

PETROGRAD AIM OF GERMANIC INVADING ARMY

Baltic Flank Under Hindenburg
Reaches Banks of River Dvina
With Petrograd 300 Miles Away—
Second Line of Russian Defense
Untenable.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Baltic flank of the German armies under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has virtually attained the banks of the river Dvina, between Riga and Drinsk, with Petrograd less than 300 miles away in a direct line.

Thence southward the line sweeps west with the Russian fortress of Kovno still holding out, but next week may see a great battle on the road toward the Russian capital.

The second line of defense upon which the Russians proposed to fall back after abandoning Warsaw has all the appearance of having been rendered untenable and the British and Russian press is beginning to see in this Austro-German plan an ambition to take Petrograd.

Kukaw Is Occupied

Austro-German forces pursuing the Russians who are retreating from the Warsaw salient, have occupied Lukow, according to an official announcement by the German army headquarters staff today. Zambrow also has been captured, the statement adds.

Lukow is situated 40 miles north-east of the fortress of Ivangorod. Zambrow lies about 18 miles south-east of Lomza and 20 miles north-east of Ostrow.

Frequent Austrian attacks on Italian positions in Cadore are reported from Rome, which declare that the Italians have succeeded in holding all their recently taken positions.

On the Carso plateau the Italians claim a substantial gain in the Seibuz zone, although admitting they were unable to hold a position on strongly fortified heights well within the Austrian lines which Italian infantry had captured in a charge. In Carnia small advances were recorded.

Venizelos in Athens

Former Premier Venizelos of Greece has returned to Athens, where the pronouncement of his policy, expected to have an important bearing on the Balkan situation, is being awaited. It is considered doubtful if this will be made until after the opening of the Greek parliament on August 16.

During the lull of activity on the front in France and Belgium the British public is looking to the Dardanelles to bring the relief Russia so badly needs, though the task of opening the straits is a problem that some think would only be solved by a change of tactics.

FLOAT EASTLAND BY TOMORROW

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Four huge pumps resumed sucking the tons of water from the half submerged hull of the steamship Eastland today to lighten the weight of the ship before derricks are set to work to place the wrecked boat on even keel. Officials hope to have the ship raised by tomorrow.

A hundred policemen lined the bridges spanning the Chicago river, keeping the crowds of curious away from the scene of the disaster of three weeks ago. The righting of the ship is expected to release a number of bodies and coffins were awaiting to receive them.

PROTECTION FOR FIRE AND GAME PLANNED

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—S. C. Bartram, federal forest supervisor at Roseburg, today outlined a tentative plan for cooperation of game wardens and foresters for fire and game protection at the meeting of the state game and fish commission.

The commission appointed a committee consisting of State Game Warden Shoemaker, State Forester Elliott and Mr. Bartram to evolve a definite plan of cooperation.

WARSAW BUT LITTLE DAMAGED FROM BATTLES

Water, Gas and Electric Plants Left
in Working Order—City Not In-
jured By Retreating Russians—
Wrecked Bridges Easily Repaired
—Germans Cheered By Populace.

LODZ, Russian-Poland, Aug. 12.—The city of Warsaw, the center of the recent colossal campaign for the Vistula line, suffered comparatively little from the battles which raged around it and from the process of its evacuation by the Russians. Although fears had been expressed that the Russians in leaving the city might repeat the century-old precedent at Moscow and set the town on fire, they did not do so. The water, gas and electric plants were left in working order and only in Praga were the water mains damaged in several places by explosions.

The Russians retired in such haste at the last moment that they omitted to carry out many measures they had planned. An order to carry off the church bells was only partly executed and many bells were left hanging.

Many Poles Remain

Most of the Polish residents of the city declined to follow the order to leave with the Russians, escaping deportation by keeping out of sight.

The scenes on the night of the evacuation were dramatic. At 10 o'clock in the evening a series of extraordinary heavy explosions was heard, signaling the destruction of the forts. The sky over the city flamed red from burning military buildings and railway shops. The bridges were jammed with retreating troops or flooded with columns of artillery.

At 5:00 o'clock the next morning the three Vistula bridges were destroyed. An hour later two German officers rode coolly through the city in an automobile to the town hall where they met the chief of the citizens' committee. A few minutes afterwards patrols of cavalry appeared, their lances decked with flowers and the men singing "Die Wacht am Rhein."

Germans Cheered

From the scenes in the streets it might have been thought the event was a city festival. Crowds in gay summer attire thronged the streets, cheering the entering soldiers, while many offered them flowers.

Meanwhile from the river front and even from overhead came the noise of exploding shrapnel shells and the whiz of speeding bullets. Many casualties occurred in the city and ambulances were busy the entire day transporting the wounded to their homes or to hospitals.

Municipal affairs are in the hands of a citizens committee under the control of which a volunteer citizens police force has been formed to preserve order.

The destruction of the railroad bridge was poorly executed. The middle spans were wrecked and dropped into the river, but the piers were left standing so that it will take but a comparatively short time to rebuild the structure and re-open railroad communication for Prince Leopold's armies.

TAFT TO LECTURE TO BERKELEY STUDENTS

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 12.—William Howard Taft, former president of the United States will deliver a series of three lectures to students of the University of California and the Pacific Theological Seminary at the open air Greek Theater here August 30, and September 1 and 3, it was announced today.

Mr. Taft gave the subject of his lectures as "the presidency; its powers, duties and responsibilities."

LONDON, Aug. 12.—A commission of inquiry has been appointed, according to the Daily Mail Petrograd correspondent, to investigate charges against W. A. Soukhomlinoff, former Russian minister of war, and others, in connection with the shortage of munitions which has seriously injured the operations of the Russian army.

BRYAN VOLUNTEERS TO SPREAD FAME OF CRATER LAKE



Above—William Jennings Bryan, Mrs. Bryan and party of Medford citizens doing Crater lake in a launch. Below—A closer view of the launch party.

—Courtesy Oregon Journal.



William J. Bryan, who recently visited Crater Lake on invitation of the Medford Commercial club is sounding the praises of Medford's hospitality and Crater Lake's beauty throughout his travels. He writes from Tacoma as follows:

"Mrs. Bryan and myself greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us at Medford. We are singing the praises of the beauty of Crater Lake and the hospitality of Medford wherever we go."

TURKS DECLARE RUSSIAN DEFEAT SAVES THE PORTE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 9, via Berlin, Aug. 12, by wireless to Sayville. "The entente allies have lost the support of that army which they intended to use to crush the forces of the central powers," said Enver Pasha, the Turkish war minister, in an interview today with a correspondent of The Association Press, alluding to the recent fighting in Poland.

"I realize that much work yet remains to be done," continued the war minister, "but with the Russian army no longer a terrible offensive force, Turkey and her allies have nothing to fear."

"My opinion of all talk of reorganizing the Russians is on the par with the speeches before the Duma of the Russian war minister, who apparently was unaware that Napoleon's retreat from Moscow is unlikely to be repeated by the Austro-Germans. A man who imagines such a thing possible today with all the modern means of transportation and communication is a century behind time."

"One never knows what the fortunes of war may bring but every indication now is that our side is sure to win. Before long the Russian army will be disposed of long enough to allow our allies to become active elsewhere. Meanwhile we are taking care of the situation here better than before, because we are constantly perfecting our organization and increasing our forces."

THREE MORE OUTLAWS SLAIN ALONG BORDER

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 12.—Three more Mexican outlaws were today added to the list of killed in battle near Mercedes, Hidalgo county. It was not reported whether soldiers, county officers or rangers were in the fight. Officers have adopted a policy of refusing to give details of fights in which they were concerned. This is said to account for the lack of confirmation of a report that eight other Mexican bandits were killed in Hidalgo county since Friday.

RUSSIANS BEGIN RETREAT ALONG ENTIRE FRONT

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—The text of the official statement today is as follows: "Eastern theater: South of the Niemen, troops belonging to the army of General Von Elchorn repulsed with sanguinary losses an attack begun by the enemy with strong forces in the Dvina section. The enemy left 700 prisoners in our hands. The army of General Von Scholtz threw the enemy back across the river Gdga."

"South of the Narwa since the 8th this army has taken 4599 prisoners including eleven officers, and captured 12 machine guns."

"The army of General Von Gallwitz took Zambrow by storm and penetrated further in an easterly direction by way of Androchow."

"The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria continued pursuit of the enemy and while continually engaged in rear guard fighting crossed the Muchawka section. Lukow has been occupied."

"The army of General Von Mackensen having broken down strongly fortified positions after sharp fighting, the Russians began retreat during the night along the entire front between the Bug and Paracow."

PROBE CONDITIONS AT VERA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—A complete report of conditions in Vera Cruz was called for by Secretary Daniels today, although no new anti-foreign demonstrations have been reported. Commander McNamoe of the gunboat Sacramento, may have sailed with his ship last night for New Orleans, where it will arrive Sunday, carrying the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers to Mexico.

"There have been no special orders to the Atlantic fleet except those given the Louisiana, New Hampshire and Connecticut," Secretary Daniels said today. "Ships now in navy yards have regular orders to be prepared for sailing but they have been given no new orders. We do not contemplate sending any more ships south at this time."

MORE BRITISH GOLD COMING TO PAY AMERICAN DEB

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Private advices from London intimate that the recent shipment of \$35,000,000 in gold to this country via Halifax is soon to be supplemented by heavy imports direct from South Africa and Australia.

The Bank of England had a gold reserve of about £20,000,000 sterling at Capetown and from three to four million pounds of gold to its credit in New Zealand. These reserves, it is understood, have been drawn upon to meet obligations in this country and shipments of the gold are said to be in transit. The South African gold may come direct to this port, while the Australian gold probably will be landed at San Francisco and credited by telegraph transfer to the local sub-treasury.

J. P. Morgan and company today professed ignorance regarding the imports, but would not deny that yesterday's transfer from Halifax might soon be increased from other sources.

Remittance on London was again the feature of the foreign exchange market, demand sterling falling to the net low price of 47½. Quotations on Paris and Rome showed no abatement of the acute conditions at these centers.

ASCERTAIN CAPACITY OF MUNITION PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Announcement that the war department had asked American manufacturers of war munitions for data as to their facilities for furnishing supplies, particularly in the event of an emergency, led to some speculation here today, although officials explained that the action was in accordance with the usual practice both in normal times, as well as in war. The announcement declared emphatically that no purchases of war supplies was contemplated at present.

The question was made necessary by practically every private plant in the country is taxed to its capacity filling orders for Europe. General inquiry has been instituted to ascertain whether expansion of facilities has kept pace with the demand and whether the government would be certain of a source of supply.

PYTHIANS KILLED IN COLLISION IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 12.—Four persons were killed and more than a score injured, some of them seriously early today when a heavy loaded freight train crashed into a special train leaving a party of members of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, many of them accompanied by their wives or other members of their families.

SAY MEXICANS SEEK TO WREST new mottled de Chine Wind- in a beautiful as- sent of varigated rns, all very new, 50c



War department officials would not discuss reports that secret organizers in Texas were aligning Mexicans under the "plan of San Diego." Whether General Funston has communicated these reports was not disclosed. It was apparent, however, that he had decided to concentrate a considerable force in the Brownsville district, where the trouble appears to center.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 12.—Action by the federal government in response to the appeal to President Wilson made by Governor Ferguson of Texas, who asked for an increase of troops in the lower Rio Grande valley, was awaited today by officials who so far have not been successful in fully combating the depredations of bands of Mexican ranch raiders who in the last several days have caused the deaths of nearly a score of persons in this section.

Citizens of Brownsville and other border cities did not agree that the troubles were due to political feuds in this section. Considerable evidence seemed to be brought forward that the raiders were organized into several bands working under the Plan of San Diego, Texas, where resolutions were passed declaring for wresting from the United States a strip of territory along the border to be added to Mexico.

BANK TELLER DENIES ROBBING CONFESSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 12.—Leo Perrin, who last night repudiated the confession which officials of the Cedar Rapids National bank claimed to have obtained from him, that he robbed the bank of \$21,070, today held to his story. He insisted that the \$10,000 which bank officials recovered yesterday was obtained by a loan.

James Cagney, of Chicago, a former Cedar Rapids resident, was the man who loaned him the money, Perrin said. On receipt of this information Chicago police were asked to look for Cagney.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—James E. Cagney, talking to detectives and newspaper reporters today denied he had ever loaned \$10,000 or any other sum to Leo Perrin, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"I lived in Cedar Rapids for a time and we did our banking with Perrin at the Cedar Rapids National bank," said Mr. Cagney. "That's all I know about it."

VILLA WILLING TO SIGN THREE MONTHS TRUCE

Mexican Leader Agrees to Stop
Fighting Pending Peace Negotia-
tions—Peace Plan Does Not Con-
template in Any Way Use of Force
or Impairment of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—General Villa has informed the United States government that he is willing to sign a truce of three months or more duration with his opponents during which time a peace conference shall be held. Villa is understood to have ordered his commanders to avoid fighting, evacuating places threatened with attack, as evidence of a sincere desire to make peace.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred at length today on the Mexican situation. Details of yesterday's conference in New York of the Latin-American diplomats were given to the president.

Just before Mr. Lansing went to the white house he announced that the appeal to the factions and leaders in Mexico will not be sent today as arrangements for its transmission by telegraph and mail to remote parts of Mexico are not complete. The communication has been finished, signed and approved by the president.

No Use of Force

With the return of the president it was again reiterated that the inter-American peace plan does not contemplate in any way the use of force, or the impairment of Mexico's sovereignty or interference in her domestic affairs. The purpose of the appeal is to influence Mexicans themselves to hold a peace convention and the government created by that faction will be accorded recognition whether or not the acquiescence of all the factions is obtained.

The sending of battleships to Vera Cruz and other movements that may follow are described officially as precautionary measures to afford assistance to foreigners, but officials feel reassured today that there will be no necessity for any physical action.

Carranza Misinformed

Secretary Lansing declined to comment on General Carranza's letter of protest against the Pan-American peace plan. He said no reply had been made. However the feeling is that when the Pan-American conference's appeal is read it will be evident that Carranza has been misinformed as to the purposes of the peace plan and there is a confident hope that some of his hitherto close supporters will give their adherence to the idea of a peace conference.

Secretary Lansing's conference with the president lasted an hour. He said afterward that the situation was unchanged and the appeal to the Mexicans would be sent as soon as arrangements for its transmission had been arranged.

SERBIA REFUSES TO CEDE TERRITORY

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Serbia's reluctance to cede territory claimed by Bulgaria, which will be necessary to insure active co-operation by the latter nation on the side of the allies, has caused extensive comment in the London papers.

"These little states," says the Graphic, "are so intent on their own quarrels that they refuse to take joint action against a common peril."

"They will be ill advised if they allow any exaggerated care for their self esteem to hinder a settlement with Bulgaria, which must materially hasten the end of the war," the Express says.