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Forty-fifth Year. Dally-Tenth Year.

RUSSIAN CZAR **GERMANS DENY** SENDS NICHOLAS HESPERIAN SUNK TO FIGHT TURKS BY SUBMARINE

Grand Duke Nicholas, Idol of Russian Army, Sent to Caucasus by Emperor-Is Unimportant Position-Action Is Sensation of Hour, as Efficiency Due to Late Commander.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8 .- Grand + Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas.

The emperor took this action on assuming command of the military and + its base has reported to the ad- + naval forces of Russia.

In transferring the grand duke he appointed him viceroy of the Cancasus and commander in chief of the she was about to attack the sub-

The action of Emperor Nicholas in transferring his cousin, the Grand Duke Nicholas, to the Caucasus, is perhaps the most important change of this nature which has been made by any of the belligerent nations. The only comparable incident was the retirement by Emperor William last October of Lieutenant General Count steamship Hesperian was not torpe-Helmuth Von Moltke as chief of the German army slaff.

Unimportant Post

The post to which Grand Duke scribed, Nicholas has been transferred is of relative unimportance as compared with the prestige and vast powers of his former office as commander in chief of all Russia's great fighting forces. The Caucasfan campaign plays only a minor aspect of the war. The Russian and Turkish forces involved in the struggle in the Black Sea region are not large. Although there was heavy fighting in the Caucasus earlier in the war hostilities have been conducted in only a perfunctory manner for several months, as both of the nations involved had need of all available forces in other quarters.

Nation Deeply Stirred

The transfer was made in connection with a general reorganization of h importance that it has stirred

Officials Declare Steamer Must Have Struck a Mine or Was Destroyed by Some Agency From Within-Submarine U-27 Blamed for Attack Upon Arabic.

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BERLIN, via London, Seift. 8. * submarine which has returned to * journalist. * mirally that he torpedoed the * when the war will end," the monarch + liner Arabie in the belief that the + is quoted as saying in a report of the * Arabic's action indicated that * conversation printed by the Espana

* marine and that he fired in self- *

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BERLIN, Sept. 8 .- Persons in a position to speak with authority as- do not deceive myself the role Spain serf positively the conviction that the doed by a German submarine, at least tremendous speed. under the conditions thus far de-

was sunk by a German submarine is

met with ever-increasing doubt in official circles. In official quarters it is believed that the Hesperian must have strack a mine, or possibly was destroyed by some agency from within; that it may be regarded as certain she was not torpedoed by a German submarine under the conditions set forth in press dispatches and

in accounts given by passengers. May Have Hit Mine

These persons point out that details given in press reports may be adapted quite as well to the theory lower social orders will exercise presthat the Hesperian struck a mine as sure on the governments to prevent to the assumption that she was tor- them from increasing the hurden of pedocd. Moreover, it is said, there is armed peace?" asked the interviewer. single, positive indication that

More Arming Than Ever After War Says Spanish Monarch-Unable to Visit America-Great Reforms Are Ahead-Socialists' Dreams to Be Partly Realized.

MILITARISM TO

CONTINUE SAYS

KING ALPHONSO

PARIS, Sept. 8.-King Alfonso of Spain has had to abandon plans for * a yisit to America because of the war. The commander of a German * he told Senor Cevillier, an Argentine "It is quite impossible to prophery

> "It was my pet dream to visit America, but I shall not be able to

go now for years. When the war is over the work here will be enormous. To hasten reforms, we shall have to abaddon all outworn forms, and if I will have to play will be such that her progress, which hitherto has been at a snail's pace, will be increased to a

Arm More Than Ever

"The same progress may be expect-The assumption that the Hesperian ed for all humanity if the war results in disarmament," observed Senor Cevillier.

"No," returned King Alfonso, "After the war nations will arm more than ever. When one sees a country like Belgium, neutralized by agreeing, no other defense than her own armed force, it is easy to understand ment of all nations, eventually findthat other countries, big and little, realize that to exist it is indispensable to work in times of peace and

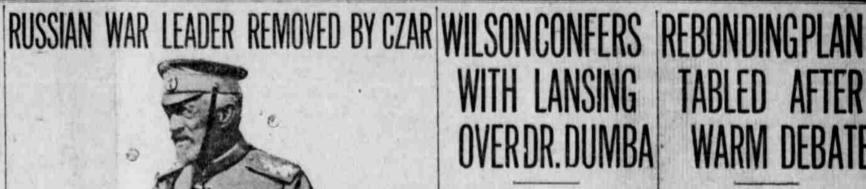
surround ourselves with the most positive of guarantees," "Does not your majesty think the



Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, who has been acciaimed as one of the greatest strategists of the war for his masterly retreat in the face of the Austro-German onslaught, has been relegated to the comparatively unimportant post of leader of the Russian forces opposing the Turks in in the Caucasus. Nominally the grand dake is succeeded by the emperor. What military man or what general staff officer will in fact assume the active leadership of Russia's hard pressed forces is not aunonneed in the emperor's order relieving the grand duke.



The United States army today took American consul at Queenstown, in-



Austrian Ambassador's Interference With Employes of Munition Plants **Causes President to Break Prece**dent by Calling Upon Secretary of State Lansing.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8-President Wilson went to the state department today and conferred with Secretary Lansing. It was generally understood they discussed the case of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador. The president's action was so unusual that white house and state department attaches were slow to realize what had happened. So far as officials could recall the only precedent for a president going to call on a secretary of state was recorded when President McKinley went to call on Secretary Hay.

Visit a Surprise

The president's call was not arranged in advance. He left his study and passed out of the executive offices through a little used entrance, crossed the avenue which separates the white house grounds from the

state, war and navy building, and door and entered unannounced.

conferred at length with Secretary the bond issue as proposed, and that Lansing about the correspondence the repudiation of any municipal obtaken from an American correspond- ligation would work a hardship. He ent by British secret service men also said the bond issue was unjust which disclosed that the Austrian and inequitable.

Austro-Hungarian to be concerned in

the manufacture of munifions of war

Concerns Dumba's Visit

So far as was known the ambassa-

dor did not disclaim his action nor

did he disclaim having reported on

the project to his home government

Dumba had to say and let it be known

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SENDS EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. Great Brit-

ain's third shipment of gold to the

United States within five weeks, plac-

d in the sub-treasury here, amount-

ed to \$19,465,000, and not approxi-

nately \$66,000,000 as reported yes-

erday from Portland, Me., according

o an official announcement made to-

GOLD SHIPMENT

for his country's enemies,

ambassador was concerned in a pro-During the remarks of Colonel ject to interfere with the operations Sargent citizens opposed to him of American munitions plants. The grunted their disapproval. The ambassador explained that his gov- speech, however, was well received erament had instructed him to give and revealed a sentiment against the the widest publicity to a decree mak- bond issue.

ing it a criminal offense for any

City Council Postpones Action on Medynski Plan to Bond City for \$1.020,000 to Refund Paving Indebtedness-Fiery Oratory on Tap -Sargent Leads Opposition.

WARM DEBATE

TABLED

NO. 145

An ordinance calling for a special election September 28 to vote upon the Medynski proposition to rebond the city for \$1,020,000 for the paving indebtedness was tabled at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night, for future consideration. It was the stormiest session in months, full of personalities and fervid oratory. Several times the feelings of the orators rose to great heights, and on one of these oceasions Colonel Sargent called E. H. Fehl a "foozleheaded kid." Just before this rejoinder the fiscal agent made a speech in which he said he was sorry he voted for the colonel. He said he thought the colonel was for the people, but that he was for the

Sargent Opens Debate

corporations now.

Colonel Sargent sounded the openwalked up the main stalrway unat- ing gun of the bond issue argument. tended, while dozens of surprised He made a speech which he read from tourists and employes stopped to written notes. The gist of his relook. The president continued on marks was that the city should pay up the inner stairways and into one its debt without impairment of credit of the long corridors leading to Sec- and that it could be collected under retary Lansing's private office, where the Bancroft act, favoring the bringhe passed by the messenger on the ing of a suit against all delinquent property holders. Colonel Sargent Late yesterday Ambassador Dumba said that he doubted the legality of

the nation deeply.

The grand duke replaces the famous viceroy of the Caucasus, Count Vop Vorontzoff-Dashkoff, Emperor Nicholas addressed to the count a communication acknowledging the value of his labors, and stated that "he yielded to his request to be permitted to devote his energies to work for which his state of health is more equal." The emperor therefore relieves him of the post of viceroy and attaches him to his personal staff.

In relieving the grand duke, the emperor addressed a communication to him which read:

Emperor's Communication

"At the beginning of the war I was unavoidably prevented from following the inclination of my soul to put myself at the head of the army. That was why I entrusted you with the commandership in chief of all the pedoed steamships, and if so, what land and sea forces.

"Under the eyes of all Russia your imperial highness has given proof lively. Germany therefore will be unduring the war of a steadfast bray- able to furnish the definite report on pened?" ory that has caused a feeling of profound confidence and called forth the United States. sincere good wishes of all who followed your operations through the inevitable vicissitudes of war.

To Go to the Front

"My duty to my country which has been entrusted to me by God impels me today, when the enemy has penetrated into the interior of the empire, to take supreme command of the forces and to share with the army the fatigue of war and to safeguard with it Russian soll from attempts of the enemy. The ways of Providence

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PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.- The Novo Vremya announces the formation of a new majority in the dama, which comprises the liberal and progressive elements, replacing the conservative maniarity.

The newspaper, which is considered a weather vane, editorially comments favorably on the formation of the new majority. Its support of the new duma majority, therefore, is regarded as highly significant.

a submarine was concerned.

The degree of assurance with which this theory is advanced seems to be based on knowledge of additional instructions issued to submarine commanders since the Arabie was sunk. Now that the U-27 has been given up definitely as lost, an official statement probably will be issued soon concerning the Arabie, setting forth that all submarines which might possibly have been involved have returned, with one exception.

U-27 Sank the Arabic

It has been established that the Arable was not torpedoed by any of the submarines which have come back to port since that time. Whether the missing boat, which was operating in the vicinity of the Arabie disaster at approximately the time thereof, torinstification her commander had for his actiin, can never be known posi-

the case, which is desired by the

BILLION BUSHELS WHEAT FORCASTED BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8 .- Prossects of a billion bushel wheat crop this year were increased by today's government report whileh forecasts 981 million bushels, based on its September 1 canvass.

Spring wheat indicates a crop of 322 million bushels, an increase of 15 millions since the August prediction was made. Estimates are as fol-OWS:

Corn 2945 pillions. Oats 1408 millions. Barley 223 millions. Ruckwheat 15 millions. White potatoos 406 millions, Swe! potatoes 65 millions. Tobacco, pounds, 1120 millions. Flax 18 million bushels. Rice 26 millions. Hay, tons, 81 millions. Apples, 214 millions. Peaches 54 millions.

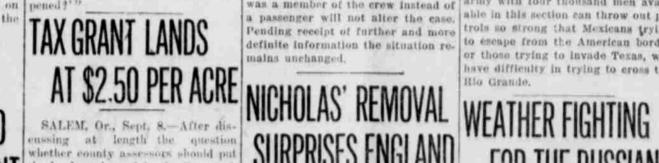
Socialism to Advance "I think, and you may repeat this,"

ialism will become daily more govhaving to use violence, but I think also that as they evolve they will find tain politicians who have made of in-

which they have lived. "Even the pacificists will recognize did not regard it as final.

after this war while the instincts of ployment. On the contrary, there established. will be work for all, and it will be

velves, astounded, but what hap-



the lands embraced in the Oregon & 'alifornia railroad land grant on the assessment rolls at a greater value

to present to congress.

speent decision of the United States ing the great war.

apreme court, which referred settles It is the general impression here are of the entire railroad system from grant provide that the hand shall be the cinef of the general staff. old at \$2.50 per acro, but it has a As the religions head of the Russ British warships and the guns along France from this country.

today.

the most important step it has yet formed the American embassy here made in the border complications of today that he had received an unconeplied the Spanish ruler, "that so- firmed report that one of the missing teh lower Rio Grande valley when an sailors of the Hesperian was an Amernmental and that socialists will ob- erican, citizen. Thus far Mr. Frost tam satisfaction for their more just has been unable to very the report. A the civilians on the river bank in spirations by legal methods without seaman named Wolff is said to have shooling across the internationbeen an American.

The loss of Wolff, the American. out they have been deceived by cer- is referred to in today's state department dispatches, but officials regardternational pacificism a banner on ed their information as so inconclusive that they let it be known they

If the news dispatches and the of- to the river banks and then held bat-

here are no better safeguards for ing conclusively that an American al line. Hereafter the army will atight in international questions than life has been lost, it will not alter tempt to handle all situations. for sight and strength. Besides, af. the situation until the manner of ter the war there will be no onem- the Hesperian destruction has been

nccessary to work. The world will lin will make every effort to clear suppressing bandits if there is no dicontinue to be what it is, and in ten up the doubtful points and that some vided authority on the river bank. or twelve years we shall ask our- satisfactory explanation will be given. The fact that the lost American ant orders will follow and that the was a member of the crew instead of army with four thousand men avail

Pending receipt of further and more definite information the situation re- to escape from the American border

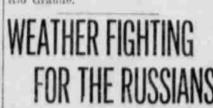
order was issued here giving to arms officers command over the actions of al houndary is resumed. Local peace officers heretofore

in documents which were found on have been permitted to participate in the American correspondent. The returning the fire of Mexicans from state department regards the use of the other side of the river. In some an American passport for messenger cases the peace officers have pursued to one of the belligerent governments bandits fleeing from the Texas side as serious, Secretary Lansing heard all Dr.

human nature remain unmodified ficial advices finally agree in show- the with them across the internation-

There is a double purpose in this, The Carranza authorities have announced that they believe they can The state department expects Ber- co-operate better with Americans in It is expected that further import a passenger will not alter the case, able in this section can throw out patrols so strong that Mexicans trying or those trying to invade Texas, will

have difficulty in trying to cross the



lay by J. P. Morgan & Co., the consignoos.

than \$2.50 an acre, the state tax com- Grand Duke Nicholas came as a great ditions, which in past wars have prov-American securities accompanying mission today decided to defer in- surprise in England. With winter ap- ed an efficient ally of the Russlans, the gold were unofficially reported to structing assessors on it until after proaching, it was believed that, what are again intervening on their side, he worth approximately \$30,000,000, the conference to be held here on with a shortage of ammunition and The rivers have been awollen by au- making the total value of the ship-September 16, when plans for the dis- other difficulties he had necomplish- tumn floods to such an extent that ment about \$50,000,000.

position of the grant will be framed ed all that was humanly possible. His they promise to form an impassable The gold in the shipment consisted transfer, therefore, was from a clear barrier to a further advance of the of American gold coin to the value All county hoards of equalization sky and marks the most important invaders. This dispatch represents of \$7,850,000 and 2,300,000 English will meet Monday, and in view of the change of command in any army dur- the immediate objective of the Aus- sovereigns amounting to approxitro-German campaign to be the seiz- mately \$11,615,600,

This makes a total of \$150,000,000 ment to congress, the assessors have that Emperor Nicholas will not deter- Riga to Lemberg, thus Insuring con- which has arrived here for England's been asking the commission for in- mine personally upon the strategic trol of lines of communication for a account since early in August. This structions as to the value they should formula to be followed, but will in- further penetration of White Rumin great sum, it is believed, has all been put on the lands. The terms of the trust the doutinies of his armies to On the other fronts events point used in paying for munitions of way to a concerted movement by the allies, and other supplies to England and

real value much higher than that. sion nation, the emperor's move, it is the Belgian coast have joined the Whatever the balance due may he, ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 8 .- Pros. pointed out, should prove to be a chorus of artillery fire along the it was still large enough to send the pects of an agreement between 1000 great moral stimulus to his troops. He western front. All this gives support rate of sterling down again today to the English coast. striking employee of the United Trace is also regarded here as disposing to the growing bollef in London that \$1.6219 at the opening, a loss of by a tion company here and in Troy, and effectually of rumors that Russia an offensoive movement of some na- cent over night. This is 241, cents the officials of the road were remote, contemplates conclusion of a separ- ture will soon mark operations of the below normal and 12e cents above allies in the west. the low record here for sterling.

Vawter Opposes Issue

Attorney W. L. Vawter followed Colonel Sargent, and said it would be poor policy for the city to attempt a bond issue of over a million dollars on an assessed valuation of \$4,000,-000. While not doubting the civic patriotism of those favoring the bonds, Attorney Vawter deelared it seemed impractical and unwise.

Bert Anderson engaged in an argument with Colonel Sargent upon the merits and demerits of the bond issue. Mr. Anderson said he had paid all his assessments and was in favor of the city collecting the delinquent amounts under the Bancroft act, "if it could be done." This he doubted. He declared some solution should be offered and that those able to pay should pay without trying to dodge their obligation. "I lived in a town once that repudiated one interest payment," said Mr. Anderson, "and it never recovered. I spent twenty-five years of my life trying to rebuilt that town, and it is now as it was then. RATES DOWNWARD Before I would go through the same experience in Medford I would give my property away and move out."

Miles Wants Collections

After a ten-minute argument led by Mr. Anderson, in which everybody took part, Mayor Emerick rapped for order.

Conneilman Miles arose and said that it was his opinion that the debts could be collected with concessions. and that if the city took the proper course it would be easy. He said at first he favored the bonding issue, but the more he thought about it the worse it seemed, and spoke against any upheaval of the finances of the city.

Councilman Medynski spoke in fa-(Continued on Page Four.)



AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8 .- Three airships, coming from the east, passed over Dordech, in South Holland, at 6:30 o'clock this morning toward

Another airship passed over a suburb of Amsterdam. It came from the southwest and disappeared in an I easterly direction.

ate peace.



