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## GIVE APPAM BACK TO THE BRITISH

### Captured British Liner Brought Into Port at Norfolk by the Germans Will Be Returned to the Owners

Norfolk, Va., July 9.—Federal Judge Waddell today decided that the captured British liner Appam should be restored to its former British owners. The decision is against the German prize crew which captured the vessel and brought her here.

The court held the German government lost all legal claim to the Appam and her cargo as prizes of war when Lieutenant Berg and his prize crew on February 1 last brought her into the neutral waters of Hampton Roads, with the intention of "laying up" the vessel indefinitely.

Other salient features of the decision follow:

That the Prussian-American treaty of 1795, renewed in 1828, does not apply or control in the case so as to guarantee the prize crew asylum in United States waters, and the award of the German prize court in declaring the Appam a prize while the case was in litigation in the United States courts has no effect on the jurisdiction of the courts; that the jurisdiction of the United States courts in the case is established by a long line of precedents, including several by the United States supreme court.

"The court's conclusion," the decision says, "is that the manner of bringing the Appam into the waters of the United States as well as her appearance in these waters constitutes a violation of the neutrality of the United States; that she came in without bidding or permission; that she is here in violation of the law; that she is unable to leave for lack of a crew, which she can not provide or augment without further violation of neutrality; further, that in her present condition she is without a lawful right to be and remain in these waters; that she, as between her captors and owners, to all practical intents and purposes must be treated as abandoned and stranded upon our shores; and that her owners are entitled to restitution of their property, which this country should award irrespective of the prize court proceedings of the court of the imperial government of the German empire; and it will so be restored."

The decision affects the cargo as well as the vessel.

The case will be carried to the United States supreme court by the German prize crew.

## KAISER APPROVED FRYATT SENTENCE

London, July 29.—That Emperor William himself confirmed the sentence of death found by a court-martial trying Captain Fryatt of the liner Brussels for his attempt to ram a submarine, was reported in a Maas-tricht dispatch here today. It served further to inflame British feeling against the Kaiser and public alike branded as surpassing the execution of Miss Caveil in cold-blooded ferocity. The Maas-tricht dispatch asserted the Duke of Wurtemberg wired the sentence of death pronounced by the naval court-martial at Zeebrugge on Fryatt to imperial headquarters, asking for confirmation. The war council, it was stated, granted this confirmation at once, all its members, including the Kaiser and General Erich von Falkenhayn, former war minister, agreeing on the justice of the death sentence.

## EXPERTS WILL PROBE SCOURGE OF N. Y. BABIES

New York, July 29.—While America's foremost experts completed plans for a conference here next week, the infantile paralysis situation here became alarmingly worse. One hundred and sixty-one new cases were reported, as against 134 yesterday. There were 44 deaths, against 36 yesterday.

Officials admittedly were discouraged. They had expected the temperature drop would help them in their fight. Action against factors who claim to have cures was taken today. One man was sent to the Tomba. Police say the cure consists of a string of camphor balls.

The outlook was considered so bad by United States officials that the 13th coast artillery, N. Y. M. G., which was ready to entrain for its Maine summer camp, was ordered to remain.

Adjutant General Stotesbury received the order from the war department at Washington a few hours before the troops were to leave. The regiment is composed almost entirely of Brooklyn men.

## GERMAN AIR RAID ON BRITISH COAST

London, July 29.—A German air raid in the early hours of today over Lincolnshire and Norfolk caused no "material damage," according to official statements today.

"Three airplanes at 1:30 this morning dropped 32 bombs over Lincolnshire and Norfolk without material damage," the war office asserted.

"There were no casualties."

Yorkshire and Lincolnshire frequently have been visited by German Zeppelins. Presumably if there was a direct point of attack by the German air raiders in today's raid it was the town of Hull, which is known to be a cruiser and minesweeper base.

## EXPECT THAT SAN FRANCISCO BOMB SUSPECT WILL SOON MAKE CONFESSION

San Francisco, July 29.—That Warren K. Billings, held by the police as the principal suspect in the suit case dynamiting case, has offered to confess was the belief here today.

Emerging from a conference with Billings today, during which the suspect was again severely cross examined, District Attorney Fickert said today:

"Billings has admitted that he was 'it.'"

"What do you mean by 'it'?" Fickert was asked. "Do you mean he admits he was the man who placed the bomb?"

"I can not say that," replied Fickert.

Two other suspects have offered to tell all "they know," Fickert said. They asked in return that they be given immunity and concessions from the prosecutors. Fickert said the offer could not be accepted, as officials already know all they want to know from the two.

Fickert indicated that the suspects he referred to wanted to give the police information regarding the part played by others in the bomb plot and that a statement by Billings regarding the case had been in police hands since yesterday.

A local newspaper today printed an interview with Billings, in which he was quoted as saying he held no animosity against Miss Smith because she had identified him, but that he felt sorry for her.

"She could not have done it unless she thought it was the truth," he said. "I can not understand why she did it."

When asked what defense he expected to make, Billings said:

## BRITONS TELL SCOPE OF BLACKLIST

### Assurances of English Ambassador Considered Preliminary Reply to Protest Entered by United States

Washington, July 29.—The British embassy today officially announced that assurances given the state department by Ambassador Spring-Rice regarding the scope of the blacklist against certain American firms might be considered a preliminary reply to this government's note cabled to London Thursday night.

The text of the assurances given the state department follows:

"There is no idea of blacklisting a neutral firm merely because it continues to do business with a firm that is blacklisted, but if a neutral firm habitually and systematically acted as a cover for a blacklisted firm and so caused indirect trading between British firms and blacklisted firms, the case would be different."

Regarding payment to blacklisted firms, our action does not affect payment to a neutral and we habitually grant licenses to British firms to pay current debts to blacklisted firms, unless it is clear beyond a doubt that such payment would be passed on to create a credit for enemies in enemy territory."

The embassy has definite knowledge that large sums of money or the equivalent in credit has been obtained for the German government by blacklisted firms, it was said today. No statement as to the alleged amount was obtainable, as it was said such action would result in the disclosure of the secrets of neutrals and firms not under suspicion.

## MEXICO TO CHANGE MINE TAX RATES

San Diego, July 29.—Mexican Consul Teodoro Frenzes has just received word from the government authorities at Mexico City that no more mining concessions will be granted in Mexico until a review, now pending, and which is expected to carry drastic changes in the tax rates, has been completed.

This announcement virtually closes the door to Lower California, which gathers its mining prospectors from this section of California as well as all of the other Mexican states, for a short period, probably until some time next month.

## RUSSIAN ARMY IS ENVELOPING CITY OF KOVEL

Petrograd, July 29.—Kovel is rapidly being enveloped from the south as the Russian armies advance unceasingly against the Austrians in Galicia. Capture of Brody, military experts pointed out here today, gives the czar's forces an opportunity to improve their thrust northward toward Kovel. Meanwhile it was believed here today the Russians are forcing onward to Lemberg.

An evidence of the precipitate character of the Russian retreat before the Russian offensive is given in the fact that on Thursday the Russians were 12 miles from Brody and on Saturday occupation of the town was announced.

Petrograd eagerly awaited full word today of the details of Brody's investment. It was regarded as certain that a considerable quantity of booty fell into the hands of the city's conquerors, since Brody had been an Austrian field base, and announcement of the capture of a large number of prisoners was likewise expected. From Brody on, it was pointed out here today, the Russian army of invasion into Galicia will have the advantage of a railroad in the movement against Lemberg. Every foot of advance registered along the railroad to Kovel menaces anew the Teuton positions at Kovel.

## CREW OF SUB-SEA SHIP ALARMED

Baltimore, July 29.—Fear of spies had grown to an obsession with certain members of the German submarine Deutschland today. With two additional British tramp vessels in the harbor for cargo and the British Argyre making no move to load, the Deutschland watchers developed an unusual nervousness.

Even trivial things worried them. An expedition from the Timmons made a hurried trip to the long private pier to which press tugs are tied, after discovering that a private telephone line had been installed there. The press men saw to it that no step was made to remove the wires, for they knew that German influence had been operating along the water front for several days to clear away newspaper men and prevent them obtaining boats.

The time for the Deutschland to depart still is an unsolved—apparently unsolvable—mystery. All the talk is that she is going out within a few days, but the truth is not in the rumor mongers that swarm the water front.

Indications with the Deutschland promoters are that they are not unduly alarmed about the fate of the Deutschland's sister ship, the Bremen, though they will be if she does not appear in the next few days.

## TEUTONS THROWN BACK OF DNEISTER

Petrograd, July 29.—General Brusiloff has resumed his offensive and thrown back the Teutonic line on the whole Kovel front from the Rovich railway to Brody, the war office announced today. The capture of Brody was again announced.

"By an audacious thrust, General Leleicki has thrown the enemy back in the direction of Stanislau to south of the Dneister," the statement continued. "Figures as to his prisoners and booty are not available as yet."

Further advance of the Grand Duke Nicholas' forces in the Caucasus was reported.

"Up to Friday our forces captured 2,400 prisoners, 55 guns and other booty. The advance toward Sivas and Kharput continues. At Mossul a Turkish attack was repulsed and the enemy fled back in disorder."

## HARVEST OF PEAR CROP SOON ON

### Picking of Luscious Fruit Will Commence in 10 Days, and Growers Are Assured of Good Prices for Product

The harvest of the pear crop of the valley will commence within the next ten days, and first shipments of Bartlett's will be started east at that time. The fruit is making a remarkable growth this season, and the Rogue pears will not only be a full crop as regards quantity but it promises also to maintain its position at the very top in quality. The fruits will be large and free from blemish. The present prices being paid for Bartlett's in the New York market range from \$2.40 to \$2.50 per box. At this price there is net to grower at Grants Pass \$1.35 per box after paying warehouse and transportation charges. It is said that Medford growers have already contracted with eastern buyers for 23 cars of pears at these figures. Other fruits in this district are also coming on well, and the apples will be a heavy crop.

## SENATE ASKS CLEMENCY FOR IRISH POLITICIANS

Washington, July 29.—The senate today, 46 to 19, asked England to exercise clemency toward Irish political prisoners. This was the last act in the fight for a resolution asking clemency for Sir Roger Casement, but in the final draft his name was not mentioned.

## GERMAN ATTACKS IN DELVILLE WOOD REPULSED

London, July 29.—Two desperate German counter-attacks against positions in Delville woods, recently won

## POSSIBLE THAT FRUITDALE DITCH MAY GET WATER

Some of the parties who have investigated the wreck of the big pulley and belt that operated the pumps for the Fruitdale ditch at the Golden Drift dam advance the opinion that the pulley may have been bursted in starting it up at an excessive speed. If this should prove true, it would disprove the dynamite theory that has been generally given as responsible for the accident. Mr. Davis contends that the machinery had not yet gained speed, the explosion occurring when the six-foot pulley had made only two or three revolutions.

Machinists have made a thorough examination of the damage, and believe that it might be possible to have the pump repaired in time to again put water into the Fruitdale ditch before the end of the week. There is an old pulley that was formerly used now available, and while not as satisfactory as the one that was wrecked, would probably fill the bill. A belt is available at Portland, and if the finances can be arranged by the water users it is likely that the belt will be ordered down today. The engineers say it is possible that by getting this belt the pump could be put in commission again by Thursday.

Governor Withycombe wired District Attorney Miller Saturday morning to the effect that there were no funds available for the offering of a reward for the apprehension of parties who may have been responsible for the wrecking of the pumps. County Judge Gillette, however, has stated that he believed the county could post a reward of \$500 if the citizens so desired. No action has yet been taken.

by the British, were repulsed. General Haig reported today.

The Germans, he said, suffered heavy losses in the attacks, which occurred during the night.

"Hand-to-hand struggles northwards and northeastwards of Pozieres continue without intermission," Haig said. "We are making progress despite violent opposition."

## GERMANS ASSUME OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT, BUT NO ADVANCE

London, July 29.—The British front is withstanding Germany's most powerful attacks. Artillery hammering and massed attack with hand-to-hand fighting have so far failed to dent the lines advanced by the recent British offensive, General Haig indicated in his report today.

It is the belief of military experts here that the Kaiser is now utilizing the great reserves concentrated in front of the British line from Verdun and other points on the eastern battle front in a bitter endeavor to wrest back from the British the land they have captured in the last few days. Despite this, Haig reported continued progress today.

Haig's narrative indicated a particularly heavy engagement beyond Pozieres, from which newly captured point the British are trying to push on toward Bapaume. There the combat was marked by unceasing hand-to-hand fighting. Just north of Longueval, at Delville wood, British positions are under intense pressure from the German lines. How sanguinary this fighting along the line from Thiepval to Longueval has been was confirmed in Haig's opinion that two or three German regiments—presumably the Brandenburgers—were annihilated in Delville woods.

The Russians have made further gigantic strides, both in the eastern battle zone and in the Caucasus, according to Petrograd. From Tarnopol Russian forces under General Leleicki, chief of staff to General Glinzki, of the Fourth Russian army corps, have overwhelmed the Austrian lines and forced them back to

the south of the Dneister toward Stanislau.

Presumably the Russians advanced along the railroad which winds from Tarnopol down and back to Lemberg.

The army of the Grand Duke Nicholas, which already has achieved some records for speedy advance, is still hurrying along, according to Petrograd, and has captured Erzanany, thrown back the Turks opposing towards Kharput and beat back a Turkish attack from Mossul.

Berlin frankly admitted retirement of the Teutonic lines south of Kovel, after the Russians had succeeded in penetrating their advanced positions. The German war office dismissed the fighting on the western front with the declaration that strong British attacks in the region of Pozieres had failed.

The Austrian statement, 24 hours delayed from Vienna, admitted Russian advance toward Brody, which the Slavs announced they captured yesterday.

The French statement indicated that the Germans have resumed their violent bombardment of Verdun and claimed further gains on the right bank of the Meuse for the French attackers.

Train Hits Speeder—The northbound passenger train, due here at 6:40, was late a half hour Friday night, having hit a speeder near Ray Gold. No one was injured, as the two men were walking beside the machine. They were talking and did not see the train until it was nearly on them. The speeder was demolished.

## NO RELIEF IN SIGHT FROM HEAT WAVE

### The East Suffers From Torrid Weather, and List of Dead Continues to Grow With Business at Standstill

Washington, July 29.—No relief in sight, weather bureau men said of the heat wave today. Predictions were that the west will continue to suffer indefinitely. Any sections of the east that had cool weather for the last day or so will begin to "warm up" tomorrow, it was said. There is not a breeze or a storm or anything else big enough to cause relief in prospect, the forecasters said.

Chicago, July 29.—Business in the middle west was at a standstill this afternoon as a result of the 19 days' heat wave, which reached its highest temperature today. Sixteen died today at Chicago; nine at Milwaukee; four at Aurora, Ill., and two at Kansas City. One hundred and twelve have died in Chicago within the last 48 hours.

At Milwaukee and Bevidere, Ill., factories were closed down when employees found it impossible to work in the stifling heat. Department stores planned to let their employees off two hours earlier. At some of the stores those who showed the slightest distress were ordered home. Stout people were told they would not have to work. Scores of horses dropped dead in Chicago streets today from exhaustion caused by the heat. It was estimated that several hundred persons were prostrated.

Chicago, July 29.—Crazed by the heat, Edgar Foster, a clerk, today shot and killed his son, Raymond, aged 3 years, and then shot Miss Bertha Brown, 25, in the breast three times, according to the police. Miss Brown is not expected to live. Foster was arrested.

Kansas City, July 29.—Two deaths, attributed by the coroner to heat, were reported early today. Mrs. Elizabeth Sharp and James A. McElwee were the victims.

Milwaukee, July 29.—Nine deaths due to the heat were reported to the officials during the last 24 hours. The thermometer reached 92 this morning, when a cooling lake breeze again gave a little relief. Factories closed down and business is at a standstill.

Topeka, Kas., July 29.—The twenty-two year drought record in Kansas was broken today. There has been no general rain in the state for 23 days. With four more days of continued dry weather a thirty-year record will fall.

## HEAVY SENTENCE FOR HORSE THIEF

Hillsboro, Oregon, July 29.—Having pleaded guilty to a charge of horse stealing, R. G. Gossman, wealthy resident of North Plains, today paid \$2,500 in gold into the county coffers as the first installment of his \$4,000 fine. He was fined \$1,000 on each of the four counts in the indictment.

The gold was handed over to the clerk of the superior court. A parole was then granted until the remainder is forthcoming. The horses are alleged to have been taken from a pasture and sold to Portland dealers. Two were recovered after having been sold to the government. They were about to be shipped to Mexico when the owner identified them as his property.