

RUSSIANS FIGHT EVERY STEP OF KAISER'S DRIVE

New Positions of Invaders Outlined—Line Runs From Ossowetz South and East to Brest-Litovsk—Mines Stop Naval Attacks on Riga—Russians Carry Out Plans.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 14.—The new positions occupied by the Germans and Austrians were outlined with approximate accuracy on good authority today, for the first time since the fall of Warsaw.

Naval Attack on Riga. According to Russian military observers in the near future the original plan of retirement from the Vistula line will be accomplished and that Brest-Litovsk, although not yet in the sphere of activity, will assume its function as one end of the Russian line.

Belated details of the recent naval action at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga show that the Germans with nine ships of the line and 12 cruisers drew up in battle formation.

The Russian defenders estimated that the Germans opened fire with one fifth of their strength. Meanwhile Russian hydro-aeroplanes bombarded the trawlers and warships.

The trawlers eventually were driven off. Two of the German warships damaged were torpedo boats, the other a cruiser. They struck mines and apparently were injured severely.

To Utilize Prisoners. The council of ministers has approved the project for the utilization of prisoners of war and foreign laborers for the manufacture of war supplies.

TAFT OFF TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO FAIR

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—William H. Taft leaves New York today on a western trip to be absent until October 5. In San Francisco he will act as president of the Utilitarian convention and to address the Red Cross conference.

MEXICAN SOLDIERS RAID ARIZONA RANCHES

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 14.—Mexican soldiers entered American territory 15 miles west today and began slaughtering cattle, according to a report from the Harrison ranch, on the border.

USE PHOTOS TO READ GAS METERS IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Gas meters in New York hereafter will be read by photograph in order to insure absolute accuracy. Meter readers will be equipped with a camera which fits over the indicator of the gas meter.

GERMAN DRIVE TO CUT RUSSIAN ARMY IN TWO

Steady Progress By Bavarian May Force Abandonment of Defense Line—Petrograd Claims Germans Checked in North—Russian Desolating Country They Abandon.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Steady progress for the forces of Prince Leopold of Bavaria eastward from Warsaw is taken here to indicate that the Germans are now massing their main movements on a drive through the Russian center and the continuance of the enveloping effort in the north along the Dvina.

This is more than half way to Brest-Litovsk which Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief, hoped to make the new center of his defense. It is now regarded as probable that this point will be abandoned.

Russians Claim Check. Petrograd claims that the Germans have been checked between Poniwiesch and Dvinsk. Berlin, however, does not concede this. For the moment the intensity of the fighting is giving way to a scramble of the retreating forces to avoid the enveloping net and the rapid advance of the Germans to gather the full fruits of the fall of Warsaw.

The outcome of these movements probably will be indicated within a few days—whether Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to resume the offensive along the new front or will concentrate his energies in rear guard fighting during a slow retirement.

German correspondents accompanying the invading armies say the Russians are following the tactics of the Napoleonic campaign, laying waste the country which they abandon.

Balkan War Cloud. War clouds continue to gather over the Balkans. A Central News despatch from Amsterdam reports that Germany is preparing for eventualities by transporting 40,000 troops from Warsaw to the Serbian frontier.

Reports from the east coast say that the Zeppelins which participated in the raid of Thursday were plainly visible. Crowds gathered on the balconies of hotels and watched the aerial battle, in which the dirigibles were driven off by British airships after having been first attacked by anti-aircraft guns.

PACIFIC MAIL SELLS STEAMERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The two liners Siberia and Korea, sold yesterday by the Pacific Mail Steamship company to the Atlantic Transport company, along with the Manchuria, Mongolia and China, probably will continue to sail from San Francisco, running between here and New York, it was announced today.

The five vessels will operate in the several services of the International Mercantile Marine company, of which the Atlantic Transport company is one of several subsidiaries.

The probable use of the vessels was told in a message received here today by T. H. Larke, general passenger agent of the International Mercantile Marine company, from P. A. S. Franklin, of New York, vice-president of the company.

PENNSYLVANIA BLAST FURNACES KEPT BUSY

SHARON, Pa., Aug. 14.—Activity such as this region has not known in seven years is shown by blast furnaces interests, due to the increasing demand for pig iron. The statement was made today that furnaces which have long been idle would be placed in operation before October 1.

“There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe--”



TWO MEXICAN STATES DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 16.—The military commanders of the states of Chiapas, Guerrero and, it is believed Durango, have refused to recognize the authority of either Villa or Carranza, according to authoritative reports today.

It is said that the commanders have decided that for those states the revolution is over, and are prepared to resist invasion of their states. The soldiers are to be used in planting and harvesting.

It is said that the forces Villa sent to Durango several weeks ago to head off an advance by General Obregon joined in a state movement there and will not rejoin Villa.

General Angeles, second in command of the Villa forces, was appointed last night to deal with the affairs of native and foreign merchants whose stores were confiscated, according to advices received today.

MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY TORPEDOES

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The British steamer Cairo and the fishing smack Amythist were sunk by a submarine this morning. The crews were saved.

There are two British vessels named Cairo, a brigantine and a ketch. No steamship Cairo of British register is mentioned in maritime records.

There are two British steamers Cairo, the larger of which is a vessel of 1671 tons gross, owned by the Glasgow Navigation company. The other is a small fishing boat owned in Hull.

SAMPSON H. FRIENDLY OF EUGENE PASSES AWAY

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 14.—Sampson H. Friendly, one of the best known citizens of the state, pioneer merchant of Eugene, recent of the University of Oregon for over 39 years, former state senator, former councilman and mayor of Eugene, died suddenly at his home at the corner of Eleventh avenue East and High street Friday.

NEW LANDING BY BRITISH FORCES UPON GALLIPOLI

PARIS, Aug. 14.—An official communication on the situation at the Dardanelles, given out by the French war office this afternoon, reads:

“On the Gallipoli peninsula British forces, since August 6, have been successfully debarked at a point near the Bay of Suvla, on the west side of the peninsula. They have made progress at a point further to the south in the vicinity of Gabatepe. Here, after some severe fighting, the forces were successful in gaining a footing on the slopes of the height of Sari Basir. They took more than 650 prisoners and captured nine machine guns. The operations at this point continue to progress.

“At the south end of the peninsula the efforts of the Turks to penetrate our lines all resulted in failure. On the seventh of August we made slight progress. On this date the activity on the French front consisted mainly in artillery fighting, with marked advantage for our batteries.”

PROBE PAN-AMERICAN SHIPPING FACILITIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The interstate commerce commission will make an investigation of shipping facilities between the United States and South and Central America. It will gather full reports of ships available for that trade, for use by President Wilson, if an effort is made at the coming session of congress to pass some kind of legislation to provide shipping facilities.

INCREASED RATES ON CATTLE DENIED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Proposed increased rates of two cents per hundred pounds for transportation of cattle and sheep in carloads from Colorado, South Dakota and other western states to Chicago and points on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, were disapproved today by the interstate commerce commission.

PAN-AMERICAN PEACE APPEAL SENT MEXICO

European Powers Approve Efforts to Restore Peace—Outlaw Band Ravaging Border Prove to Be Carranza Soldiers—Mayor of Vera Cruz Ousted By Carranza.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The Pan-American appeal to all Mexican leaders and factions to restore peace will be published in the United States in tomorrow morning's papers. It will be given out tonight by the state department.

Then will follow a period of possibly ten days or two weeks of waiting of momentous importance to Mexico, for it will determine whether the country has leaders capable of restoring her constitutional government without aid from outside.

There have been no assurances that its transmission will not be interfered with by chiefs hostile to its intent and neither have there been intimations that it may be.

Informally those European powers interested in Mexico have in one way or another signified their approval of the effort to restore government.

Carranza Brigands. The war department issued this summary of its advices from General Funston:

“Nothing serious has occurred within the last two days. It is known that the principal part of a band of outlaws was driven across the Rio Grande into Mexico. It is now established beyond doubt that a considerable portion of the band came from Mexico and were officers and soldiers of Carranza's forces, doubtless acting without authority of their chiefs. On one of this side of the river they were joined by about 25 Texas Mexicans, all well armed and mounted, and proceeded to raid through the country as far as Nogales.”

Mayor Arrested. The navy department issued this statement relating to Carranza's discharge of the mayor of Vera Cruz, disclosing that the ousted official had been arrested:

“Commander William P. Scott, of the U. S. S. Marietta, senior naval officer at Vera Cruz, Mexico, has informed the department that when Carranza learned of the incendiary speech made by the mayor of Vera Cruz on August 8, he was very indignant and thereupon removed the mayor from office and placed him under arrest. Commander Scott states that the local papers of August 10 quote General Aguilar as stating that the mayor's action was untimely and ill advised. It is reported that the demonstration has been generally condemned by the Mexican people as unwise.”

EUROPE BECOMING MOLLYCODDLE NATIONS

LONG BEACH, Cal., Aug. 14.—Dr. David Starr Jordan declared to a peace assembly last night that the present European war was started by strategists, “old men who did not want to be shoved off the stage of life without showing how great they were.”

Dr. Jordan also asserted that Europe was now going through the most awful period since the reformation, and that as a result of the conflict the countries involved would be reduced by losses of the big men to “the nations of mollycoddles.”

THREE BUSHELS OF EASTLAND'S VALUABLES

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Three bushels of jewels, purses and other small pieces of private property which belonged to victims of the Eastland disaster, were recovered when the ship was restored to even keel today. The property was found on the upper decks which were the first available to search.

KAISER WILLING NEGOTIATE WITH ALLIES FOR PEACE

German Emperor Informs Pope Benedict of Willingness to Accept Peace Negotiations Provided Enemies Make First Overtures—Austria Makes a Similar Reply.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—A dispatch to Poincaré's News agency from Rome says that the German emperor, in answer to the peace letter of Pope Benedict XV, declared his willingness to accept peace negotiations provided the nations with which Germany was at war made the first overtures.

Austria made a similar reply to the pope's letter, the dispatch adds.

Pope Benedict's appeal for peace, addressed to the belligerent nations, was issued on July 25, the anniversary of the opening of the European war. It asked why a direct or indirect exchange of views could not be initiated in which “the rights and just aspirations” of the various peoples could be considered as far as possible and “thus put to an end the terrible combat, as has been the case previously under similar circumstances.”

The letter invited “the true friends of peace in the world to extend their hands to hasten the end of a war which for a year has transferred Europe into an enormous battlefield,” and declared that he should be blessed “who first extends the olive branch and tenders his hand to his enemy in offering his reasonable conditions of peace.”

DRUGS NECESSARY TO FORCE TROOPS TO USE BAYONETS

CHATAQUA, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Miss Jane Addams of Chicago, speaking on “Peace,” before the Chatauqua assembly, re-affirmed her statement that Europe's soldiers in some cases have been stimulated by alcoholics and drugs for bayonet charges.

“My informants in England, France and Germany were soldiers, officers and well informed civilians,” said Miss Addams. “I don't question the soldiers' courage,” she suggested, “but when a prominent official in the Paris office tells me his men are given absinthe before a bayonet charge, I believe him. When a German lieutenant tells me his men were given a drug formula, containing sulphuric ether among other things, to stimulate their bloody bayonet work, I believe him. And when a big Oxford University professor in England tells me his son and nephew were given rum to stimulate them in battle, I believe him.”

“When common talk in all countries among the women who have husbands and sons and sweethearts at the front tells me the same thing, I begin to believe that the average soldier is not sufficiently brutish and beastly to fight with cold steel against his brother man unless primed with drugs or strong drink.”

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK

PARIS, Aug. 14.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of hostilities which reads:

“In the Artois district there was fighting during a part of last night with hand grenades and bombs.

“In the Argonne the enemy yesterday evening delivered an attack along the entire front in the Marie Therese sector. Everywhere they were repulsed and suffered perceptible losses. At this point there was a fresh German attack at an early hour this morning but less violent and it was rapidly checked.

“The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front.”