

CONFISCATION OF LANDS CONSIDERED

British Columbia Government Discusses Action Against German Interests.

FINE TIMBER IS INVOLVED

Properties Said to Be Worth Nine Million Dollars, Represented by Baron von Alvensleben, Are in Balance.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 22.—The British Columbia government is considering the confiscation of valuable timber lands and other interests in the province owned by Baron von Alvensleben and wealthy German clients of the Von Alvensleben firm, according to a government official. Baron von Alvensleben, who was in Germany at the time war was declared between Germany and Russia, is in New York on his way to British Columbia. Alvensleben's home is in Vancouver. He declared recently that he represented \$3,000,000 of German money invested in British Columbia.

Early this year, before returning to Germany, the Von Alvensleben interests made efforts to sell to the government of British Columbia 14 valuable timber lands situated near Butte Lake, on Vancouver Island, at the entrance to Strathcona Park. These lands contain some of the finest yellow cedar in the province and were desired by the government to complete the Strathcona Park Reserve. The price asked was so large, however, that Sir Richard McBride, the Premier, flatly refused to consider the proposition.

Since the outbreak of war and the confiscation of British interests in Germany by the German government, the government of British Columbia is understood to be preparing to confiscate all German interests held under the crown.

In addition to the timber lands on Vancouver Island, the Alvensleben interests also own 15 valuable mines on the coast and numerous mining and real estate interests.

MINES WRECK 2 STEAMERS

Denmark Ships Founder in North Sea, Crew of One Lost.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The official news bureau announced that two steamers, the Maryland from Copenhagen and the Danish steamship Broberg, have struck mines in the North Sea and foundered. They were on the main trade route 35 miles from shore.

The Maryland struck a mine Friday night. The crew of the Broberg, seeing the accident, proceeded to the rescue in launches, but failed to save the crew. On resuming search Saturday morning the Broberg also struck a mine and foundered, but her crew was rescued and brought to Lowestoft, England.

GERMANS KILL OWN MEN

Italian Forts Shell Troops All Night, Believing They Are French.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 22.—The Tribuna publishes today a report from a correspondent at the front who says a German retreat at Mulhausen under the fire of the French artillery became a tragedy. It was impossible for the Germans to see where this fire came from. The Italian forts on the Rhine, the

dered to convey nearly 8000 men, with equipment. Detachments also are coming from Vancouver, Calgary, Red Deer, Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Brandon, Portage La Prairie, Kenora, Fort William and Port Arthur. Two thousand are leaving Winnipeg, including infantry, cavalry, artillery and ambulance men, with bands.

GERMAN WIRES CUT OFF

ChanceFor Notifies Associated Press Empire Cannot Send News.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The Associated Press has received the following through the German Embassy: "Berlin, Aug. 22.—The Associated Press, New York: Germany is completely cut off from the rest of the world and can neither send out news nor receive it. The Empire is therefore unable to defend itself against the falsehoods propagated by the press of the hostile countries. It can only defend itself by its deeds. The German people will be profoundly grateful for every effort to disseminate the real truth."

ZRINYI SUNK BY SHELL

French Projectile Explodes Magazine of Austrian Warship.

LONDON, Aug. 22 (3:08 P. M.)—Official news from Paris gives further details of the encounter in the Adriatic about a week ago, which resulted in the sinking of the Austrian warship Zrinyi.

CHRONOLOGY OF CHIEF EVENTS IN WAR TO DATE.

- June 28—Pan-Slavic propaganda culminates in assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to Austrian throne, and his wife.
- July 28—Austria informs Serbia her reply to a demand for reparation and unreserved apology is unsatisfactory, and declares war on Serbia. Troops invade Serbia.
- July 29—Russia mobilizes.
- July 30—Germany demands that Russia explain mobilization movements.
- August 1—Russia refuses Germany's demand and German Ambassador presents formal declaration of war on Russia. France mobilizes informally. State of war declared between France and Germany. German and Russian troops engage in border skirmishes.
- August 2—Two German armies enter France. Russian troops enter Germany.
- August 3—France declares war exists with Germany and formal declaration is not necessary.
- August 4—Great Britain declares war on Germany.
- August 5—Germany formally declares war against Russia.
- August 6—Austria formally declares war against Italy.
- August 7—Austria threatens to declare war on Italy if she persists in neutrality. French army wins first victory in capture of Altkirch, in Alsace, on Swiss frontier.
- August 10—French Ambassador at Vienna asks for his passports. China, fearing neutrality will be violated, vainly appeals to powers for protection.
- August 12—Great Britain and France declare war on Austria.
- August 15—Japan sends ultimatum to Germany, demanding that she withdraw ships and evacuate Kiau-Chau, China, giving her until August 23 to obey demand.
- August 17—Belgium moves capital from Brussels to Antwerp. Montenegrins invade Bosnia and Herzegovina. French win minor victories in Alsace. Four Austrian battleships sunk by French. Turkey and Greece mobilize forces.
- August 20—German cavalry occupies Brussels.
- August 21—German patrols reach Ghent, Bruges and Ostend.

the loss of the Austrian battleship Zrinyi, a vessel of more than 14,000 tons, and a crew of 867 men. The Zrinyi was struck by a projectile exploded in her magazine and damaged her so badly that she foundered in a few minutes.

WAR SESSION IS ENDED

Canada Increases Customs to Provide Needed Revenue.

OTAWA, Ont., Aug. 23.—The war session of the Canadian Parliament was closed today by the Duke of Connaught. It was the briefest session of Parliament ever held, having lasted only five days. During that time the two houses voted \$50,000,000 for war supplies.

Customs rates on tobacco, liquor, sugar, coffee and canned fruits were increased to provide revenues. The government was authorized to issue excess circulation of Dominion notes, suspend gold payments and to declare a moratorium, if necessary. The notes

40,000 AMERICANS LEFT ON CONTINENT

Residents' Committee in London Says 31,000 Have Been Able to Start Home.

4000 STILL IN GERMANY

Refugees in Austria Coming Out by Way of Switzerland—Direct Sailings From Ports in Italy to Be Begun Soon.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The committee of American residents of London, of which Herbert C. Hoover, of California, is chairman, has now taken complete charge of American tourists in London. The efforts of the committee are being concentrated on measures of financial relief. It has had charge of this work from the beginning. The information

from its present data the committee believes there are about 40,000 American tourists still on the Continent who desire to return home.

GERMANY SOLEMN, SAYS WOMAN

Singing of Patriotic Airs on Streets Is Forbidden.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The White Star liner Baltic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown with 2129 passengers and nearly 6000 sacks of mail. The passengers would be more than 1500 refugees. Seven hundred of the 1100 in the steerage were Americans, who had been unable to get accommodations in the first and second cabins.

Among the passengers was Miss Florence Ralph, of Buffalo, who at the outbreak of the war was studying music in Berlin. She told an interesting story of her escape from the Continent. She heard the Emperor deliver the speech in which he said his sword had been forced into his hands by his enemies. As he said it, Miss Ralph declared, he patted the hilt of a heavy saber that was hanging at his side and tears came into his eyes. The Germans cheered the Emperor's speech until he told them to go to the churches and pray. The crowd then became solemn.

"The day before I left Berlin the authorities issued strict orders," she said, "that no parades of citizens should be allowed and that any persons found singing patriotic songs would be arrested. The idea was, I understood, that the government wanted to impress upon the people that it was a time to be solemn and not to be over-joyful."

Samuel Untermyer, the lawyer, said American women, beautifully gowned, sat at tables and sandwiches were served. Several hundred foreigners of the kind usually found in steerages, who were eating with their fingers.

Dr. B. Pollock, of San Antonio, Tex., was among the steerage passengers. He was in Liege on August 1 and 2 and said the streets were full of wounded men. Many of them were sitting with their backs against the walls, nursing their wounds. He said there seemed to be few doctors in the town. He himself dressed the wounds of several men.

Another steerage passenger, arrived in New York with \$1.80 and the clothes he had on. A friend met him at the pier with a large roll of bills which the doctor asked for by wireless when the Baltic was off Fire Island today. The Baltic was conveyed by the British cruiser Essex from the middle of the Atlantic in a short distance outside the three-mile limit.

Gold Ship May Go to Norway.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The United States cruiser North Carolina, which brought funds from the United States for the relief of Americans in Europe, will leave Cherbourg tomorrow. The cruiser will stop at Falmouth and may go to Norway. Officials in that city are ready to accept the gold, which will be used to buy supplies for the relief of the people of the city.

SERVIANS CLAIM VICTORY

AUSTRIANS DECLARED BEATEN ALONG WHOLE FRONT.

"Enemy Suffered Great Losses, Booty Was Exceedingly Great," Says Announcement From Nish.

NISH, Servia, Aug. 22.—The following announcement concerning the victory of the Serbian troops over the Austrians was made here today: "The Serbian army has gained a great victory at Mount Paer and the River Zastava. The enemy retired along the whole front. Our soldiers then pursued them vigorously. The enemy suffered great losses; the booty was exceedingly great."

"The Servians yesterday continued pursuing the Austrians' left wing toward the Drina and captured two more cannons. The Austrian attacks on the Servians' left wing were repulsed, the enemy retiring, pursued by a strong Serbian artillery fire. On the Northern front there is only a feeble bombardment of Belgrade.

"The Serbian artillery has destroyed three Austrian steamers and three barges near Stars."

BRITISH SHIPPING SAFE

GERMAN COMMERCE HALTED, SAYS ENGLISH EMBASSY.

Summary of Naval Situation Avers Allies Have Upper Hand in European and Far Eastern Waters.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The British Embassy made public tonight the following official summary of the naval situation received today from the London foreign office:

"The floating trade of Germany has been brought to a standstill by the operations of the British cruisers in the different parts of the world. The German fleet is unable to interfere or to set German commerce free, owing to the full strength and preventing any interference with its commerce. Already about 7 per cent of the total German tonnage is in British hands, another 20 per cent is sheltering in neutral harbors and the remainder is either in German harbors unable to move or endeavoring to find security. British shipping, with the exception of less than one per cent which was in German harbors at the outbreak of the war, is actively pursuing its business on all the great commercial routes.

"The German squadron in China has been rendered ineffective by the constant pursuit by the British squadron in the Far East. Trade in China is therefore unaffected.

"The Austrian squadron in the Adriatic has retired into the Adriatic before the combined Anglo-French fleet, which is so superior that it is about to send strong detachments to any part of the Mediterranean or adjoining seas in which naval forces may be required.

"Great numbers of the seafaring population of Great Britain are offering themselves for service in the fleet.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—A Reuter dispatch from Rotterdam says steamship service has been restored with British



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BEN SELLING

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BRITISH PROVIDE BASE AT PACHENA BAY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Protestants Carrying Fuel From Nanaimo and Cruiser Rainbow Is Lying Off Prince Rupert.

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—The British naval authorities are establishing a coaling station at Pachena Bay, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The big funnel liner Protostaurus is carrying coal from Nanaimo to the new station. The Canadian cruiser Rainbow is off Prince Rupert, the most northerly port in British Columbia.

Two days ago some mischievous persons in Ottawa sent to the banks of Prince Rupert a dispatch, purporting to be signed by Minister of Marine Hazen, to put into Prince Rupert for coal and urging the citizens to resist. At the same time a dispatch was sent to the Eastern United States from Ottawa saying that a German cruiser had appeared at Prince Rupert, taken coal and levied tribute on the banks.

So far as known at Esquimalt, the only German cruiser on the coast is the Leipzig, last reported off Northern California. It is declared in Victoria that two warships recently have been added to the British fleet at Esquimalt. At the same time information is given except that the cruiser Newcastle is not there.

Nice Born to R. P. Hobson. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A daughter was born to Lieutenant and Mrs. James M. Hobson, Jr., here today. The Lieutenant is a brother of the naval hero.

Russia now has 17,356 manufacturing establishments, employing 2,131,191 operatives.

PIANO TONES SUSTAINED

Frenchman's Instrument, Like Organ, Sounds While Keys Pressed.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A "conversations" was given this week by the Society of French Civil Engineers, at which visiting British engineers were introduced to a new invention of two Frenchmen, M. Maitre and M. Martin. It is a piano in which the notes are produced by the wires being set in vibration by an electro magnet instead of being struck by hammers. The mechanism is operated in the usual way by a keyboard, but instead of dying gradually away as they do with ordinary piano notes, maintain their volume as long as the key is pressed, that of an organ, and makes of the piano an entirely new and different instrument.

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BIRDSYE VIEW OF EUROPE'S GREAT BATTLEFIELD.



PRINCIPAL POINTS OF WESTERN EUROPE AT WHICH CONFLICTS HAVE OCCURRED ARE SHOWN, TOGETHER WITH PRESENT MAIN OBJECTIVE POINTS OF HOSTILE ARMIES.

correspondent continues, seeing a body of German troops approaching in the night, mistook them for French troops and began firing on them. The mistake was not discovered until dawn. The German cannon had thundered all night long, making havoc among their own men.

CANADIAN TROOPS MOVING

Special Trains Ordered to Convey 8000 Men From West.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 22.—Western Canadian troops began entraining today for Valcartier Camp, Quebec. The big movement through and out of Winnipeg begins tomorrow and will continue all Monday. Fifteen special trains have been or-

of chartered banks were made legal tenders and authority given to enlarge the note circulation of the banks. The action of the government in raising and dispatching an army for foreign service was approved and legitimized. The two parties declared a truce in politics and there was no partisan discussion of any of the government measures. It is not expected that the regular session of Parliament will be called until January.

Life Sentence Passed.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Roy Carroll, convicted of killing John Zoller, Marshal of Gervais, was today sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Kelly. His attorneys say they will appeal.

Funeral of A. J. Goodbrod Held.

UNION, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The funeral of A. J. Goodbrod, who died at the La Grande Hospital August 20, was conducted here today under the auspices of the Oddfellows lodge.

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