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RUSSIANS IN BAD CONDITION

Plan to Remove Government From Petrograd to Ancient Capital of Moscow Soon

LAST FORTS FALLING

Von Mackenzen Breaking up Plan for New Russian Line of Brest Litovsk Defense

FALL OF RIGA IMMINENT

Part of Czar's Baltic Fleet Bottled Up by Superior German Squadron—Fierce Fighting Near Osowitz—Turks Hold British

RUSSIANS IN BAD CONDITION

LONDON, Aug. 20.—As the Austrians and Germans press on to the last of the outlying fortress standing between the Russian capital and the invaders, Petrograd is discussing the advisability of removing the government to the ancient seat at Moscow. Kovno now is definitely in the hands of the Germans.

The flanking movement of General Von Mackenzen grows more threatening hourly, and it would not be surprising if the Russians abandoned their efforts to form a new line with Brest Litovsk as the pivot.

Part of the Russian fleet is bottled up in the Gulf of Riga and fall of Riga seems certain.

Petrograd reports that the Russian warships in the Gulf of Riga were compelled to draw in closer, owing to the superiority of the German squadron.

NEW BATTLE LINE

From Brest Litovsk to Osowitz, which seems to be standing the assaults of the heavy German guns better than any other fortress, fierce fighting continues with the advantage in favor of the invaders.

TURKS HOLD BRITISH

The landing of British troops at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, is regarded here as a partial disappointment. It is believed here that no forward movement of consequence is likely unless the British are reinforced considerably.

Italy and Turkey appear on the brink of open rupture.

SAYS HE INVENTED WAR GAS

Phy From German Government to be Demanded by Physician

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—Asserting that he is the inventor of the deadly gases being used by Germany in the present war and of projectiles, mines and torpedoes, Dr. Joseph R. Witel, an uptown physician and scientist, will appear before the German ambassador next week and demand financial recognition of his discoveries. If he is not given satisfaction, the doctor says he will bring suit against the German government and the Krupp firm for a sum approximating ten million dollars.

"My first tests were made at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1886," he declared. "While experimenting one day, I mixed some compressed air with a certain gas and on igniting it a violent explosion took place, breaking the test tube to pieces. This test, while accidental, set me to thinking, and I concluded to compress this gas with air and produce the highest and most powerful explosive ever made.

A complete statement with detailed drawings, was mailed to the War Department at Washington, on May 11, 1907. They did not altogether understand the merits claimed, nor did they test them, as they were instructed to do, but returned the drawings and specifications with a negative reply, showing by the government seal that the committee had acted on and examined the new explosives and their universal application to warfare purposes.

Vexed at their lack of interest in the invention, I immediately opened negotiations with the Krupp Gun Works at Essen, Germany, and soon entered into a contract, giving them instructions how to compress the air and gases, separately and combined, and to take out patents for me. As compensation I was guaranteed a complete monopoly on all forms of projectiles, cartridges, shells, and mines and torpedoes for all explosive purposes, with all kinds of ignition."

TESTS PENSION LAW

Polk County Woman Sues for Mother's Pension Allowance

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Eita Bush, widow of Buford Bush, has filed suit in the circuit court against Polk county to compel the county court to pay her \$22.50 per month, widow's pension, which she is entitled to as the mother of four minor children.

The court has been allowing her the minimum amount of \$10 per month. She claims \$309 back pension.

KAISER TO FRONT

GOES TO PERSONALLY THANK CAPTORS OF FORT

Announces 20,000 Russians and Immense War Supplies Taken in Czar's Last Stronghold

CAPTURE 20,000 OF 85,000 THERE

BERLIN, Aug. 20.—The usual official statement, which was issued several hours after the special bulletin announcing the fall of Novo Georgievsk, says the complete garrison of that fortress consisted of 85,000 men. Of these, more than 20,000 were captured yesterday.

Emperor William left for Novo Georgievsk in order to give the thanks of himself and the Fatherland to the leader of the attack, General Von Beseler, and his troops.

The left wing of Von Mackenzen's army has driven the Russians behind Koterkaulva, Southwest to Brest-Litovsk."

GREAT GUNS DID IT

Speedy Capture of Strategic Fort of Russians is Explained

Novo Georgievsk is 19 miles Northwest of Warsaw and situated at the junction of the Vistula, Narw and Wkrk rivers. On account of its strategic position it was described by an Associated Press correspondent who visited it yesterday as a second Vicksburg. For nearly two weeks the fortress has been completely invested by Germans and several outlying fortresses were captured earlier in the week. Its speedy capture doubtless represents another triumph of the great German and Austrian siege guns.

ARMY IS INCREASED

LANDSTRUM BILL IN HOLLAND ENLARGES THE FORCES

That Country Now Has Approximately 550,000 Soldiers Now Serving Under Arms

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 19.—By the adoption of the Landstrum bill on July 30 the total number of trained soldiers in Holland will be increased eventually to approximately 550,000 instead of 320,000 who are now under arms.

The bill provides for the calling up of men who hitherto have been released from service. These include certain categories of students; those who are supporting families and those who have been relieved from military duty because they have brothers already serving.

The yearly class of military age averages about 58,000 of which only 23,000 are incorporated in the army. Of the 35,000 who escape service, 17,000 are regarded as physically unfit and 18,000 are relieved for causes above mentioned.

The new law calls systematically to the colors those men who were formerly relieved. The youngest class which is due to present itself in 1915 will be incorporated immediately for four months training. At the same time an equal number of the oldest men who have been serving since mobilization will be sent to their homes. Thus the army actually with the colors will remain at the same strength as now.

Men liable, who were not called up in 1914, will be called up for a similar period after the 1915 class has completed its course and the next oldest class of men will be automatically relieved. Then will follow the class of 1913 and other classes in order until all fit men up to thirty years of age have received military training. The whole 550,000 will be available for immediate mobilization in the event of the country being endangered.

Formerly the number of men relieved from military service was greater than now, averaging for the last ten years 22,000 yearly, so the total increase in the number of trained men is expected to reach about 220,000.

It was originally intended that the measure should include all men up to forty but strong opposition caused the government to change its plan in this respect.

SCORE LOST IN ARABIC WRECK

Believe That Twenty Were Killed When Germans Torpedoed White Star Liner

AMERICANS MISSING

Dr. Wood of Janesville, Wis., and Mrs. Bruguiere of San Francisco Not Found

SAYS CREW WAS HEROIC

Capt. Finch Says Engineers and Firemen Remained at Post to Save Passengers—Company Says Only Eight Missing

ARABIC CARRIED \$15,000,000

LONDON, Aug. 20.—It is understood that the Arabic carried about \$15,000,000 worth of American securities for New York. All were insured.

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LONDON, Aug. 20.—The best information now available indicates a score or more persons lost their lives in the sinking of the White Star Liner Arabic by a German submarine yesterday off the south coast of Ireland.

Thus far it has not been determined definitely whether any Americans are among the dead. Dr. Edmund F. Wood, of Janesville, Wis., and Mrs. Josephine S. Bruguiere, of San Francisco, who has lived in Europe a number of years, are missing.

The White Star Line announced this morning that all but eight passengers had been landed at Queens-town. Four of these are said to be Americans.

Captain Finch, formerly of San Francisco, gave testimony of the heroism of the engineers and firemen, several of whom remained at their posts and probably sacrificed their lives to insure the safety of the passengers.

Other survivors say the torpedo which rent the Arabic's hull killed outright several men in the boiler room. The torpedo struck on the starboard side about 100 feet from the stern near the boiler rooms.

In Queens-town everything possible was done to assist the survivors, many of whom were without clothes or money. A number of survivors are suffering from minor injuries but so far as known none are in a serious condition.

AUTO BANDITS FREE

LOS ANGELES HOLDUPS OPERATE NEAR POLICE STATION

Take \$350 from Bank Across Street from Boyle Heights Police Station and Escape

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—Entering the Boyle Heights branch of the Home Savings Bank, directly across the street from the Boyle Heights police station, today, three men held up the manager and obtained \$350. They escaped after a running fight in an automobile.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO SEE AN OCCULTIST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—President Wilson slipped away from the White House this morning and started for Philadelphia by motor to visit an occultist. Two autos, one carrying secret service men, were in the party.

GOV. HARRIS OFFERS \$1500 FOR FIRST THREE CONVICTS

Will Call Special Conference of Officials to Determine What Shall Be Done About Mob Case

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 20.—Having offered a reward of \$1500 for the first three persons convicted in connection with the lynching of Leo M. Frank, Governor Harris will call a conference of officials to consider what further steps shall be taken, it was announced today.

OFFERS A REWARD

WIFE SEES HUSBAND FALL INTO CANYON

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—While climbing Gibraltar rock on Mount Rainier with a party of Eastern tourists last evening, G. F. Ordway, of Boston, slipped and plunged to death down the canyon.

The wife saw her husband's body go crashing down the cliff.

SAY BOVIC LOST

ANOTHER WHITE STAR LINER REPORTED TORPEDOED

Advices Received in New York Indicate 6500 Ton Vessel Was Sent to Bottom by Submarine

LAPLAND ALSO SUNK

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 20.—A report was circulated here today that the White Star liner Lapland had been sunk. No confirmation was obtainable.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Advices received here today report the White Star Liner Bovic torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The Bovic had been employed in the Australian service. She was a vessel of 6500 tons.

Local officers of the White Star line are without direct news of the sinking of the Bovic, although they had heard the report. The Bovic was a freighter and sailed August 8 from New York for Manchester.

SINK 9 MORE SHIPS

SUBMARINES SANK BRITISH, SPANISH AND NORWEGIAN

Part of Crews of Vessels Saved, but Some Are Missing—Torpedoes Prove Effective Again Today

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The British steamers Restormel, 1349 tons and Baron Eskine, 3505 tons, were sunk by submarines. The crews were saved.

The Spanish steamer Peria Castillo and Norwegian steamer Sverchborg were sunk by submarines. Three members of the crew of the Peria Castillo were rescued. The fate of the others on the two boats is unknown.

The Swansea Leader reports the British steamer New York City sunk. The crew was saved.

The British steamers Samara and Gladiator were sunk by submarines.

Big Crew Landed

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 20.—The captain and crew of 53 of the steamship New York City, landed here today. The vessel was sunk by a torpedo yesterday.

ENGLISH SUBMARINE RUNS AGROUND

LONDON, Aug. 20.—An official announcement made today says a British submarine had grounded in the Sound. Fifteen members of the crew were saved.

MANY SHIPS LOST

LLOYD'S REPORT SHOWS 667 VESSELS SWEEPED FROM SEA

Last Year Disastrous to Shipping—491 Steamers and 275 Sailing Vessels Gone

LONDON, Aug. 19.—Lloyd's statistical summary of vessels of 100 tons and upwards totally lost, counted or otherwise removed, shows that during the year 1914, the effective mercantile marine of the world was reduced by 667 vessels of 926,134 tons of which 471 were steamers of 879,662 tons and 275 sailing vessels of 184,450 tons. This is an increase over the figures of 1913 of 338,000 tons and is due almost wholly to war operations.

The United Kingdom lost 101 vessels of 229,179 tons by warships or by mines while the figures for Germany are 13 vessels of 67,641 tons.

Apart from the war, the greatest losses of the world's shipping are under the heading of "wrecked." 258 vessels of 288,470 tons or 40 to 45 per cent of the total losses being thus classified.

While the United Kingdom has lost 2.2 per cent of the tonnage and 2.43 per cent of the vessels owned, the losses of neutral countries total 2.37 per cent and 3.62 per cent respectively.

GIRL IS STRIKEN

Miss Esther Blanche Stevens Passes Away at Glenada

GLENADA, Ore., Aug. 20.—Esther Blanche Stevens died at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sandshaft, of tuberculosis. Miss Stevens was born August 19, 1892 at Glenada and leaves several brothers and sisters, besides her grandmother.

GRANT ASSESSED AT \$5

Supreme Court Value of \$2.50 on Acre Ignored in Lane County

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 19.—The Oregon & California lands in Lane County have been placed upon the assessment rolls at valuations of from \$5 to \$20, the total appraisement amounting to \$3,350,000, by B. F. Keeney, County Assessor, disregarding the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States which held that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company's interest in this land amounted to \$2.50 per acre.

"Whether we have a right to assess these lands only for the amount of the railroad's equity of \$2.50 per acre, or whether we have a right to assess it at all, is a matter for the Board of Equalization to determine," he said. "This land is assessed at virtually the same figure as last year."

DOUGLAS COUNTY ANNUNCIASES

Claim to Have Killed 100 Deer on First Day of the Season

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 20.—Almost 100 deer fell the first day of the deer season in Douglas county, as trip to Powers. Big class for initiation Sunday August 22nd. Train leaves depot at 7:10 in morning.

F. MAGNUSSON, Acting President.

ARABIC CASE SERIOUS ONE

MAY CAUSE UNITED STATES TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

AWAIT REPORT

President Wilson and Advisers Consider Loss of Americans Serious Offense

TEXT OF WARNING GIVEN

President Wilson's Notice to Germany after Lusitania Sinking Includes Liability in Case of Arabic

TWO AMERICANS AMONG MISSING

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Josephine Bruguiere and Dr. Edmund F. Wood are two American passengers on the Arabic who are definitely ascertained to be missing. Tugs are at the scene of the disaster, searching for the bodies of victims.

With Red Cross Dr. Wood is a leading Wisconsin surgeon. He was on his way home after completing a tour of duty for the Red Cross with the British corps in Flanders.

Prominent Californian Mrs. Bruguiere, before her marriage was Miss Josephine I. Sather. Her stepmother, Mrs. James K. Sather, of San Francisco, left \$700,000 to the University of California.

SEVERAL INJURED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—The official details upon which President Wilson will decide whether the sinking of the Arabic was an act deliberately unfriendly to the United States are still lacking today.

In the meantime the President and all other administration officials, while realizing the gravity of the situation between the United States and Germany, are keeping their minds open.

May Sever Relations No attempt is made in official quarters to minimize the situation confronting President Wilson if the investigation develops a violation of American rights in defiance of the note to Germany which gave notice in final terms that another sinking like that of the Lusitania would be considered an act "deliberately unfriendly."

The prospect of severance of diplomatic relations with Germany again came forward.

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CURRY MINE DEAL

PORTLAND MEN OFFERED \$25,000 FOR CLAIMS

Syndicate Will Operate Mine Soon as Gold Mine is Financed Says Southern Pacific Official

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—In the midst of their efforts to finance a placer mine it owns in the Ophir gold district in Curry county, a syndicate of five Portland men has already been receiving offers for its purchase.

John Gardner, of the Southern Pacific passenger department, who is secretary and treasurer, stated today that the offers so far were not sufficiently alluring. It is said that \$25,000 was offered. The others interested in the mine are R. D. Hewitt, Sam Noble, Herman Loesch and Frank Davis.

The mine is now being developed and, if the Portland men close their negotiations, will be in operation soon. Gardner stated that the prospects for "pay dirt" are too good to let it pass out of their hands for a song.

NO TRACE OF R. B. NEFF FOUND

No further trace of R. B. Neff, charged with the murder of A. J. Whitman near Lakeport, has been found, but Sheriff Bailey and Deputy still remain in that vicinity in hopes that Neff will soon have to come out for food.

FARMER HANGS HIMSELF

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 20.—Apparently suffering from the effects of a stroke sustained several years ago, C. T. Bloom, a Douglas County fruitgrower and gardener, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn. A wife and several children survive. He was 54 years old, and at one time was employed as a gardener by the Southern Pacific Company.

OREGON POSTMASTERS

Washington, Aug. 19.—Oregon postmasters appointed follow: Oscar A. Grimes, Hugo, vice William McKenzie, resigned; Charles A. Haines, Narrows, vice Mary Griffin, resigned; Mrs. Gertrude L. Clark, Odell, vice Nettie I. Crockett, resigned; Carmi U. Boardman, Columbia County, new office.

ISSUES HOLT REQUISITION

The Salem Statesman Says: Ben W. Olcott for the first time since Governor Withycombe has been in office, is now acting governor of Oregon, as Governor Withycombe is in California attending the exercises in connection with Benson day at the exposition. In his capacity of acting governor Mr. Olcott approved a requisition on the governor of California for the return of Svenne D. Holt, alias H. O. Houdon, who is wanted in Coos County on a statutory charge.

NEW STORE AT BANDON

BANDON, August 20.—Bandon soon will boast of a co-operative store operated by farmers. A man has been engaged to look after the business. Quarters in the Brown & Gibson building have been rented and a portion of the stocks is already on hand. The store will deal in groceries and merchandise and will make a specialty of farmers' produce. The concern will also sell farmer's produce to outside markets. The committee handling the venture consists of George Cox, Crutchfield, Harvey Smith, Charles Chandler and John Long.

HOTEL NEARLY COMPLETED

Westlake Resort to be the Best in the State

FLORENCE, Ore., Aug. 20.—H. C. Morris of Westlake, while in Florence this week, stated that the hotel at the above named summer resort is being rapidly rushed to completion. All millwork and plumbing material is either ordered or on the ground. This hotel will be fitted up with all modern improvements. For size and accommodations it will rank among the best resort hotels in Oregon.

It is beautifully situated on the west shore of Lake Tiltcoos and only a mile from the ocean. The road to the ocean and the hotel will be completed in 60 days in time to accommodate guests during the duck season.

ELKS NOTICE

The boat Ranger will leave the Market street dock at 8:30 Sunday morning for Camp Killarney. W. P. Murphy's summer home. All Elks wives will bring lunch baskets. Party returns in the early evening. Free transportation.

NOTICE TO EAGLES

All Eagles are requested to attend meeting Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, August 21st, to arrange for trip to Powers. Big class for initiation Sunday August 22nd. Train leaves depot at 7:10 in morning.

F. MAGNUSSON, Acting President.

STORM DEATH LIST IS 116

MAY BE INCREASED BY MANY BODIES BEING FOUND ON GALVESTON ISLAND

BIG DREDGES SAFE

San Jacinto and Sam Houston Were Washed Ashore Near Houston Ship Channel

NO ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

Gov. Ferguson Says Local Authorities Not Able to Handle Situation—Snakes Attack Victims in Water

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 20.—Dispatches from Galveston late today say a number of additional bodies have been brought into the city on a flat car. Galveston Island is 40 miles long and it is reported that many bodies from the main land were washed ashore along the island.

The death list from the Gulf storm increased slightly today and the missing list decreased considerably. The known dead are more than 116 today, including 13 known dead in Galveston. Some other bodies were found about Galveston, but they are supposed to be from the main land for the most part.

It is expected the dead list will be increased by dozen or more when the Virginia Point Hotel debris is cleared up. Twenty persons are reported missing in this hotel.

Reports indicated that thirty persons yesterday listed as missing at Bolivar have been found.

DREDGES FOUND ASHORE

Reassuring statement issued by governor Ferguson says "My information is that the loss of life is not great and the local authorities will be able to handle the situation without further assistance."

The dredge boats Houston and San Jacinto were found last night aground near the Houston ship canal with the crews safe.

Evidence of unusual destructiveness of Monday night's hurricane is seen in Houston hospitals today, which house nearly 100 patients today.

Snakes Attack Victims

Many are suffering from snake bites. They are the real danger in a coast hurricane because the waters drives snakes upon the few objects above the water.

Marvin Proctor of Lynchburg is in serious condition on account of a moccasin snake bite. While he was trying to build a raft with boards blown from his home the snake bit him in the hand. He carried the bite until the next morning although one hand was swollen nearly twice its normal size. The launch picked him up Wednesday.

TWO SHIPS AGROUND

British Vessels in Serious Predicament at Galveston Now

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 20.—Two British steamships, the Harleston and Eaton Hall, are aground at Swan Lake, on the main and southwest of Texas City. It is said that the Eaton Hall is in a serious condition.

REPORT FROM GALVESTON

Say Eight Dead in City and 25 at Points Near By

GALVESTON, Texas, Aug.