

CZAR LOSES LAST POLISH Fortress

Grodno Captured by Germans After Terrific Battle in Streets of City.

FOES ARE NEARING RIGA

Raiser's Army Now Only 40 Miles From Important Seaport, Northernmost Point of Third Line of Defense.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Grodno, the last fortress to hold out in the Russian second line of defense, has been captured by the Germans under King Hindenburg after a terrific battle that was continued through the streets of the city, which has a population of 40,000.

Further advances by the army in the extreme north are reported also, the Germans having reached a point only 40 miles from Riga.

Riga is the northern extremity of the Russian third line of defense, and a desperate defense is likely to be made by the czar's forces to prevent the Germans capturing this important seaport.

Russian Losses Heavy. Regarding other operations in the east the German War Office announced today: "Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army conquered Grodno after rapidly forcing a passage of the Niemen and fighting the Russians in the streets of the city. The Germans reached the Niemen between the Augustow Canal and the Swiatoc-Lennard line. German cavalry advanced to the northward and west of Vilna. The Russians tried to oppose our advance, but failed, suffering extraordinarily large losses. Southeast of Merez the Russians were thrown back. General von Gallwitz' troops broke the resistance of the enemy on the Alekszyce-Swielocz road.

"More than 3000 Russians, as well as one cannon and 18 machine guns, were captured. "The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria is still engaged in battle north of Pruzany."

The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen, pursuing the Russians, reached the Jasloida River, near Silnek and Berean, and also in the district of Antopol, east of Kobryn. Austro-Hungarian troops are advancing to the east and south of Boloto and Bubowoj.

Austrians to Leave Poland. "In the southeastern theater of war General Botner's army is advancing and is fighting in the Sereth district." The German and Austrian armies on the eastern front are about to part company, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam.

This question was raised by Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, commander-in-chief of the Austrian army, today bid official farewell to Field Marshal von Mackensen, the German commander, at Brest-Litovsk, as henceforth the armies of the two commanders were to fight on separate fronts.

The message says it is believed the Austrian armies that have been operating in Poland shortly will be removed in the direction of Serbia.

MILITIA WITNESS CONE

EX-ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF WEST VIRGINIA SOUGHT IN COLORADO.

Man is Missing After Attorney-General Gives Opinion That Probers Can Enforce Answers to Queries.

DENVER, Sept. 3.—Militia officers designated by Adjutant-General Chase tonight began a search for C. D. Elliott, ex-Adjutant-General of West Virginia, now a secret agent employed by the United Mine Workers of America. Elliott is wanted as a witness before the military court of inquiry investigating charges against certain militia officers.

Early in the investigation he was summoned as a witness, but refused to answer questions regarding his alleged activities in seeking evidence against militia and state officers and Colorado mine operators. Fortified with an opinion by Attorney-General Farrar to the effect that it had power to force witnesses to testify, the court today issued a subpoena for Elliott's arrest.

At this afternoon's session the court heard the testimony of C. M. McCutcheon, an ex-militia private, who is one of the sponsors of charges of financial irregularities against Major George Lee. Other witnesses who testified were Captain W. W. Sircleland, Captain Ralph Dorn, Lieutenant S. H. Cliff, Sergeant Guy Smith and Sergeant H. B. Hall.

FORESTRY CASH ALLOTTED

Oregon, Washington, Idaho Schools and Roads Benefit.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 3.—The Forestry Service has allotted 25 per cent of the forest reserve receipts for the past fiscal year to several states for schools and roads, 25 per cent going direct to the counties in which the receipts were collected for schools and roads and 10 per cent to be spent by the Forestry Service in building roads in reserves that contributed to the fund. Under this allotment \$49,675 goes to Oregon for schools and roads, \$27,445 to Washington and \$7,661 to Idaho.

AMERICANS ARE FIRED ON

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A short distance down the banks of a canal, I was ordered to one side. By this time several other members of the gang had joined the first-comers. "Smith called out, 'Good bye, Doc! If I don't see you again.' Then he and Donaldson were led off into the brush. They were soon lost in my view, but I heard rifle shots. Evidently Donaldson tried to run, for his body was found 35 feet from Smith's. "That I did not see Donaldson's and Smith's fate, I believe, was due to the fact that the Mexican with the appearance of an officer told his companions I had once looted him \$10. Then my own Mexicans interceded, saying I was a German."

American Troops Rescue. "Finally we took up the march again through the brush. About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the advance guard began firing. Our guards ran forward to join them. Two of my Mexican

workmen and myself ran back through the brush.

"Not a shot was fired at us. We soon met a company of United States infantry and were safe."

Quick retaliation apparently is being meted out to the band which early yesterday burned a trestle north of Brownsville and tortured and murdered two Americans.

River is Patrolled. The body of Earl Donaldson will be sent to his former home in Montgomery, Mo., for burial. Smith's body will be buried at San Benito.

Spread out in a close cordon which left no foot of the international boundary unpatrolled, the border guards were ready to shoot on sight if the 15 remaining members of the band made an effort to ford the swollen Rio Grande to Mexico and safety.

In addition to the soldiers, there were hundreds of citizens headed by Texas Rangers, who pursue the trail of the Mexican bandits. The thefts of cattle, burned barns, terrified women and the deaths of half a dozen United States citizens.

The tactics of the Mexicans yesterday led Army officers to believe that this band has been responsible for much of the outflow of the past several weeks in the border counties. First burning a railroad trestle, the bandits yesterday proceeded to make away with a number of ranchers' horses, burned an irrigation pump station and an automobile 12 miles north of here, and capped the day with the murder of the Americans.

Orocco Funeral is Held. EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 3.—The funerals of General Pascual Orocco and four companions, killed in Texas last week, were held here today. The bodies, on a float, passed through streets lined with thousands of Mexicans, with heads bared and each carrying bouquets of geraniums to bury Orocco in Mexico was declined by Orocco's family.

FAIR GETS ALBINA FERRY

TWO BOATS AT VANCOUVER WILL HANDLE CROWDS FOR SHOW.

Running of Special Electric Train is Promised—River Service Schedule is Arranged.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Albina R. Webster ferryboat, used in Portland at the Albina crossing, has been chartered for the week of the Columbia River Interstate Fair, and will be brought here ready for operation at 8 o'clock the Monday morning of the show. This ferryboat will be an additional one to the City of Vancouver, and has the same carrying capacity, about 20 automobiles. As many as 23 machines have been carried on the Vancouver ferryboat when a few of them were small ones.

These two ferries will keep up a 15 minute service between the Vancouver Island and Vancouver all during Fair week, and it is believed will be able to handle the traffic nicely.

The Portland Railway and Power Company will run a number of special trains beginning Sunday. The Sunday trains will handle the big crowds to Columbia Beach, and crowds desiring to see Fair exhibits being put into shape.

SHOW PARADE IS TODAY

Vancover Wild West Procession to Advertise Fair Here.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Irwin Brothers' Wild West Show, which will be held in connection with the Columbia River Interstate Fair this year, will arrive late tonight from Caldwell, Idaho, and will be ready to go to Portland early tomorrow to parade.

There will be at least two bands to attract attention, and a number of business and professional men of this city will join the parade with their automobiles, which will be decorated with banners, advertising the fact that the Fair and Wild West Stampede will be here from September 6 to 11, inclusive.

INJURED CHIEF KILLS ONE

With Skull Fractured, Police Head Pursues Assaultants.

HINGHAM, Mass., Sept. 3.—With his skull fractured and his nose broken by blows from a hammer, Chief of Police Washington James today shot and killed one prisoner and assisted in capturing another after the prisoners had severely beaten him and locked him in a cell in an attempt to escape.

Two streetcar employes saw the prisoners leave the jail and released the chief, who started in pursuit and overtook the men a half-mile from the jail, and in a revolver duel shot and killed James Harmon. Wallace Williams, alias Walter Welsh, the other prisoner, made a dash, but was captured a few minutes later.

DAHLIA CENTER SOON READY

Festival at Vancouver Will Open on September 9.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Construction of the Festival Center for the Vancouver Dahlia Carnival, September 9, 10 and 11, is almost completed and potted dahlias and decorations will be placed tomorrow and Monday. The center is on Fifth street between Main and Washington. The Columbia River Interstate Fair will not open the three nights of the carnival, but the merchants have consented to close their stores three afternoons during the week that all may go to the fair.

TROOPS ARE REQUESTED

Strike at Deferist, N. Y., is Marked by Disorders.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Application has been made to Governor Whitman by officials of the St. Regis Paper Company to call out the local militia for duty at the St. Regis paper mill at Deferist. Rioting took place at the mill last night, and being fired through windows of the mills.

Telephone wires were cut and several men were pummeled by the strikers.

Highway to Coast Now Marked. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 3.—The National Old Trails Highway from Washington to San Francisco, has been marked from Kansas City west to the Pacific Coast. It was reported by members of the Automobile Club of Southern California, who have passed the summer on the trail.

1550 ARE LOST WITH BRITISH TRANSPORT

More Than 1200 on Vessel Reported Sunk Off Dardanelles, Soldiers.

STEAMER LOSS IS PUT HIGH

German Newspaper Says English Shipping Loss During War is 41-2 Per Cent of Total Tonnage—Another U-Boat Scores.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—(Fifteen hundred and fifty men, 1250 of whom were British soldiers and the others members of the crew, were lost on a British transport which has been sunk by a mine off the entrance to the Dardanelles, which quotes a Sofia dispatch.

The announcement says the Sofia correspondent asserts that 600 bodies have been recovered.

The British transport Royal Edward was sunk August 11 in the Aegean Sea by a German submarine, according to an announcement made August 17 by the London admiralty. Six hundred of the 1570 troops aboard were saved.

It is not certain whether the two announcements refer to the same transport, as the Sofia dispatch does not give the date of the sinking.

MAYOR ROLF LOSES VESSEL

William T. Lewis, Often in Portland Harbor, is Sunk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—The British bark William T. Lewis, owned by Hind, Rolf & Co., of San Francisco, was sunk today off the coast of a submarine, according to a message received here by the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce. She sailed from Everett, Wash., for Seattle, for Sheerness, England, with a cargo of lumber.

James Rolf, Jr., Mayor of San Francisco, is a member of Hind, Rolf & Co.

The message received here by the owners said the crew of 25 men and Captain E. B. Manning were taken aboard the Danish ship Australia. No lives were lost. It was reported later, however, that the vessel was sunk by the Robert Duncan, and was bought by Hind, Rolf & Co. five years ago. She was a steel four-masted bark, 250 feet long with a gross tonnage of 2168.

She carried about two million feet of lumber valued at about \$15,000. Another vessel, the four-masted bark Drummer, owned by Hind, Rolf & Co., was reported sunk by the German cruiser Leipzig off the East Coast of South America, December 21, 1914.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 3.—The British liner William T. Lewis is reported to be a derelict. The members of her crew are said to be aboard a steamer which rescued them.

SUBMARINE SINKS STEAMER

Roumania, Under British Flag, is Lost, but Crew Saved.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The British steamer Roumania has been sunk presumably by a submarine. The crew has been landed safely.

The Roumania was a vessel of 1628 tons. She sailed from Blyth July 13 for Archangel, where she was wrecked. No records are available of her movements since that date.

LOST DAUGHTER FIGHTS

LATE JOHN M. KEITH'S MONEY YET IS SOUGHT.

New Will Filed by Woman Who Asserts She's Offspring of Former Oil Operator in South.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—A new will, alleged to have been made by the late John M. Keith, formerly an oil operator at Bakersfield, seven days before his death here April 27, 1914, was in the hands of the probate court. By its terms Mrs. Louise Thompson, of Los Angeles, who recently announced she was the lost daughter of Keith, was bequeathed the entire estate, appraised at \$521,000, except \$5, "to anyone claiming any interest in my estate."

The will was filed by attorneys for Mrs. Thompson. Dr. Sarah J. Teaford, of Los Angeles, was named as executor in the late John M. Keith, formerly an oil operator. Mrs. Teaford is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Thompson.

Under the terms of a will previously filed for probate Mrs. Frank W. Wakefield, formerly Mrs. Edith Sprackles, was left \$50,000, as also was J. J. Mack, named as executor of the will. Mrs. Thompson, through her attorneys, recently offered objection to distribution of the estate and alleged that she was the daughter of Keith. She said she and her father were separated when she was a child and that she lived for 15 years in an Eskimo village and learned the Eskimo language only through newspaper notices.

Objection to distribution of the estate also was filed by the parents of the University of California upon the allegation that Keith pledged \$150,000 to the university, of which he paid but \$1000 and made no provision for payment of the rest in his will.

BRITISH BORROW MILLIONS (Continued From First Page.)

bonds—would be thought sufficiently stable to serve as collateral for a part of the loan.

This raised a question: Would the Controller of the Currency sanction loans by National banks on the bonds of South American governments; and to go further, would such loans be sanctioned where high-grade South American railway bonds were offered as collateral?

No Market is Here Now. There is at present no market here for these issues; and it was pointed out that under present conditions they would have to be sold in London, where the banks find it necessary to sell them. The opinion that official sanction might be withheld on loans of this character seemed to prevail.

All this, however, was surmise. Today's recoveries in rates was attributed to leading bankers chiefly to a normal return to real value from fictitious low prices resulting from market today showing few changes. Closing quotations on sterling were 4.67 1/2; on francs, 5.25; on reichsmarks 30 1/2; and on lirea, 6.46.

SIGNS HOPEFUL IN LONDON

Leading Financial Interests Plan Remedies for Differences.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Large American financial houses in London, such as Morgan, Grenfell & Co., the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company of New York, and the Equitable Trust Company of New York, were highly gratified at today's upward bound in exchange, which they construed as indicating that the recent decline had reached the bottom point and that conditions now were likely to improve.

The consensus of opinion was that the suddenness of the fall and the recovery clearly showed the drop was the result of speculation rather than of any deep-seated evil in financial conditions.

It developed today that daily sessions have been held of late by representatives of leading financial interests with a view to formulating remedies for exchange differences, but these were discontinued on the sailing of the British commissioner for New York, as future remedies are largely committed to their care.

The managers of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company said today that the recent heavy decline in rates was largely on paper, as people had stopped doing business and virtually no sales had occurred during the depression.

While expressing hope for a steady improvement, he said he considered it premature to say that this was now assured, as no one was able to tell in advance.

The managers of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company said that one of the main contributing causes of today's recovery in rates was that people outside of speculative circles had concluded to defer payments until the situation had improved and this caused such a business revival as by sales that they moved upward to a level which would attract business. He and the other best informed authorities expected that the worst of the depression had passed and that conditions would improve steadily.

He said he looked forward hopefully to the arrival of the British commissioner in New York within a few days, as likely to produce an additional recovery in rates, and the financial intercourse between Europe and America.

FORMER JUDGE SLASHED

Robert B. Tappan Victim of Attack by Befriended "Baron."

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 3.—Robert B. Tappan, ex-Police Judge of Alameda, was seriously wounded today on a crowded Oakland street by "Baron" Alfred Barotau, a reputed French nobleman of Alameda. Barotau crept up behind the jurist, slashing his throat with a razor.

He fled after the attack. Tappan, who has only one arm, was unable to defend himself. He was hurried to the Emergency Hospital, where it was announced he has a chance for life.

Tappan declares he knows no reason for the attack. Tappan says that he has befriended Barotau for years, even to the extent of taking him into his own household. He said he believed that the man might be demented.

T. R. RIDICULED BY TAFT

Roosevelt Compared with Girl Who Noticed She Was Best in School.

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 3.—William Howard Taft, ex-president of the United States, in the third and last of his lectures on "The Presidency" delivered today at the Greek Theater, U. C. Building, caused much merriment by giving Colonel Roosevelt's interpretation of the Presidential powers.

"Roosevelt," said the speaker, "divides the Presidents into two divisions; one headed by Lincoln. He puts me under Buchanan."

"Of a story of a friend of mine whose little girl came to him and said that she was the best scholar in school. "Oh, nobody told me," she replied, "I just noticed it myself."

5000 CHRISTIANS PERISH

American Minister Reports on Result of Turkish Rule in Persia.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—At least 1000 Christians were killed and about 4000 struck without homes or belongings in Persia, during the five months of Turkish occupation, according to a letter received by J. L. Caldwell, American Minister at Teheran, from Dr. William A. Shedd, of Urumiah, and made public here today by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Shedd said his figures were based on careful investigation and record, there having been 3600 Christian homes in the city of Urumiah and the American College compound.

1200 BALES OF HOPS BURN

Sacramento Ranch Warehouse Fire Believed Incendiary.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—A fire of unknown origin, but the circumstances of which point to incendiarism, last night destroyed a galvanized iron warehouse and its contents of 1200 bales of hops on the old Clement Horst ranch, east of the city. A total damage of about \$25,000 was suffered.

The fire started in the center of the warehouse at 8:45 o'clock. The doors of the building were closed at the time, and a half dozen guards were on watch around the ranch.

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AIR BATTLES NUMEROUS

FRENCH AVIATORS OPERATE IN WIDELY SCATTERED NATIONS.

Daring Deeds are Executed. One Landing Behind Lines of German Army and Rescuing Comrades.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—The French Ministry of Marine gave out today a note outlining the operations of the aerial squadron since the opening of hostilities.

"The marine aviation service has made continual progress, showing marked development from day to day," the note says. "It has operated not only in France but Egypt, where it assisted in the defense of the Suez Canal; on the Syrian coast, where it aided the blockade operations, and in the Adriatic, taking active part in actions in the Gulf of Trieste."

"In the north of France our aeroplanes keep watch over the shores and sea. Their particular objective has been the destruction of the enemy's submarines; also bombardment of the enemy's commissary bases at Bruges, Zeebrugge and Ostend, and apprehension or destruction of Zeppelins."

"Last week, notwithstanding heavy artillery fire and the glare of rockets, our aviators dropped during the night more than 1000 9-millimeter bombs on German naval bases along the Belgian coast, besides taking an effective part in the bombardment on Montluat Forest on August 15. The machines returned, although several of them were damaged severely."

"In Egypt and Syria and at Venice our hydro-aeroplanes have shown great activity. Engagements occurred recently with Austrian hydro-aeroplanes, which were put to flight. One

8TH IN VOTE CASE GUILTY

Indianapolis Saloonman Freed Without Sentence, as Wife is Ill.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 3.—Ernest Roeder, a saloonkeeper and one of the more than 100 men indicted along with Thomas Tappan and Mayor Joseph E. Bell, charged with conspiring to commit felonies in the primary and election of 1914, pleaded guilty before Special Judge W. B. Elchert here today. Roeder, whose wife is ill, was released on his own recognizance without being sentenced.

Roeder is the eighth man to plead guilty to the conspiracy charge. The trial of Mayor Bell, the first of the indicted men to be tried, is set to begin next Monday.

Refugees on American Cruiser. PARIS, Sept. 3.—A dispatch to the Matin from Canoa, Crete, filed yesterday says: "The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived with 534 refugees, mostly French, from Zaffa, Palestine, and pieces of shell."

LAST DAY

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