down with all traitors," attempted to speak. The leaders decided there should be no debate, because M. Kerensky insisted upon his right to say what he liked.

Only a score of spectators had gathered in the street. The deputies appeared generally cheerful.

It is pointed out that the emperor reserved the right to call the duma before November 14 if he wished.

Differences of opinion between the cabinet and the parliament have been demonstrated clearly since the formation early this month of a duma of liberal and progressive elements. The new majority put forward a programme of important reforms, and it was reported that the cabinet might resign. Premier Goremykin went to the field headquarters of Emperor Nicholas to discuss the situation and on his return to Petrograd it was said the government regarded the programme of the Liberals as untimely.

LIKE TIME OF SEDAN.

Russia Forced to Make Big Changes.

Berlin, Sept. 16 (Wireless to Tuckerton).—"All the newspapers," says the Overseas News agency, "agree that the recent sensational changes in Russia are a necessary consequence of the military and political situation, and that the emperor was compelled to take personal command of the Russian forces to prevent still further difficulties arising. Grand Duke Nicholas was the incarnation of the anti-German nationalistic and imperialistic policy of Russia and personally responsible for forcing war upon the emperor. The grand duke's removal is regarded as having become imperative because of domestic differences as he was responsible for the government failing to keep its promise of better treatment for the Jews and Poles."

"The military qualities of the grand duke are generally acknowledged, his plans resulting in a check to the first advance by Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his strategical capabilities being shown in his invasion of Austria-Hungary and his conquest of Galicia and Bukovina."

"It is pointed out that the grand duke undoubtedly was loved by his army, while the emperor was personally unknown to it and was not an aspiring influence. The order appointing the grand duke to chief commander of the army of the Caucasus is considered as possibly indicating that greater importance is to be attached to these operations."

"The Vossische Zeitung draws comparisons between the French situation after Sedan and the present situation in Russia. Then, it points out, France started afresh as a republic. Doubtless, now, it continues, Russia will start afresh, the day of the old absolutism being over, and Moscow instead of official St. Petersburg (Petrograd) will lead in national affairs. Revolutionary tendencies, it remarks, are clearly visible everywhere in Russia and it asks what is likely to develop when millions after millions of well informed fugitives spread the news of Russia's terrible defeats throughout the vast empire."

VICTIMS OF AUTOMOBILE.

Chattanooga Law Officers Killed and Injured.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Clifford Byrd, a chauffeur, was killed, Jack Brown, a deputy sheriff, fatally injured, and Sam Evans, a deputy marshal seriously injured when their automobile overturned this morning near Calhoun. The party was on their way to Maconville after bloodhounds.

ORDERED TO SHOOT MEXICANS

TROOPS TOLD TO SHOOT ON SIGHT ANYONE FIRING ACROSS BORDER.

One More American Killed by Indians, Reports Consul—Zapata Troops Have Severed Communications Between Vera Cruz and Mexico City.

Brownsville, Sept. 18.—"Shoot on sight any person who fires into United States territory from the Mexican side," was the order issued American troops today. The Americans suffered no casualties in yesterday's fighting. Fifteen Mexicans were killed and three wounded in cavalry fighting at Donna, between Americans and Mexicans. Gen. Johnston reports that the Mexicans started the firing and then tried to place the blame on the Americans.

AMERICANS MURDERED BY INDIANS.

Communications Between Vera Cruz and Mexico City Interrupted by Indians.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Another American whose name is not given, murdered by Yaquis, reports the American consul at Mazatlan. The consul at Vera Cruz reports that communication to Mexico City is again interrupted by the Zapatists who have been attacking trains.

AMERICANS FLEE FROM MEXICO.

Cannon Trained on City and Machine Guns Guard Bridges.

Brownsville, Sept. 18.—Americans and other foreigners are fleeing from Mexico in considerable numbers. American cannon are still trained on Matamoros. Two machine gun platoons guard the international bridge and ferries. Fifteen hundred troops are massed along the American side of the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Ebanes.

HOWARD L. JONES LAID TO REST.

Funeral Service of Late President of Coker Conducted in College Auditorium.

Hartsville, Sept. 16.—The funeral services over the remains of Dr. Howard Lee Jones, president of Coker college, took place today at 12 o'clock in the auditorium of the college. The body was brought from Florence yesterday afternoon and was carried to the auditorium, where it lay in state in the president's office, and at the appointed hour today to the solemn strains from the large college organ, played by Mrs. L. W. Coker, the pallbearers bore it into the auditorium, where it was placed just beneath the rostrum.

The services were simple but impressive and appropriate. Dr. E. V. Baldy read passages of scripture suited to the life and work of the distinguished educator. He was assisted in conducting the services by the Rev. J. S. Sowers, D. D., of Florence, who said a prayer with words full of sympathy and in the beautiful supplication paid a high tribute to the deceased.

Mrs. Huett of Charleston sang a solo, Dr. J. E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Anderson, conducted the last sad rites at the grave by offering a prayer. Dr. C. C. Coleman of the Citadel Square Baptist church of Charleston, Dr. R. W. Lide of Darlington, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith of Timmonsville, Dr. Z. T. Cody, editor of The Baptist Courier, and other prominent acquaintances and relatives from Florence, Darlington, Charleston, Augusta and other points were among those who were present at the funeral.

WILSON ON HONOR SYSTEM.

Includes it in His Conference with Officials About Naval Academy.

Washington, Sept. 16.—President Wilson drew on his years of experience as head of a great university at a conference today with Secretary Daniels and Capt. E. W. Eberle, the newly appointed head of the Naval academy at Annapolis.

The conference, which was at the president's suggestion, was over problems of college management, discipline and administration, including the reorganization of the academy. Many changes already have been announced as the result of the recent investigation into hazing, infractions of discipline and irregularities in examinations.

The practicability of introducing at Annapolis the honor system now used at Princeton, the University of Virginia and other Southern colleges was taken up. The president said the honor system worked well at Princeton. The question will be discussed further.