

## AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOR FRENCH ARMY



American residents of Paris, who have organized a volunteer regiment to fight in the French army, are here seen in the Place de l'Opera en route to their drilling place and carrying the Stars and Stripes.

## VILLA DECLARES WAR ON MEXICO

### Sonora and Chihuahua States Again in Revolt.

#### First Chief Orders Railway Closed as Precautionary Measure—Rebels Get Munitions.

El Paso, Texas.—General Francisco Villa, dominant leader in Northern Mexico, has denounced the central government headed by Venustiano Carranza and announced his independence in a statement sent to the Associated Press.

This placed the state of Chihuahua in open revolt against the party in power at Mexico City as well as Sonora, the next border state to the west, where Governor Maytorena previously has proclaimed his independence of the constitutionalist party as represented by Carranza.

Villa agents sent several carloads of munitions as well as troops to assist Governor Maytorena, of Sonora, who is in open revolt against Carranza. This was followed later, according to reports received here, by the sending of 500,000 pesos in Villa paper currency to Maytorena officials.

This money, it was said, was being placed in circulation in that part of Sonora dominated by the Maytorena forces to absorb the constitutionalist or Carranza issue.

General Obregon, one of the Carranza adherents, who heads the Northwestern military zone of which Sonora is a part, remained at Chihuahua City, said persons arriving from the South. He was reported last week to have been arrested by Villa.

Telegrams received here several days ago signed with Obregon's name said that he was returning at once to the national capital. It was declared officially that Obregon was held a prisoner at Villa's house in Chihuahua.

## WORLD-WIDE MISERY IS CAUSED BY EUROPEAN WAR

New York—Commerce in every spot in the world has been seriously affected by the European war, say belated reports from missions established throughout the world by the Presbyterian church.

West Africa is facing a critical situation; Syria is in utter hopelessness; Persia is chaotic, especially in financial circles; missionaries in India are unable to receive outside financial aid; Chilean industry is prostrated and the country is in a pitiable plight; the poor in Guatemala have been driven by hunger to confiscate the food stores of the wealthy. Such are the sombre pictures of some of the mission fields revealed by Dr. A. W. Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.

### Epidemic of Cholera Discovered Among Austrians

Venice—Nine cases of Asiatic cholera have been discovered among the wounded soldiers in Hungary, according to an official announcement by the

Following a complaint entered with United States District Attorney Reames by Thomas Erskine, British consul at Portland, the Department of Agriculture instructed the forest officers in Southern Oregon to ascertain, if possible, the location of the powerful wireless telegraph plant that is presumed to be operating in the woods of Southern Oregon in the interests of the German government.

Hungarian minister of the interior. The announcement has excited great apprehension throughout the dual monarchy.

It is learned here that the first suspected case of cholera in Hungary was that of a wounded soldier, who was brought, on September 15, to Bekescsaba from the Galician battlefield. The bacteriological examination clearly showed Asiatic cholera.

The patient was immediately isolated. Since then eight other cases have been discovered, also among the wounded who returned from Galicia. One case was found at Munkacs, another at Tokad (Tokay) and six at Dumaszerdahely, in Pressberg, immediately on the Austrian border, within an hour's ride of Vienna.

Vienna is awaiting with keen anxiety, news of the progress of the fighting against the Russians and Servians.

### German Submarines Sink Three English Battleships

London—The British cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, of identical tonnage and armament, were sunk at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, on the North Sea by five German submarines, according to an official announcement.

First the Aboukir was torpedoed; as the other vessels drew in to rescue the crew, they in turn were sunk.

This was the severest loss the British navy has suffered during the war.

British cruisers and torpedo boats came quickly to the assistance of the doomed vessels, and it is reported sank two of the German submarines, while three others escaped.

The three cruisers carried more than 2000 men, but no estimate has yet been made of the number of saved or lost. The fate of the cruiser Pathfinder, sunk recently in the North Sea by a torpedo, proved how quickly a ship may be sent to the bottom by an underwater attack and it is therefore believed that the loss of life is bound to be heavy.

The steamer Flores took 287 survivors of the sunken ships into the Dutch port of Ymuiden. The steamer Titan picked up 114 men, one of whom afterward died. Twenty of the wounded were kept on board the vessel, while the others of the wounded were transferred to British men-of-war. The Lowestoft, another British craft, rescued a good number.

The German policy of keeping the German battle fleet in harbor and attempting to pick off British ships one by one thus far has resulted in the loss of three 12,000-ton cruisers, the Pathfinder of 3000 tons and two small craft destroyed by mines.

### German Wireless Station Sought in Southern Oregon

Washington, D. C.—On complaint of the British embassy, the Department of Agriculture has begun a search for a mysterious wireless plant supposed to be operating in the mountains on the Pacific Coast. Information furnished to the department is vague, but apparently the plant is busily engaged in sending messages uncensored by the Federal government. Forest rangers who patrol the mountains are understood to have received orders to look for the wireless outfit.

### Queen Visits Refugees.

London—Queen Mary, accompanied by the Belgian minister to Great Britain and several of her ladies, visited the Belgian refugees in Alexandra palace. Her majesty was much interested in these unfortunate people and gave expression to her sympathy. As she entered the dining hall, where a new batch of refugees had just arrived, she was greeted by a wild outburst of cheering.

## ORDER WIRELESS STATION CLOSED

### Navy Acts Regardless of Litigation as to Rights.

#### Contention Is That President Has Full Authority to Enforce Strict Neutrality.

Washington, D. C.—By order of President Wilson and with the assistance of the army and navy, the wireless station of the Marconi company at Siasconset, Mass., was closed Saturday because it declined to recognize the right of the Federal government to exercise a censorship over the plant.

The Navy department took no cognizance of the fact that the Marconi company had filed in a Federal court an application for an injunction to restrain the naval officers from closing or censoring the station. The wireless company finally decided to offer no resistance and the station was closed at 1 p. m.

The Navy department made public the telegrams that had passed between the department and Ensign E. B. Nixon, U. S. N., in charge at the Siasconset station. The statement follows:

"At 1:23 p. m. the Navy department received the following message from Ensign Nixon, government inspector at the Siasconset station:

"Siasconset, Mass., Sept 26, 1914—The following letter was received when your instructions were delivered to the Marconi man in charge of this station:

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter of instructions relative to the cessation of all radio communications at Siasconset, Mass., and would ask if you are prepared to carry out your orders by force.

"Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America."

"I request instructions." "E. C. NIXON."

"At 2:17 p. m. the department received the following:

"Siasconset, Mass., Sept. 26—Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.—The Marconi company withdraws letter previously sent and the station was closed at 1 p. m. E. B. NIXON."

### Portland Airman Missing.

Los Angeles—Search was instituted late Saturday night at Coast points near here for trace of Silas Christofferson, Portland aviator; C. Frenah, mechanic, and Lieutenant Morrow, of the government aviation school at San Diego, who attempted a flight in an aeroplane from San Diego to Los Angeles. The aeroplane was last sighted during the afternoon flying over the water near Newport Beach. The machine was not equipped with pontoons.

### Bishop Spalding Killed.

Salt Lake City—Bishop F. S. Spalding, head of the Episcopal church in Utah, was instantly killed here Saturday when an automobile in which he was riding struck a curb and overturned. Bishop Spalding's skull was badly fractured and his neck broken. The car was driven by a young daughter of Judge William H. King, who is one of the best-known Democratic politicians in the West and ex-representative in congress from this district.

## Hoarding Cash by Banks Is Denounced by McAdoo

Washington, D. C.—Secretary McAdoo has adopted stringent measures to urge National banks to extend legitimate credit and charge normal interest rates on loans. He telegraphed to ten National banks in the four reserve cities in the South that their requests for additional crop-moving funds from the Federal government would not be granted at this time, and made it clear that his action was taken in connection with reports of excessive interest rates and restriction of credits.

In a statement made public with the telegram Mr. McAdoo declared that there was an extraordinary hoarding of money by banks throughout the country and piling up of reserves without occasion. He said reports to the controller of the currency showed that money-hoarding had been carried on by banks to an extreme degree, and announced that he expected to focus attention on the guilty banks by issuing a daily list of those with excessive reserves.

Although the Federal government has no power over state banks or trust companies, the secretary explained that state superintendents would be asked to furnish available information on money-hoarding in such institutions. He characterized money-hoarding by banks as the agency most likely to impair confidence and injure business.

## London Watches Sky for Attacks by Air Craft

London—England is becoming more and more apprehensive about German aeroplanes and Zeppelins. Preparations have been made in the English capital against such an attack.

It is generally conceded that Zeppelins could hardly make a trip over as well defended a country as London in the daytime because of the guns on high buildings. At night the flight of a Zeppelin over London would be comparatively safe.

For weeks lights about Buckingham Palace have not been lighted and within the last few days only about one-third of the London street lights have been turned on. Stores, theaters, hotels and other public places have been asked through the newspapers to reduce their lights to the minimum that London may not offer a bright glow for the guidance of aerial navigators.

## Masonic Sign Said to Have Saved 50 From Execution

Ostend—The power of Freemasonry is illustrated by a story told here by a citizen of Louvain, who, with the Masonic sign, says he saved 50 of his fellow citizens from being shot to death by German troops.

This group of citizens, according to the recital of the Belgian Mason, had been lined up for execution. The German firing party had aimed their rifles when the narrator gave a Masonic sign. The German officer commanding the firing squad happened to belong to the craft. He recognized a brother Mason and ordered the Louvain Freemason to leave the ranks. This meant sparing his life.

The Louvain citizen, however, refused, saying: "My fellow citizens are no more guilty than I am. If you are going to kill them, I shall be killed with them."

The German officer then ordered the release of the entire party.

## Red Cross Society Said to Be Swamped by Wounded

New York—The number of those wounded in battle in Europe is already in the hundreds of thousands. The hospitals and churches of Paris and Berlin and cottages on the battlefield are filled, and many other wounded lie exposed in trenches, according to Ernest P. Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross, who arrived here on the steamship Olympic, from Liverpool. Mr. Bicknell, who left New York on the battleship Tennessee, the American vessel which carried gold to Americans in need in Europe, spent several weeks observing conditions in the countries at war.

"The truth is," Mr. Bicknell said, "that over the thousands of square miles already battle-swept there have been left almost countless thousands of men helpless from ghastly wounds. Some have been gathered into trains by the Red Cross surgeons and nurses and taken to hospitals in the larger cities.

"Let no man imagine the American Red Cross can do too much or enough. Nurses and surgeons are needed more and more, and also medical and hospital supplies."

### Cathedral Ordered Spared.

New York—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, received the following wireless dispatch from the German office at Berlin: "The German government states officially, in contradiction of the Havas Agency report that the German artillery purposely destroyed important buildings in Rheims, that orders were given to spare the cathedral by all means."

## NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

### Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

The hospital ship sent from New York has reached England.

Rebels in Mexico have destroyed many miles of railroads west of Vera Cruz.

Official confirmation has reached London of the appearance of cholera in the Austrian army.

A German prisoner who escaped was recaptured after living for 20 days on raisins and raw snails.

British war office admits the sinking of three of her warships in the North Sea by German submarines.

A hodcarrier on a San Francisco skyscraper slid 13 stories down a rope, burning out the palms of both hands.

Vessels from the Dalmatian coast report that the bombardment of Cattaro by French ships and land forces has begun.

A British detachment numbering 800 South Wales border men and 400 Indian Sikhs were landed near Laosan, China.

Because reporters were required to enter the back door of the official press bureau in London, the war writers have gone on strike.

People in Vienna are rioting because of the government withholding the war news. Several persons have been killed and many arrests made.

An Amsterdam dispatch says the Berlin Vorwaerts was suspended for three days for saying that the German advance was in reality a retreat.

Another Grimsby trawler was blown up by a mine in the North Sea. The crew all escaped except one deckhand, who was killed by falling debris.

The European war has not affected the date of opening the Panama Pacific exposition. No nations have withdrawn their intentions to participate.

Berlin army headquarters admits that one mortar shot was fired against the cathedral of Rheims, as otherwise it would have been impossible to drive away the enemy's observation posts there.

Russian troops occupying Senawa, 18 miles northwest of Jaroslau, says a Petrograd dispatch, found that the town had been sacked by Austrians. A large number of Austrian soldiers were captured.

The correspondent of the Italian newspaper Corriere Della Zerra at Trieste says that two Austrian torpedo boats and one destroyer were sunk by floating mines last Friday on the coast of Dalmatia.

A South Shields dispatch to the Central News of London says that the Norwegian steamer Hevisk has been destroyed by striking a mine in the North Sea. The chief engineer and one assistant were killed.

A Pretoria dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company says it is officially announced that the German post at Schuckmannsburg, near Zambesi, South Africa, surrendered without opposition on September 21 to the Rhodesian police.

The military correspondent of the London Times says the question of officers is a serious one. An examination of English casualty lists shows the loss of 1100 officers in killed, wounded or missing. This is two out of every five among those at the front.

Loans by Portland banks have increased \$2,500,000 despite decrease in deposits, claims State Superintendent of banks, who points to conditions in Oregon as evidence that criticism of Secretary of Treasury McAdoo, that banks are hoarding money, does not apply on the Coast.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent says the former German cruiser Breslau has been renamed Midirli and the Goeben Sultan Selim. The correspondent adds that the cruisers, accompanied by Turkish gunboats and torpedo boats, have been engaged in gun practice in the Black Sea.

"Pope Benedict XV, the new Pontiff, has a great love for America and Americans, looking up to our government as a model to all and an example of the best on this earth," says Cardinal O'Connell. "The holy father sent a message of sincere good will to the people of this land," he adds.

A Berlin dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company by way of Amsterdam says a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Abbe Wetterle for high treason. Abbe Wetterle is a member of the Reichstag from Alsace-Lorraine and recently declared the people of that province were waiting for the French soldiers to rescue them.