

FIFTY LIVES LOST, MILLIONS PROPERTY DESTROYED BY CENTRAL WEST STORM

STORM SWEEPS FROM NEBRASKA THROUGH OHIO

Thirty-three Dead, Fifteen Missing in Cincinnati—Seven Dead in Missouri, Three in Indiana—Cities and Towns in Path of Tornado in Ruins—Heavy Damage to Crops.

CHICAGO, July 8.—According to figures compiled early today, more than fifty persons were killed and several score injured by the violent wind and rain storm which extended from Nebraska to Ohio last night. The property damage is estimated at several million dollars. The greatest loss of life occurred in Cincinnati and vicinity, where thirty-three persons are known to be dead and fifteen missing, eighteen of the dead being deck hands who were drowned by the capsizing of the tugboat Convoy in the Ohio river. In Missouri the death toll is seven. In eastern Missouri the storm assumed the proportions of a tornado, demolishing 162 blocks in St. Charles, a town of 11,000 people. St. Peters, a town of 300 inhabitants, and Gilmore, a village of 100 people, were almost wiped out by the tornado. In St. Charles and St. Peters there was no loss of life, while in Gilmore only one person was killed. In Lincoln and Custer counties, Nebraska, wind and hail caused heavy damage to crops, and in the village of Calloway several buildings were unroofed. There had been no loss of life reported early today. In southern Illinois the storm was severe, causing heavy damage in many localities. In Mound City the business part of the town was flooded. In central and southern Indiana three persons were killed and many injured. Telegraph and telephone service were demoralized, buildings were unroofed and crops damaged by the heavy wind and rain.

HUERTA REFUSES ANY COMPROMISE AFFECTING LIBERTY

EL PASO, Texas, July 8.—"I will agree to no compromise that will in any way restrict my liberty," declared General Victoriano Huerta today when told of the Washington dispatch indicating that a compromise and probable abandonment of the present case against him may be considered. "I will leave this jail only if my departure is unconditional," continued the general, "as I consider that I have done nothing wrong, and previously have given my word to fulfill the conditions of my bond. I prefer to remain in my cell rather than agree to any other terms to secure my liberty."

TEUTON PROMISE FOR NEUTRALITY

PARIS, July 8.—The Rome correspondent of the Havas agency says that the Giornale d'Italia has received the following dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria: "A conference was held at Vienna Monday by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor; Gottlieb Von Jagow, German minister of foreign affairs; Baron Barian, Austrian minister of foreign affairs; Count Stephen Tisza, Hungarian premier, and a special Rumanian envoy, Tita Majoresco, Rumanian premier, to discuss the attitude of Rumania and Bulgaria. Rumania is said to have been offered for her neutrality until the end of the war, Bukowina and Bessarabia."

RUSSIANS HALT GERMAN RUSH UPON WARSAW

Teutons Forced to Assume Defensive—Russians Strike at Austrians—Heavy Fighting All Along Western Front—Germans Reported Preparing for Rush on Calais.

LONDON, July 8.—So great has been the weight of reinforcements brought up by Russia along the stretch of territory between the rivers Vistula and Bug, notably in the vicinity of Krasnik, that the Austro-Hungarians for the moment have been forced to assume the defensive and to pause in their rush toward Lublin and the railways running from that city to Warsaw. The sector on the eastern front, where the Russians are making a stand, is held almost exclusively by Austrians, and observers here see in the Russian attack not only a desire to keep their line intact in this important part, but a deliberate blow at the Austrians, who, according to the official reports, seem to be finding themselves in some difficulty. Rumored Attack on Calais The much discussed German offensive in the west has not yet developed, though reports of a big movement of troops to that front are persistent. These forces must be new formations unless the great offensive in the east is to cease. For to withdraw troops from Poland and Galicia would be to leave unfinished what Field Marshal Von Mackensen set out to accomplish, unless the clearing of Galicia of Russians was the sole aim, and this is considered hardly probable. The Petrograd correspondent of the Times says that according to private reports all passenger traffic on the German railways has been suspended. He says that it is believed that large forces are leaving the eastern front for the western theater with a view of an impending rush on Calais.

On Western Front

The French report several infantry actions of considerable violence north of Arras. Between Angres and Souchez, to the north of the road running from Bethune to Arras, a German attack, preceded by a very heavy bombardment, was completely repulsed. At a point to the north of the railroad station of Souchez the French delivered an attack, taking possession of a line of German trenches after having put an end to all the defenders by hand grenades and bombs. The town of Soissons has been bombarded. In the Argonne cannonading lasted all night. At daybreak in the region of Marie Therese the Germans tried to come out from their trenches, but they were driven back. In the forest of Apremont and in the forest of Le Pretra there was cannonading, rifle fire and the throwing of bombs, but only two infantry engagements.

German Statement

The German statement says: "West of Souchez, the French penetrated our outer trenches over a width of 800 yards. They were driven out again by our counter-attack. A second attack made by the enemy broke down under our fire. Hand grenade fighting still goes on for possession of a small section of trenches in which the French still are established. Enemy attacks on the positions which we had captured to the west of Apremont lasted throughout the day and night without any success. On the entire west front lively artillery battles are in progress."

Hope Abandoned for Col. Blithen

SEATTLE, Wash., July 8.—Hoping against hope and fighting day and night against the inevitable, the family and physicians of Colonel Alden J. Blithen, editor of the Seattle Times, today were compelled to admit that there seems to be no possible chance for saving the veteran editor's life. He passed a better night last night than the night before, and as a result rests more easily today. His suffering has been intense for weeks.

MAN WHO SHOT J. PIERPONT MORGAN, DYNAMITED NATIONAL CAPITOL, AND COMMITTED SUICIDE



Frank Holt, photographed just after he had shot J. Pierpont Morgan. The bandage covers the bruise made on his head by Morgan's butler hitting him with a shovel as he was struggling with Mrs. Morgan and maid.



Frank Holt, the man who shot J. Pierpont Morgan, after being taken into custody at Glen Cove, N. Y. The other man is Deputy Sheriff Theodore Campbell.

DISCHARGED MAN SHOTS EMPLOYER; COMMITS SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—C. E. Cumberston, a capitalist of Redwood City, was shot in the shoulder after his home had been set on fire early today by Carl Amerswald, a discharged employe. A crowd is reported to have threatened to lynch the assailant, but police rushed him to the city jail where he died in convulsions believed by physicians to have been caused by poison. Cumberston's wound is not considered serious. Before setting fire to the house Amerswald cut the water pipes. Then he shot a watchdog. As the house burst into flames a horse in the barn broke its halter and rushed into the yard, where it was killed by Amerswald. Cumberston was awakened by the shots and as he ran from the door of his burning house Amerswald fired twice at him. One bullet struck him in the shoulder.

ITALIAN ARMORED CRUISER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

ROME, July 8.—The Italian armored cruiser Amalfi was torpedoed and sunk at dawn this morning by an Austrian submarine while taking part in a reconnaissance in the upper Adriatic, it was officially announced tonight by the ministry of marine. Most of the members of the crew were saved. The text of the statement follows: "A reconnaissance in force was accomplished last night (July 6) in the upper Adriatic. The Amalfi, which took part in the reconnaissance, was torpedoed at dawn this morning by an Austrian submarine and soon listed heavily to port. The commander, before giving orders to the crew to jump overboard, cried, 'Long live the king! Long live Italy!' The entire crew drawn up along the stern, echoed the shout, giving a remarkable exhibition of courage and discipline. The commander, who was the last to leave, slipped overboard shortly before the Amalfi sank. Nearly all the officers and crew were saved."

20 INDICTMENTS NEUTRALITY CASES

SAN FRANCISCO, July 8.—More than twenty indictments charging various violations of neutrality were voted here today by the federal grand jury. Names of the persons indicted were withheld pending their arrest. Recruiting for the British army and furnishing supplies to ships of war are the offenses charged, except in those indictments which charge conspiracy to these ends. The indictments based on furnishing supplies to warships have to do with the steamer Sacramento, which sailed from here October 15 last and arrived at Valparaiso, Chile, after her cargo had been taken off by German warships.

MORMON CHIEF ADMITS POLYGAMY

OGDEN, Utah, July 8.—President Joseph F. Smith of the Mormon church and Senator Reed Smoot, testified today in the suit of Albert Geddes, the 16-year old son of Mrs. Margaret Geddes, to establish help in the estate of the late millionaire, David Eccles. President Smith was questioned as to the practice of polygamy within the church, as it had been testified by other witnesses that David Eccles, with two wives living, was married to Margaret Geddes in August, 1898, by Apostle M. W. Merrill, eight years after the head of the Mormon church had issued what is known as the Woodruff manifesto, prohibiting plural marriages.

HOLT IDENTIFICATION AS ERICH MUENTER MOST COMPLETE

NEW YORK, July 8.—Police authorities continued today their investigations to ascertain whether Frank Holt had planted bombs on board any steamships now on their way across the Atlantic ocean. As a result of wireless warnings, reassuring messages had been received from the captains of the Saxonia and Philadelphia, the two vessels mentioned by Holt in his letter to his wife. Holt's identification as Erich Muenter, indicted in Cambridge, Mass., for the murder of his wife, was regarded by the authorities as complete. J. P. Morgan, who was shot by Holt, has so far recovered as to be able to walk about his home at Glen Cove and his family hoped that today the financier would be able to go outdoors for the first time since he was shot.

WILSON SILENT ON GERMAN NOTE UNTIL DELIVERY

WASHINGTON, July 8.—President Wilson has decided there will be no answer to Ambassador Gerard's inquiry for instructions concerning the tentative draft submitted to him by the German government of its note on submarine warfare and that no comment will be made by the United States until Germany's formal reply is delivered. Ambassador Gerard has been informed of the president's decision that there will be no comment on the draft of the German note until after it is formally delivered.

BERLIN, July 8.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador in Berlin, conferred at noon today with Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, the German under-secretary of foreign affairs, on the subject of the German reply to the American note regarding the Lusitania incident. The conference was for a further discussion of the German tentative proposals from an American standpoint.

TREASURE CHEST REVEALS MURDER

BEDFORD, Ia., July 8.—Bates Huntsman, aged 70, a member of a prominent family in this section, was arrested here today on a charge of murder, growing out of the recent unearthing on a farm near Sinn, Ia., of a treasure chest said to contain \$90,000. The alleged murder is said to have occurred in 1868 when a wealthy cattleman and his son were killed. Warrants are out for two other men, alleged to have been accomplices of Huntsman.

MONTENEGRINS FACE INDICTMENT AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 8.—Five Montenegrins, including three commissioners of the king of Montenegro and a former charge d'affaires at Constantinople, were named in an indictment returned by the federal grand jury today, charging conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws of the United States.

EXPLOSION SETS MUNITION SHIP ABLAZE AT SEA

Atlantic Transport Line Steamer Minnehaha Afire in Mid-Ocean—Caused by Explosion—May Have Been Due to Bomb Placed by Holt While Vessel Was Taking on Cargo.

NEW YORK, July 8.—As if in answer to Frank Holt's last warning that a ship at sea "should sink, God willing, on the 7th," there came last night a wireless message made public today from Captain Claret of the Atlantic Transport Line steamer Minnehaha, telling that his ship was set afire at sea, 570 miles southeast of Halifax. The ship had sufficient ammunition aboard, by the line's admission, to sink her should the flames reach it, but whether the blaze in her hold was started by a bomb which Holt had placed there, was a matter of pure conjecture. Captain Claret's reassuring message today read as follows: "Fire caused by explosion. Now under control by suffocation and steam. Much smoke in holds. Deemed it expedient to make for Halifax. Due off Chebucto Head 9 a. m. Friday. Advise agent." Captain Claret's first message said that the fire was in No. 3 hold and not serious. The ammunition aboard the vessel was stored aft, at an appreciable distance from this hold. No passengers were aboard the Minnehaha. Her crew numbered approximately 100. She was at her pier here about a week, taking on cargo before she sailed for London last Sunday, July 4. Holt made his attempt on the life of J. P. Morgan at Glen Cove last Saturday, July 3. He would have had ample time, it was pointed out, to have placed a bomb aboard the Minnehaha while the vessel was taking on cargo.

SAYVILLE WIRELESS TAKEN OVER BY UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The government today took over the Sayville, L. I., wireless station, the only remaining privately operated direct means of communication between the United States and Germany. Secretary Daniels announced that Captain Bullard, in charge of the naval radio, had gone to take over the station and would continue its operation with naval forces. Secretary Daniels issued this statement: "It is understood that the Sayville radio station had made application to the secretary of commerce for a license. The secretary of commerce declined to grant the license and so informed the secretary of the navy, who, after conference, directed Captain Bullard, as the expert of the department, to take over and operate the station. Lieutenant George R. Clark will be in control of the station. Captain Bullard reached New York this morning and will confer with the owners of the station in all that relates to the details of the operation of the station. Practically the same rules and regulations as are now applicable to Tuckerton will be put in operation at Sayville." There will be no change so far as the public is concerned. Messages will be accepted as heretofore. The only difference will be that naval operators instead of commercial employes will man the keys. The charges collected by the navy will be paid to the owning company. EL PASO, Texas, July 8.—Attorneys for General Victoriano Huerta and those for the government are awaiting approval from Washington of a plan agreed upon for the release from jail here of Huerta and five other Mexicans, held on charges of conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws of the United States.