# TEXAS DEATH LIST IS MORE THAN 100

Damage Is Estimated at \$30,000,000.

# **500 GALVESTON HOUSES FALL**

1000 Feet of Seawall Washed Out; Causeway Breaks.

CITY IS WITHOUT WATER

Declared-Houston and Several Other Cities and Towns Suffer Enormous Damage.

### DEATHS BY FLOOD ON SOUTH-EAST TEXAS COAST.

With large sections of the flood-swept area in Texas not yet heard from, the estimate of known dead is: Port Arthur 4 Virginia Point 20

Lunchburg 3 Texas City 18 Sylvan Beach 3 Galveston 14 Seabrook 3 Morgana Point 11 Houston 2 Hitchcock ?

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 18.-Direct word from the storm-swept communities of ington, Aug. 18.—What appears to be the Southeast Texas coast brought details of the tropical hurricane which world stands at Whittier, in Los Anput Galveston, Houston, Texas City and (alligator pear), and is insured against scores of other cities and towns in dire wind and fire by Lloyds, of London, peril. With large sections of the dis- to the amount of \$10,000. trict yet unheard from, the death list was more than 100, the heaviest re- the great value of its product. This period loss being from Virginia Point,

\$20,000,000, with Galveston contributing the year of \$2000. balf that amount

# Loss Estimates Incomplete.

Property less estimates were vague except in a few instances. Houston, Texas City and Port Arthur advices gave fairly definite figures for those places, but most of the other towns re orted in such phrases as "consider-ble," "very heavy" and "not yet esti-

Some of the satimates were as fol-

of the city, whereas in the disastrous about 600 employes in state institutions atorm of 15 years ago they remained in July 1, their homes, Teeling severe against the gate which took the lives of 8000,

Stationate running into the city to- AUSTRALIAN GOLD COMES night announced they had begun mey ing all available men and machinery into the storm more from North Texas. this progress is slow

bearing the brunt of the storm Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula lion dollars in gold sovereigns of Britserved as barriers to break the force ish coinage arrived here today on the of the burricane against the little buy steamer Ventura, shipped by Austrashore towns which skirt the large body lian bankers and consigned to three of water lying to the north of the San Francisco banks, to be coined at island. The bay towns have suffered the United States branch mint heavily, but probably have been saved into gold coins of the United States.

### from utier devastation. Fult Accounts Unabtainable. Dependable accounts of the losses in

these lesser towns have not been thus rate of exchange at present. for obtainable but the loss of lives is proportionately greater in each of the towns than in Galveston. In Virginia Point, the north end of

the causeway, more than a score are Restriction on Imports From Amer dead; at Texas City 15, 16 of whom were soldiers, are reported drowned. seven at his Ports and three at Lynch

At Mausian two were killed during the storm, one, W. E. Evans, a car- Parts decided today to recommend that penter, killed by a falling barn, and the all restrictions be removed from the other, as unideptified negro, killed by sale of refrigerated meat imported

estimated at \$2,000.000. The hurricans struck Houston, according to reports reaching here, shortly after every wire to Galveston had equivalent to about 15 cents a pound, been put out of commission by the lower than for domestic benf. The hurricane was declared to be the worst in the history of the city Damage was wrought chiefly to buildings by the wind and to merchandle

# Army Suffers Heavily.

Along the Gulf court, the storm ex acted a heavy tell in property Texas City, across the bay from Gal-The second division camp of the United States Army was destroyed. as were approximately 138 buildings, most of them cottages. No word has been received conight from Point Bollwar, directly across the narrowest part

Flake, Patton, Caplen and Rollover which no word has been brought since

In the Beaumont section. Fort Ar-Lake were deloged and are reported to will board the special that will leave

Island city itself placed the number cursion of the Oddfellows or Clarke

# CAMP FOR BUSINESS MEN IS DESIGNATED

MILITARY TRAINING TO BE GIVEN IN NORTHWEST,

American Lake Site Is Chosen and Details Probably Will Be Worked Out at Vancouver Barracks,

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 28. - A business men's camp, similar to that at Plattsburg, N. Y., is to be established immediately at American Lake, near Tacoma, and to be open to business men of all the Northwestern states desiring military

Orders to this effect have been issued to General Murray, commanding the Western division at San Francisco Selection of officers to act as instruc-tors will be made by General Murray probably through the department commander at Vancouver Barracks, who also will be entrusted with working out the details.

So successful has been the Platts Ships Wrecked and Martial Law Is plied for instruction there that the War Department has been encouraged to extend this work all over the co

> No time has been fixed as to the duration of the camp at American

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17. - When the enrollment office received the names of business and professional men willing to submit to four weeks camp closed tonight 47 names had been received. Enrollment closes August 20. By that date 150 names must be secured or the training camp will not be held. Only 11 names were enrolled to-

## TREE YIELDS \$3000 CROP Alligator Pear Insured Against Wind

and Fire for \$30,000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

The value of this tree arises from tree last year yielded 2000 pears, which averaged to the owner 50 cents each. It also produced \$1500 worth of bud

# 63 TONS OF SUGAR WANTED

Inmates of Washington Institutions Average 3 Pounds Monthly.

ascertained that inmates and employes more than 400 cannon, fell into Gerof the 12 state institutions consume man possession in the course of the about three pounds of sugar each a night. The fortress was taken by

smught refuge in the stronger bulklings 108 tons. There were 6031 inmates and

Two Million Dollars to Be Recoined Into American Money

SAN PRANCISCO, Aug. 18.-Two mil-

The shipment of the gold here, in spite of heavy transportation and insurance chargest was said by the banks to be profitable because of the low

# PARIS GETS CHEAPER BEEF

ica Are Removed.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—The government umittee in charge of provisioning of a live wire. The property loss has been from America. Hitherto only certain sessimated at \$2,000,000.

The average price of a carcass is

# DACIA IS RENAMED YSER

American Steamship Seized by France Now in New Ownership.

PARIS. Aug. 18 .- The steamship Dacia, condemned by a French prize court, owing to her transfer from German to American registry after the outbreak of the war, has been sold. Her new French owner has renamed her the Yeer. She sailed today under the tri-color from Cherbourg for Cardiff, to take on a cargo of coal for

Clarke Oddfellows Picnic Saturday.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash. Aug. 18. (Special.)-Nearly 200 Oddfellows with Sabine, Sabine Pass and Round their families and friends of this place have been heavy lowers.

Latest estimates of the dead in the Battle Ground Lake on the annual ex-County. At Vancouver the special will It is feared, however, that the loss pick up about 350 more picnickers of life in districts surrounding Galves-(Consided on Page I. Column I.) | Camas and Washougal

# KOVNO IS CAPTURED

Czar Loses Second Line Northern Fortress.

# RUSSIANS NEARLY ENVELOPED

Vilna Under Incessant Aerial Raid: Evacuation Planned.

**GERMANS GET 400 CANNON** 

Von Mackensen Is Attacking Outer Works of Brest-Litovsk in South. British Expert Thinks Move Against Petrograd Likely.

northern fortress of the Russian secend line of retreat, has been stormed of military instruction at the Presidio and captured by the Germans, and Vilna, 50 miles east, is under an in- Senator cessant bombardment by airmen, and Weather report, data and forecast. Page 17. -reparations are being made to evacuate the city.

> attacked the outer works of Brestthe Russian second line. More than 400 cannon and vast amounts of other war materials were

captured by the Germans at Kovno according to a Berlin report. All Metal Being Removed.

The Governor-General of Vilna has ordered the removal of the equipments of factories and of banks, together with supplies of metals, including church bells, leather and everything else which might be useful to the invaders. Horses and livestock are beng taken away.

Preparations for the evacuation of Billystock continue. The town is in darkness at night an account of attacks by German aircraft.
Reports reaching here from Poland

are that Russians, who remained in Warsaw after its capture, have been moved to the interior of Germany. Fortress Taken by Storm.

The text of the statement issued to day by the Germany army headquarters staff reports as follows:
"Army group of Field Marshal von OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.) together with all its forts and innum- by the Interstate Commerce Commis--The State Board of Control has just erable quantities of material, including

# Novogeorglevsk Forts Fall,

YESTERDAYS-Maximum temperature, 85 degrees, minimum, 50 degrees.
TODAYS-Fulr, with northerly winds.

ilitary camp for business men to be as tablished at American Lake. Page 1.

Domestic. Man leads in race for presidency of National Educational Association, Fage 3.

Governor Withycombe praises Oregon building and Mr. Benson commends those who reperceent state at exposition. Page 3.

Contemplated American toan to foreign countries will be much reduced. Page 6.

More than 100 dend in Texas storm-swept district. Page 1.

discrict. Page 1.

Ex-decernor Staton denounces Mayor of Atlants. Page 12.

Sport.

Coast League results—Sait Lake 1, Portland, 0; Los Angeles, 11, San Francisco, 9; Vernon, 6-2, Oakland, 1-3, Page 12.

Thousands are Braves beat St. Louis in 3-to-1 game. Page 12.

William Johnston, former Oregon champion, in great form defeats Washburn, Page 13.

Facil Nardhwat

Facific Northwest.

Western states are naming delegates water power conference to be held Salem. Page 5

Commercial and Marine. Water to be let into Dalles-Cellio canal to-day. Page 14.
Wheat market unsettled at Chicago. Page 17.
War stocks still monopolize interest and United States steel hits new top figure. Page 17.
Wheat boyers my little wheat would depress

LONDON, Aug. 13.—Kovno, the northern fortress of the Russian sector line of retreat, has been stormed line of retreat, has been stormed line agriced by the Germans, and Vilna, 50 mlies east, is under an increase of the modern and bear of charles aliaky to he held to see the comparation of the comp

Litovsk, the southernmost fortress of Two Alaska Fishermen Make Voyage in 16-Foot Flat-Bottom Boat.

> SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18 .- After a oyage of 1800 miles from Unga, Alas- Spring. ks. in a 16-foot, flat-bottomed cod-fishing dory, Thomas R. Thompson and strain," said a Frenchman to me, "just John Abrams, Alaska fishermen, sailed as we have borne it from the begininto San Francisco harbor last night. ning, until the English and Russians They made the trip in 45 days. get really to work, and that probably

The dory, which had been condemned, they bought for \$5. They decked it with canvas and provisioned it with canned goods and hardtack. The hardtack turned mouldy and their drinking water went bad, but a fortunate encounter with the steamer Quinault enabled them to replenish their stores.

# VALUATION NOT REQUIRED

Shippers Not Compelled by Law to Make Declarations.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 .- Because of confusion among shippers over declarasion today explaining that there is no

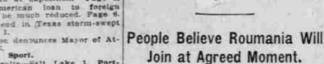
"Before Novogeorglevsk two further forts on the northeastern front were captured by storm. We took 600 prisoners and captured 20 cannon.

"Army group of General Field Marshal Prince Leopoid of Bavaria—The left wing met with renewed strong (Concluded an Page 2, Column 4.)

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Ex - Premier failure on her part to comply with the conditions of the allies would lead to practical starvation for her people. For her 4,000,000 inhabitants she imports about \$400,000,000 of goods, and at the present time both her agriculture and industry are enfeebled owing (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

HOW CONTENTED HE WOULD BE IF THAT DOG WAS MUZZLED.

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DUTCH RUMOR CREDITED

Story Circulated That England Has Made Agreement With Holland to Permit Attack on Belgium by Way of Rear.

BY CAROLYN WILSON, (Copyright, 1918, by the Chicago Tribune Published by Arrangement.)

PARIS, July 29 .- A nonth ago you that the war would go through an- sen, after many rebuffs, finally has sucother Winter campaign. No matter if ceeded in driving the Muscovites into a man feared it, he wouldn't admit it; Brest-Litovsk. General von Mackensen's army has DORY SAILS 1800 MILES it was beyond the possibilities of actuality.

In just a short month, spread by I know not what vague rumor, the opinion has now gained force until everyone says calmly that the war will undoubtedly last another Winter and

won't be until next Spring."

### Hope of New Allies Entertained.

When Rouma...a will enter no one ems even to prophesy. Most people as been signed some weeks now, simagree to come in when wanted by the fighting.

It is also currently said here that Holland has been "fixed" by the English. Of course, it was well known that Holland was doing an immense export the English wished to put a stop to it. are to cauape before the second set of pleted several years ago. The theory advanced here in Paris is pincers prepared for them are closed, that England threatened to call on her nies in the Pacific if Holland did not

by the interstate Commerce Commis- ally, Japan, to take the Dutch colostop this generous trading with the

fallure on her part to comply with the

# Wednesday's War Moves

KOVNO, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the north, as been captured by the Germans, and the road to the Vilna. Warsaw and Petrograd Railway is now open to the

troops of Emperor William.

The capture of the fortress was an Page 1. Mexico.

Villa's acceptance of peace plan received in Washington. Page 11.

Help by Spring.

The capture of the fortress that other triumph for the German 16-inch guna, which throughout the present war have been brought against no fortifications they were unable to reduce. With the fortress of Kovno the Germans have could be said aken more than 400 guns, and, according to their account, an enormous quantity of war materials.

This, however, is not the most important part of the matter to the Rus-Besides opening the way to Vilna, which is an open town, and from parted and from which everything that might be of use to the invaders has been removed the collection of the collection removed, the fall of the fortress takes away the last protection, with the ex ception of the Russian field army, to and also places the Germans in a posi-tion to threaten the flanks of the Russian armies retiring to the Brest-Litoysk line and those operating it outhern Courland.

Grand Duke Nicholas apparently expected the fall of Kovno, for his armies are hastening their retirement in Po land eastward. They still hold own from Kovno to the south of Osso wetz, but south of that they are being pressed from the northwest by Gen erals von Schalz and von Gallwitz, and from the west from Archduke Leopold, who has crossed the Rug River and is approaching the Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok railway. It is the same in could not have found anyone to admit the south, where General von Mackentheir outer positions of the fortress of

> For the first time since he began his retirement from Western Galicia in May, Grand Duke Nicholas, in the opinion of military observers, finds part of his army in serious danger of envelopment. The military writers express curiosity as to how he will extricate himself

The Russian troops are in orderly retreat, as is evidenced by the fact that outside of the guns taken with the fortress of Kovno or captured in the forts of Novogeorgievsk, two more of Bay and heard reports from various which have fallen, the Germans make other districts that are said to be in no claim to the capture of artillery. It need of harbor development. would appear also that few prisoners rofess to know that the agreement have been taken, which doubtless the locks recently completed there at means that a considerable part of the Government expense, and will learn, flar to that signed with Italy long in Austro-Germans in their most recent advance, by which the Roumanians advance have not met with serious

and import business for Germany, and only safe one for the Russians if they also, the South jetty which was com-

army, the Germans are finding time for will return to Portland and start from minor activities in other fields. They here for their homes. month, according to requirements of superintendents for the next six months.

The armies of General von Scholz state commerce Commission in Attendance, on England on Tuesday night, visit-ing eastern counties, where they in Portland over the Southern Pacific as England may want to attack Bellium from the resistance on the part of the enemy.

The armies of General von Scholz state commerce Commission ment calls for free entrance into Holling that requires a declaration as to import the value of property shipped in inter-specific commission.

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> The German submarines also have them here met the party at the station been busy and during the day the sinking of three British and three neutral steamers and a trawler has been

> As an offset to the German successes in the East, the French official communication reports further gains for the French troops in the Vosges, while General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander of the allies' forces on the Gallipoli Peninsula, announces an advance by the new force of allied troops, which landed at Suvia Bay, and the repulse of a Turkish attack against the right flank of the Australians. The Turks, on the Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Lieb, Mrs. Switz-other hand, say that all the British er and son, C. L. Sparkman, son of attacks were repulsed.

> tary experts, be important, as it would of the Senate committee on commerce threaten the Turks, who are facing the accompanied by Mrs. Shinn, are in the Australians down the coast and, like party, the other operations against Turkey. would have an influence on the Balkan on the road and was dusty and tired States, which seemingly are about to after many niles of weary travel, the decide which set of belligerents they formal inspection trips did not start will join. Serbia probably will make until the early afternoon. her reply this week to the suggestion Meanwhile, however, the members of of the entente ministers that she cede the committee were busy with the Cook Macedonia to Bulgaria. Opinion is di-bay deligation, consisting of Henry vided in Serbia as to what the reply Sengstacken, secretary of the Port of favorable.

> ever, is likely to continue for some days, was explained that this was impossible. between King Constantine and the new a Premier. M. Venizelos, which will guar- tistical information intended to conantee the continued neutrality of

# SCHEDULE CHANGE CURBED

Washington Railroads Lose Right of Alterations "at Pleasure."

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 18. - (Spe cial.)-The time-worn device on railroad timetables announcing that the rallroad "reserves the right to change this schedule at pleasure" or without notice, is doomed in the State of Wash. ington, unless the railroads can offer a convincing excuse.

The Public Service Commission today made an order forbidding changing of timetables without 10 days' notice, posted beforehand in the stations.

Oregon Man Gets Federal Position. Oregon Man Gets Federal Position. mittee yesterday that he will con-OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-tinue his efforts. ington, Aug. 18.-C. M. Hartsock, of Albany, Or., has been appointed tape- traveling about the country and promman and computer in the railroad valu-ation department of the Interstate port that we visit," explained Mr. Commerce Commission

# HARBORS BODY IS

Portland, Oregon City, Vancouver Inspected.

# OUTSIDE DELEGATES HEARD

### CHAMBER TO GIVE DINNER

Members of Congressional Committee Declare Information Procured on Trip Will Be of Aid to Legitimate Projects.

When the next Congress begins to nake appropriations for waterways improvements in Oregon, the rivers and harbors committee of the lower house will have an abundance of direct first-hand information on the subject. Six members of the committee now are in Partland for the purpose of specting all improvements made in to learn what additional improvements

are required in the next few years. They are making every effort to gain all the knowledge possible while they are here. They had a busy time yes-terday. They visited the local harbor the locks on the Willimette at Oregon City and the Columbia River harbor

## at Vancouver Wash.

Coos Bay Delegates Heard. Besides that they held conferences with an energetic committee from Coon

Today they will go to Celilo to see if possible, what further appropria-tions are needed to make the Columbia and Snake Rivers navigable be-

yond their present limits.

Tomorrow they will go to the mouth

From the mouth of the river some members of the committee will go by While fighting to crush the Russian water to Grays Harbor, while others

The same Results of September 1996. The sounders will open bids on September 1996. The sounders will be official communities. The sounders will open bids on September 1996. The sounders will be official communities and the official communities will be official communities. The sounders will be official communities will be official communities. The sounders will be official communities will be official communities will be official communities will be official communities. The sounders will be official communities will be official communi tative McArthur of Portland, who had been instrumental in bringing

and escorted them to the Multnomah

hotel where they are the guests of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. At the head of the party is Stephen M. Sparkman, of Florida, chairman the committee. Others members are George F. Burgess, of Texas, ranking ocratic member; Charles G. Edwards, of Georgia: Thomas Gallagher, of Illinois: Charles Lieb, of Indiana, and Robert M. Switzer, of Ohio, the

# only Republican member

Members Bring Families. In addition, Mrs. Ewards and son the chairman and his private secretary; Any progress made by the British at J. H. McGann, secretary of the com Suvia Bay would, according to the mili- mittee, and Josiah H. Shinn, secretary

Inasmuch as the party had been long

be, but it is expected it will be Coon Bay, and Hugh McLain, postmanter at Marshfield. They insisted that Serbia, It is asserted, would like to the committee visit the Coos Bay disawait the outcome of the Greek crisis trict and learn for themselves what before giving her decision. This, howand is expected to end in an agreement So the delegation contented itself with presentation of arguments and stavince the committee that Coos Bay merits financial aid from the Government for the development of its har-

bors. Coos Appeal Persistent. Incidentally it developed that this was not the first time that the committee had heard from Coos Bay and its needs. Even when the party was in California, Marshfield, North Bend and Bandon residents called upon the co mittee individually and collectively and presented their arguments. The Coos Bay people also kept them informed by letter and by telegraph and by personal appeals at Grants Pass and other points on the way to Portland Chairman Sparkman promised to give the Coos Bay district earnest consid-Representative Hawley, eration. whose district Coos Bay is located, always has been energetic on behalf of

"While we are not in the habit of

the port there and promised the com-

(Continued on Page 15, Column 3.)