

KAISER DECIDES FRIENDLY COURSE IN ARABIC CASE

German Chancellor Reported to Have Won Over Emperor to Conciliatory Course Against Opposition of Von Tirpitz—Officials Return From Conference on Eastern Front.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—It is understood today that Germany's course with regard to the Arabic case has been decided upon, and that it is in line with the recent conciliatory statement by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, which is said to have been opposed by Admiral Von Tirpitz, who favors a continuance of submarine warfare.

This development followed the return to Berlin of the chancellor, Admiral Von Tirpitz and other participants in the conference with the German emperor at his headquarters on the eastern front.

No official statement has been made regarding the German decision, but there seems good ground for the belief that the government has adopted the viewpoint set forth by the chancellor.

In a statement made by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, on August 25, he declared that the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Arabic had not been fully cleared up, as no report regarding it had been received and that it was not even known whether a mine or a torpedo from a German underwater craft sank the Arabic, or whether the liner might not have justified by her actions drastic proceedings by the submarine's commander. The chancellor said:

"Only after all these circumstances have been cleared up will it be possible to say whether the commander of one of our submarines went beyond his instructions, in which case the imperial government would not hesitate to give such complete satisfaction to the United States as would conform to the friendly relations existing between both governments."

CARRIER REPORTED TO HAVE CONFESSED TO ARSON PLOTS

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—Stanford W. Carrier, wealthy contractor, is alleged to have confessed to Deputy District Attorney Robinson in the county jail here today to being head of an arson ring that has been responsible for at least fifty fires in various Pacific coast cities. According to his alleged confession, he started his scheme of defrauding insurance companies in Los Angeles ten years ago.

Carrier is quoted as saying: "Well, I see you have the evidence against me, so I'll confess. The fire insurance companies were easy meat for us."

He is said to have explained that the ring would build a cheap house and stock it with cheap furniture. It was an easy matter to get any one of a number of companies to over-insure the house and contents. "They fairly fell over themselves to get the business," Carrier is quoted as saying. The furniture generally was removed before the house was destroyed.

According to police, Carrier's alleged confession accords with that made by Grant Hawley, another member of the ring, who confessed last week.

The cities where the ring operated include San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose, Stockton and Richmond, Cal., and Portland. The police believe that Seattle and other northwestern cities also have been operated in.

According to Deputy District Attorney Robinson, Carrier confessed in the presence of his former wife, who divorced him two weeks ago. She is not being held by the police, but has expressed her willingness to appear as a material witness against him.

GERMANS TAKE LIPSK, 20 MILES WEST OF GRODNO

Teutons Engaged in Effort to Clear Last Corner of Galicia Still Held by Russians—New Campaign Planned as Germans Are Massing Troops Near Roumanian Border.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—German forces have made a further advance on the Russian fortress of Grodno, the only one of their fortified positions near the German border which still remains in their possession. Official announcement was made here today of the capture of Lipsk, in northern Russian Poland, about twenty miles to the west of Grodno.

General Von Eichhorn has defeated the Russians in a battle east of the Niemen, northeast of the fortress of Orlta, recently taken by the Germans, capturing 1600 prisoners and seven cannon.

The defeat by Field Marshal Von Mackensen's troops of Russian forces which made a stand south of Korbrin, while retreating in the marshy districts east of Brest-Litovsk is reported.

Clearing Galicia

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Reports from the eastern front indicate that the Austrians and Germans are engaged in an effort to clear the last corner of Galicia still held by their opponents, have excited great interest here. The Russian lines on the upper Bug and the Zlota Lapa have been pierced, but it is not yet clear how serious a resistance is being offered to the vast enveloping movement from the south.

Having lost Brest-Litovsk, Grand Duke Nicholas cannot afford to hold the river positions in the south in the face of an important movement, for to do so would endanger his armies. The opinion is ventured by some English critics that this latest move may conclude for the present the great offensive effort against the Russians, which has been in progress since May, and that once Austrian soil is cleared of the invaders a new campaign may be undertaken by the Teutonic forces this time in the near east. In support of this theory is cited the report that the central powers are massing troops near the Roumanian border.

Artillery on West Front

The week-end witnesses report almost continuous activity on the part of the artillery of the allies all the way from the North sea to the Vosges. There are no indications, however, that this expenditure of big gun ammunition is being followed by infantry attacks.

German trenches at several points in the Arzonne region were seriously damaged late on Sunday by the explosion of mines and the pounding of the French artillery, according to today's official report from Paris.

NIGHT OF TERROR FROM FOREST FIRES

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 30.—After a night of terror, in which every man in the community battled to save his home in the face of a fifty-mile-an-hour wind, the forest fires in the vicinity of Hood River were reported today to be under control on both sides of the Columbia river.

The most alarming of the several fires developed on the north bank of the Columbia, in the Underwood district of Skamania county. Fanned by the wind, the flames leaped through the tree tops and firebrands were hurled overhead for several miles. Ranch houses and buildings at Hood and Underwood stations, on the North Bank road, were threatened, but the wind died down in time for the exhausted fire fighters to check the conflagration.

STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY CLIMBING MT. LASSEEN

SUSANVILLE, Cal., Aug. 30.—T. A. Roseberry, for years registrar at the United States land office here, was stricken with apoplexy while climbing Mount Lassen yesterday in company with his daughter and niece, and died almost instantly.

FROST AND ICE DAMAGE CROPS CENTRAL STATES

Abnormally Low Temperatures Over Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri River Valleys—Corn and Vegetables Hit—Cold Wave Comes From Canadian Northwest.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Abnormally low temperatures prevailed today over the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri River valleys and the upper lake regions. In some places the weather bureau reported today the thermometer showed temperatures which made records for the month of August. Frosts were reported in many places. In some instances they were heavy and caused considerable damage to crops.

Over almost all of the sections mentioned the temperatures were from 10 to 23 degrees below the season's average. The cold came down from the Canadian northwest and will spread tonight eastward, reaching the Atlantic states tomorrow. Frost was predicted as probable tonight in Michigan and northern and central Indiana and Ohio.

Ice in northern Iowa

WATERLOO, Ia., Aug. 30.—Heavy frosts, in some instances taking the form of ice, were reported in this section last night. The government thermometer here registered 34 above. All tender vegetation, including melons, late potatoes and some sweet corn, is said to have been damaged. Field corn probably escaped serious damage in this county, but reports from the northern Iowa counties were that this cereal suffered more serious damage.

Corn Badly Damaged

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Aug. 30.—Tremendous damage to crops by frost is reported from a wide area in this vicinity, particularly at Rice Lake. The corn crop, which was only 60 per cent grown, was seriously damaged. Potatoes also suffered heavy damage.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 30.—Unofficial reports from Atchison, Emporia, and Junction City, Kansas, indicated that light frosts prevailed at those places early today.

In Kansas City the mercury dropped to 46.8 which was within .3 of a degree of the lowest August record, established August 24, 1891.

Oklahoma City reported a temperature of 48; Dallas, 60, and Tulsa 59, a new low record for August.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 30.—Reports of light frosts in Northern and Western sections of Nebraska were received by the local weather bureau this morning. The low places were chiefly affected, but no damage to the corn crop is feared. Small garden truck was slightly injured.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Overcast and furnace fires were popular here today with the temperature registering 47 degrees.

Only twice before in the history of the local weather bureau has the mercury dropped so low in August. This was in 1872 and again in 1887.

WAUSAU, Wis., Aug. 30.—Damage estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000 was caused to the late potatoes and garden truck throughout Marathon county last night by a killing frost. The corn crop also suffered heavy losses.

ENGLISH GOLD FAILS TO RAISE EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—England's \$45,000,000 shipment of gold and securities, which reached here yesterday from Halifax, produced virtually no effect whatever today on foreign exchange rates. Pounds sterling were quoted at \$4.62 1/2, only one-eighth of a cent above the lowest value ever recorded here, which was reached last Saturday.

Francs also were weaker, today's quotation of \$5.99 1/2 being one cent lower than Saturday's close.

FATHER OF GERMAN SUBMARINE WARFARE



ADM. VON TIRPITZ. Gross Admiral Von Tirpitz in the uniform of a German admiral. He is blamed for violation of the German government's orders to cease torpedoing passenger liners without notice and is reported not to have instructed submarine captains as directed, and hence blamed for the Arabic loss. His policy is opposed to that of the German chancellor and foreign office.

TWENTY MILLIONS GOLD FAILS TO STOP DROP IN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Forty-two tons of gold, worth nearly \$20,000,000, and securities valued close to \$25,000,000 were in the vaults of the United States sub-treasury today to help pay for Great Britain's huge purchases of war munitions. The gold and securities arrived yesterday from London via Halifax consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co., purchasing agent for the British government.

The gold was American coin which has been shipped to England in years of trade indebtedness by this country and the securities were all American issues. This shipment, it is estimated, brings the grand total of gold and collateral sent here through Canada to \$172,700,000 since the beginning of the war. During the same period, however, about \$90,000,000 has been sent by New York to the account of the Bank of England at Ottawa, but it was during the early part of the war, since when the balance of trade has shifted to this country.

Twenty million dollars of English gold and \$25,000,000 in American stocks and bonds, hastily shipped to New York by Great Britain to stem the downward course of the pound sterling toward new depths of depreciation, failed to accomplish the task today, and a new low valuation of \$4.61 1/2 was placed on the English pound, in the face of the big gold shipment.

This is 25 1/2 cents less than the normal value of the pound in this market and establishes a new low record for the fourth consecutive business day.

DOZEN FOREST FIRES BURNING NEAR BEND

BEND, Or., Aug. 30.—A dozen forest fires were burning on all sides of Bend today. All cover small areas, but a strong wind is blowing and large gangs of men are employed in an endeavor to extinguish them.

AMERICAN FLAG FLIES OVER MOST SHIPS SINCE '63

Record Increase in Ships of American Registry—Nation Pressing Close on France and Norway as a Marine Nation—British Tonnage Still Tenfold Greater.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The American flag now floats over more ships in the foreign trade than at any other time since 1863, and the United States is pressing close on France and Norway as a marine nation.

Figures made public today by the department of commerce show a record increase in American shipping for the year ended June 30. On that date there were registered in the foreign trade 2768 ships, totalling 1,813,775 gross tons, an increase of 363 ships and 737,623 tons for the year.

Practically all the increases are due to the new American registry law. Assistant Secretary Sweet of the department of commerce, said in a statement today:

"This is about triple the increase in registered tonnage for any previous year in American history. Our registered tonnage is now much greater than at any time since 1863, when we had 2,026,114 gross tons in foreign trade. It is many times more efficient, however, as the steam tonnage now amounts to 1,273,067 gross tons, while in 1863 it amounted to only 133,215 tons.

The increase from the ship registry act of August 18, 1914, to June 13, 1915, was so rapid that tonnage under the American flag now employed in foreign trade is nearly equal to such tonnage under the French or Norwegian flags. British tonnage, of course, is more than tenfold greater."

GERMANS STILL PURSUE FLEEING RUSSIAN HOSTS

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—The German official statement today follows:

"There are no special incidents to report from the western theater of war.

"Eastern theater, army group of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg; He troops of General Von Bessler are stationed in the region surrounding the bridgehead south of Friedrichstadt. In an engagement east of the Iemen the army of General Von Eichhorn reached a point northeast of Orlta. An additional 1600 prisoners and seven cannon were captured. In the direction of Grodno the town of Lipsk, on the Bobr river, was taken by storm and the enemy forced to surrender. The Widra, a tributary of the Sulejka, was crossed by our troops. He eastern border of the forest directly east of Blyastok has been reached at several points.

"Army group of Prince Leopold: In the Bilebiesz forest fighting goes on for possession of the crossing over the Upper araw. German and Austro-Hungarian troops under General Von Koysch drove the enemy out of his position at Suchodol, on the eastern border of the forest, and at Szerezow and are now closely pursuing him.

"Army group of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: In order to render possible the retreat of their rear guard division through the marsh districts the Russians made a stand

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FOREST BLAZES MENACE FINEST TIMBER BELTS

Three Men Reported Missing From Kanes Creek Fire-Fighters and May Have Been Overcome by the Flames—Innumerable Fires Cover Hills.

Three men are reported to be missing and unaccounted for in the fire-fighting operations on Kanes creek. George W. Stevens of Tolo reported the news to the California-Oregon Power company this morning. It is feared that the missing men have lost their lives, through becoming suffocated by the heat and smoke. None of three forestry service departments with men in the field could confirm the rumor.

Situation Is Serious

The forest fire situation in Jackson county today—the most serious since the establishment of forest protection in this section—is as follows, according to reports from the national forestry service, the state forestry service and the Jackson county Patrol association:

Fires are burning over approximately 5000 acres in Jackson county, a very conservative estimate. The principal fires are on Elk creek, in the Butte Falls district and near Trail. In these sections the flames have spread into the national forest reserve, and some of the most valuable timber in Jackson county is being destroyed or imperiled.

Butte Falls Endangered

The home of Fred Sturgis, on Elk creek, was destroyed Saturday, and Saturday the town of Butte Falls was endangered, the flames reaching within one mile of the city. The entire population turned out to fight the flames.

The principal fire in the Butte Falls district is raging ten miles east of Butte Falls.

Fires were reported this afternoon from the middle and south fork of the Rogue river. Fires are burning on Dry creek, Kanes creek and near Woodruff Meadows.

Farm Houses Endangered

A brush fire on Galls creek, still in the scrub timber, threatens the homes of a number of ranchers. Preparations for back-firing are under way and will be set in motion this afternoon.

Two sections of land on the Applegate are ablaze, one near Mule Hill, Watkins and in the Steamboat district. Besides these, a dozen incipient blazes are under way.

In the neighborhood of 200 fire-fighters are on the line fighting the flames. More will be sent out this afternoon.

A brisk wind blowing in the hill district further increases the fire danger. At 1 o'clock this afternoon it was reported to the federal forest service that a fire had broken out in the Siskiyou and on the Klamath river.

Sturgis Loses Home

Practically every wooded district of Jackson county is ablaze or threatened with fire today, with the danger increasing hourly, as the result of a brisk wind that followed in the wake of a moderation of the temperature.

In the Elk creek district, where state forestry service has been fighting the flames for the last week, ten new fires broke out this morning. Incendiarism is given as the cause. State Forester J. H. Eberly left this afternoon to take charge of the fire fighting. In this fire last week, Fred Sturgis lost his home. He was away with the fire fighters, when the flames approached. His house and

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SEATTLE SUN AGAIN STOPS PUBLICATION

SEATTLE, Aug. 30.—The Seattle Evening Sun, which, after suspension of several months resumed publication four months ago, the employees having obtained possession of the plant by means of labor claims, again ceased publication today and a trustee was appointed to wind up the affairs of the paper.

HOTTEST DAY OF YEAR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30.—With a temperature of 97 degrees at 11 o'clock, the weather set a new hot record for the year today. The weather bureau predicted a continuance of the warm wave which began last Friday.