

GERMANS MAKE DASH FOR BREST LITOVSK

Would Leave the Czar's Men Without Future Base of Operations in Poland.

London.—The Austro-Germans are making a determined attempt to envelop Brest Litovsk by swift marches from the west and south before the retreating Russians can regroup themselves to defend their important fortress base.

Official dispatches from both Petrograd and Vienna agreed on this point. Vienna reported the arrival of a German army within 35 miles of Brest Litovsk. The Russian war office announced that "obstinate struggles are increasing" in the region west of the fortress, through which the Bavarians

are advancing from Warsaw. The Germans, it was believed here, are attempting to rush the Slavs off their feet, capture Brest Litovsk by a cyclonic assault and leave the Russian field armies without a base for future operations in Poland, compelling their immediate retirement far behind the Kovno-Brest Litovsk line. The new positions occupied by the Germans and Austrians were outlined with approximate accuracy on good authority for the first time since the fall of Warsaw. The line starting from the vicinity of Ossowetz, near the Prussian border and opposite the Mazurian lakes region, curves to the south and east, running through Sokolow, Siedlce, Lukow, Ostrow and Vladova.

AMERICA DECLINES TO ALTER WAR LAWS

Washington.—The reply of the United States to the protest of Austria-Hungary against the sale of munitions of war to the allies is a refusal to accept the Austro-Hungarian view.

In justification of its position, the United States recited among other things, that international law, the practices of nations, the security of the United States and other nations without large military or naval establishments and neutrality itself were opposed to prohibiting the export of war munitions from a neutral to a belligerent in time of war.

The United States contends that it could not deny to others the right which it claims for itself to purchase war munitions from a neutral in event of a foreign attack. In this connection, the United States hints that it might have to buy from neutrals if attacked.

Germans Displeased With Latest Note Berlin, via London.—The comment of the principal provincial newspapers together with that of the Berlin press—is that the American note is entirely unsatisfactory and leaves Germany no alternative except to continue her submarine warfare against hostile commerce, regardless of consequences, unless "Great Britain, as a result of the forthcoming note from Washington, sees fit to change her illegal blockade policy."

Governor Walsh to Run Again.

Boston.—Governor Walsh has announced he would be a democratic candidate for renomination for a third term.

FRANK TAKEN FROM PRISON AND LYNCHED

Is Hanged to Tree 100 Miles From Prison Farm, Near Home of Mary Phagan.

Marietta, Ga.—Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl, and who was taken from the prison farm at Milledgeville Monday night, was lynched 100 miles east of here by the armed party which took him. He was hanged to a tree.

Frank was brought 100 miles from the prison farm to a point almost within sight of the former home of Mary Phagan.

Frank's body, barefooted, and clad only in prison trousers and shirt, was found at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Milledgeville, Ga.—A well organized party of armed men who came in five

automobiles attacked the Georgia state penitentiary here, took Leo M. Frank, serving a life term for the murder of Mary Phagan at Atlanta, from a dormitory and escaped with him.

The armed men arrived at the prison farm practically unnoticed. Five men went to the house of Warden J. T. Smith, awakened him and made him prisoner. At the same time a small squad of men went to the home of J. M. Burke, superintendent of the farm. Burke was forced to go with them to the gate nearest the dormitory. The party rushed in, got Frank and hurried him to one of the automobiles. He was forced down into the car, while a member of the party is said to have flourished a rope in front of him.

GRIP ON KOVNO TIGHTENED

Russians Making Stubborn Stand Between Narew and Bug Rivers.

Berlin.—The German official report on operations in the east tells of a sortie of Russians from Kovno, which, it says, was repulsed, and of stubborn resistance confronting other German armies. The grip on Kovno is declared to have been tightened. The report says:

"Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: Troops under General von Buelow have driven the Russians near Kubisko in a northeasterly direction. Four officers, 2350 men and one machine gun were captured. A Russian sortie from Kovno was repulsed. One thousand prisoners fell into our hands. Our attacking troops worked nearer to the fort.

"Between the Narew and the Bug the enemy made a stubborn stand. A Narew crossing was forced by our troops.

"The army of General von Scholtzka took more than 1000 prisoners, and that of General von Gallwitz took 2550 prisoners, including 14 officers. They also captured 10 machine guns. On all fronts we gained ground."

British Transport Torpedoed.

London.—The British transport Royal Edward has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, it was officially announced. Six hundred men were saved out of 1350 troops and 220 other persons on board.

Cabinet of Greece Quits.

London.—King Constantine of Greece has accepted the resignation of the Gounaris cabinet. Elutherios Venizelos, leader of the opposition, was invited to consult with the king.

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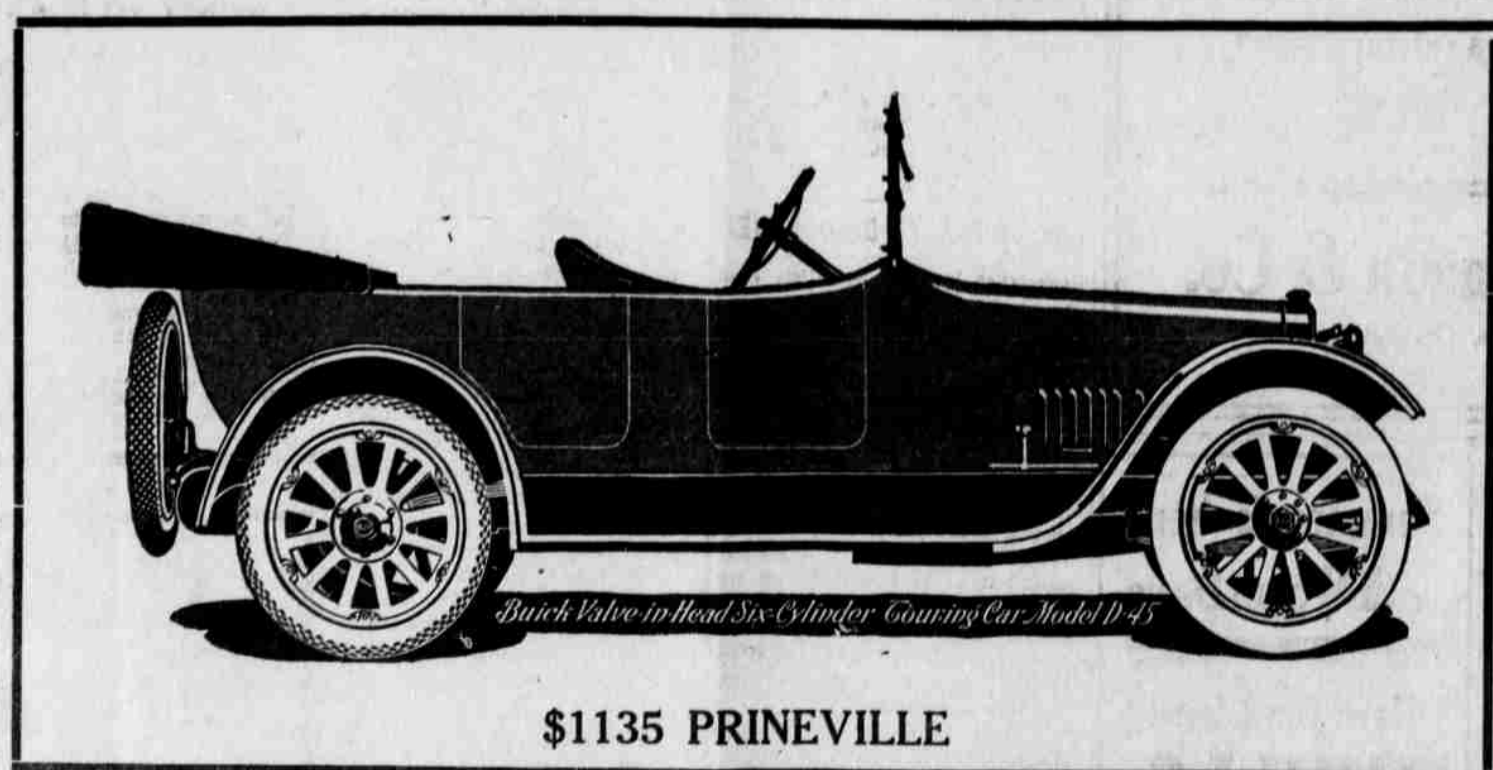
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