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## 107 KILLED IN AIRSHIP RAID ON LONDON

### SAILORS SLAIN WHILE ASLEEP CHATHAM YARDS

107 Killed, 86 Wounded, by Airship Bombs but No Damage Done to Shipyards and Docks—Six Airplanes in Attack and All Make Good Their Escape.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—In last night's air raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded at Chatham, it is announced officially. The victims were naval ratings. Six airplanes took part in the raid. Chatham is on the coast back of the Medway, 30 miles southeast of London. It is the seat of immense military and naval establishments, including a vast dockyard, an arsenal and extensive barracks.

#### Sailors Slaughtered

The term naval rating applies to the grade of men on board ships, usually those before the mast. Reports of the attack on the southeast coast on Sunday and Monday nights said they seemed to be more for the purpose of testing the possibility of attack by moonlight.

After dropping bombs over a wide area, many falling into fields or the sea, the raiders departed as quickly as they came, with British fighters in pursuit.

In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured. The announcement follows:

#### French's Official Report

"Lord French (commander of the British home forces) reports that last night's air raid was carried out by about six enemy airplanes which proceeded up the south bank of the Thames estuary to Chatham. Bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thanet and in the Sheerness—Chatham area between 10:30 p. m. and 11:30 p. m. There were no army casualties. Civilian casualties reported at present are: Killed 1; injured 6. The material damage was slight. Our machines went up and anti-aircraft guns came into action, but without result.

"The secretary of the admiralty reports that in the course of the air raid last night the following casualties were caused to naval ratings: Killed 107; wounded 86."

A dispatch to the Star from Chatham says that part of the naval barracks there was struck by a bomb during last night's air raid, this causing serious loss of life. The Chatham dockyard, the message states, entirely escaped damage.

### CHICAGO COUNCIL AGAINST PACIFISTS

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—The Chicago city council today in special session, after three hour's discussion, adopted a resolution commending Governor Lowden for his stand against permitting pacifist agitation in Illinois and requesting the state's chief to prevent the holding of any meeting in the future which may be inimical to public safety or disloyal or treasonable to the United States. The resolution, which was presented by Alderman Tomah, was amended before being adopted by a vote of 42 to 6. The council then adjourned.

### YELLOW PINE FIRE RAGING IN DESCHUTES

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—Forest fires burning in the Fort Rock section on the Deschutes river, central Oregon, were described by forestry officials here today as the worst in the state this year. Messages from Bend, Deschutes county, said forest rangers and volunteers were fighting the fire along its ten mile length and were endeavoring to prevent it from spreading to a nearby 5000 acre tract of yellow pine.

### ITALIANS DRIVE AUSTRIANS BACK ISONZO FRONT

Hindenburg Sends Two Divisions of Bavarians as Reinforcements—Capture of Monte San Gabriele Expected—Raids on Western Front—Airship Raid Upon Pola.

GENEVA, Sept. 4.—A dispatch from Innsbruck says that after several urgent appeals, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has consented to send two divisions of Bavarian troops from the Russian to the Isonzo front to strengthen the Austrian defense.

UDINE, Italy, Sept. 4.—Field Marshal Von Arz, chief of staff of the Austrian army, is reported to be inspecting the Italian front for the purpose of reorganizing his troops, demoralized by many recent defeats.

#### Continue Advance

Meanwhile the Italians continue their steady advance and are spreading over a larger tract of the country, especially through the Brestovizza valley and over the Basinzza plateau, capturing trench after trench and in some cases finding contingents of Austrian troops, literally exhausted and suffering from thirst and hunger, their means of communication having been cut off by the well-directed Italian fire.

Monte San Gabriele still is making desperate efforts at resistance, but Italian pickets are gradually creeping up the slopes, making its fall only a matter of time.

Since the beginning of the present advance, the Italians have gained ground every day, while all Austrian efforts to recapture lost positions have been shattered by the energetic resistance of Cadorna's army.

#### Airship Raid on Pola

ROME, Sept. 4.—Thirty Italian airplanes dropped nine tons of bombs on the Austrian naval base at Pola, causing destruction and large conflagrations. It is announced officially. The bombs were dropped on the Austrian fleet at anchor and also on military works.

All the Italian machines, although determinedly attacked, returned safely. The artillery fire has grown heavier on the Julian front, it was announced.

#### On French Front

PARIS, Sept. 4.—Attacks were made by the Germans last night on the French lines in the Hurtelise region on the Aisne front and east of the Meuse in the Verdun sector. The war office announced today that both were checked by the French fire.

Raids by the French troops at Sappignin, between Soisson and Somme, in the Champagne and in the Argonne region, resulted in the capture of prisoners and material.

#### On British Front

LONDON, Sept. 4.—"The enemy's artillery showed great activity during the night northeast of Ypres," says today's official statement. "We advanced our lines slightly northwest of St. Julien."

"We carried out a successful raid last night directly north of Lens. Our troops killed a number of Germans and captured several prisoners. A hostile raiding party was driven off south of La Bassée."

### CANE SUGAR MEN TO MEET HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Representatives of the Cane Sugar Refining industry will confer with Herbert Hoover, the food administrator, tomorrow concerning establishment of a maximum price for their 1917 output. Beet sugar producers already have agreed to a maximum price which they will enforce voluntarily. The cane sugar crop this year promises to be the largest ever grown in the United States.

### AND THEN--PEACE



### AUSTRIA BLAMES PRESIDENT FOR PEACE FAILURE

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—A dispatch from Budapest says the Fester Lloyd gives prominence to a lengthy statement emanating from an inspired diplomatic source at Vienna in which the attitude of Austria-Hungary and Germany toward President's reply to the pope is set forth as follows:

"President Wilson and the entente are alone responsible for the terrible disappointment occasioned by the frustration of the pope's efforts on behalf of peace. Complete disarmament of the German peoples is in fact the aim of Mr. Wilson. It is the condition he names to the pope as the basis for participation by the United States in peace negotiations."

"The suggestion that the undiminished military strength of Germany be disrupted in this way is not new. That strength is based essentially on unity among the people, army and government."

"The demand for a cheap democratization of Germany is also a time-worn device of its enemies. There really would be no advantage in subjecting Mr. Wilson's note to profound scrutiny."

### FICKERT PROTESTS NEW MOONEY TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—District Attorney Fickert, in a memorandum of opposition filed in the state supreme court today, declared that the action of Attorney-General Webb of California was "irregular and vicious" in consenting to an appeal for a new trial for Thomas J. Mooney, now under sentence of death in connection with the preparedness day bomb murders of last year.

Webb's stipulation of consent, which was attacked by Fickert as interference without authority, was filed recently in view of charges of subornation of perjury against Frank C. Ozman, who was the state's principal witness against Mooney. Ozman is to face trial in superior court here tomorrow.

### CONGRESS BEGINS CONSIDERATION OF WAR BOND BILL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The house today began consideration of the \$11,528,945,460 war bond and certificate bill, the biggest measure of its kind ever presented to congress. It has, in the main, the support of both republicans and democrats.

In outlining the bill, Democratic Leader Kitchin declared there was no way of avoiding an allied loan if the United States was to remain in the war.

Mr. Kitchin began fortifying the bill against possible republican attacks on the grounds that its convertibility and tenure features should be changed, by declaring that most of those burdens would be assumed by the allies. Arrangements would be made, he said, so that every time a United States bond was converted into one of a higher interest, the interest of allied bonds given in exchange for them would be similarly advanced and that the tenure of allied bonds would be the same as those issued here for allied loans.

"How much of these allied loans have been spent in this country," Acting Republican Leader Gillett of Massachusetts asked.

"I am glad you asked that question," Mr. Kitchin responded. "Of the previous loan about 80 or 90 per cent. I think at least 75 per cent of the proposed loan would be spent here."

Representative Fordney, ranking republican member of the ways and means committee, followed Mr. Kitchin with a strong endorsement of the bill, producing figures to show that the cost of the present war per capita does not promise to compare with the cost of the civil war.

#### \$10,000 WORTH OF AIGRETTES SEIZED FROM SMUGGLER

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Aigrettes valued at more than \$10,000 were seized by customs inspectors on a vessel from a foreign port today. The plumage was found beneath the flooring in a stateroom. Their importation is forbidden by law.

### RIGA EVACUATED BY POPULATION THREE WEEKS AGO

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Riga was evacuated by the civilian population and foreign consuls three weeks ago. This was the news contained in the official dispatches surrounded with so much mystery at the time, and over which so much uneasiness was felt.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 4.—The Russian retirement in the Riga region is being continued along the coast in a northeasterly direction, the war office announced today.

In the Uxkull district the Russians are retiring northward, having been dislodged by the Germans in the great Jaegel river region.

Hostile ships are shelling the Riga coast, the announcement says.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The city of Riga was on fire at many points when it was taken by the Germans, it is announced.

Several thousand Russians were taken prisoner by the Germans in their advance in the Riga region army headquarters announced today. More than 150 guns were captured by the German forces in the great Jaegel river district.

### AMERICAN GUNNERS PRUSSIAN PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Captain Oliver of the American tank steamer Campana and the four naval gunners, Delaney, Ropp, Kline and Jacobs, who were taken prisoner when their ship was sunk recently by a German submarine, are in a prison camp at Brandenburg, Prussia. The news came today by cable to the American Red Cross from Geneva.

### AMERICAN BAR PLEDGES LOYALTY TO GOVERNMENT

"We Stand for the Dispatch of An American Army, However Raised, to the Battle Front in Europe," Read Resolution Adopted, Declaring Pacifism Pro-German.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Resolutions pledging the loyalty of the American bar association to the government were presented at the opening session of the annual meeting of the organization this morning by Elihu Root, on behalf of the executive committee, with the unanimous recommendation of the committee that they be adopted.

The resolutions assert that the future freedom and security of the country depend upon the defeat of the German military power, approve the entrance of the United States into the war before it is too late to find success thru the united action of the democratic powers; urge the most vigorous possible prosecution of the war and conclude as follows:

#### Want Army Sent

"We stand for the dispatch of the American army, however raised, to the battlefront in Europe, where the armed enemies of our country can be found and fought and where our own territory can be best defended. We condemn all attempts in congress and out of it to hinder and embarrass the government of the United States in carrying on the war with vigor and effectiveness. Under whatever cover of pacifism or technicality such attempts are made, we deem them to be in spirit pro-German and in effect giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

Boris A. Bakmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States, in an address expressed the opinion that the present condition of unrest in his country was "but one of the infant diseases which will disappear."

The resolutions of loyalty as presented by Mr. Root were unanimously adopted by the body with a rising vote.

### FRUSTRATE PLOTS TO KILL BORDEN

MONTREAL, Sept. 4.—Frustration of plots to assassinate Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, and Arthur Meighan, solicitor-general, and to dynamite the parliament buildings at Ottawa, was announced by the police today as having been effected by the arrest of anti-conscriptivist agitators alleged to have been responsible for the blowing up about a month ago of the summer home of Lord Athelstan.

### AXE MURDERER PLACED ON TRIAL

RED OAK, Iowa, Sept. 4.—The Rev. Lynn George J. Kelly was placed on trial in the district court today on an indictment charging him with the murder of one of the eight persons slain with an axe at Villisca, Iowa, one night in June, 1912.

#### SEVERE SET BACK ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—One of the most severe setbacks the stock market has had in several months occurred today when prices broke five to ten points under feverish liquidation, the market being all but demoralized during the last hour.

### HONOR PAID TO DRAFTED MEN IN NATIONAL ARMY

President Heads Parade in Honor of Departure of First Quota of Soldiers to Cantonments—Entire Country Celebrates Event as Holiday—30,000 Strong in New York.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The vanguard of the national army was being honored throughout the country today with demonstrations to celebrate the eve of departure of the first drafted men to the cantonments.

Typifying the spirit of the nation, sending forth its sons to battle for democracy, the capital gave itself over to a great house demonstration in which President Wilson, congress and all the heads of the government were leaders.

#### Place of Honor

The place of honor in a procession between Peace Monument, at the foot of the capitol, to the white house, was reserved for the 1400 drafted men comprising the District of Columbia's first contribution to the national army. Led by President Wilson and escorted by senators and representatives, sailors, soldiers and marines, men of the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, and thousands of their fellow citizens, the national army marched between lines of cheer-speed on the first steps of their journey thousands, bidding them God-speed to France.

Senators Bankhead of the Confederate army and Martin of the union army, marched together, but there was only one flag fluttering above them—there was only one flag fluttering over the winding, tramping column of thousands; it was the Stars and Stripes.

#### Reviewed by President

All government offices closed for the occasion, poured out their employees to join the procession. At the white house reviewing stand a large party of foreign diplomats and other officials assembled to wait for the president's coming at the head of the procession and join him in reviewing it.

#### 30,000 in New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—New York paid homage to her drafted men today, as 30,000 strong, they marched in three parades thru the centers of the city's five boroughs. In Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx hundreds of thousands of citizens thronged the lines of march and cheered them on their way into the national army as enthusiastically and as affectionately they gave former National Guardsmen Godspeed into federal service at their Spartansburg, S. C. camp.

The Manhattan parade was led by Mayor Mitchel.

### BRAZIL NOT TO SEND AN ARMY

RIO JANEIRO, Sept. 4.—In a denial of newspaper reports the minister of war has announced that Brazil will not send troops to Europe. The announcement also states that the minister of the navy will not lease requisitioned German ships to the entente allies.

### GRAND DUKE MICHAEL JAILED FOR PLOTTING

PETROGRAD, Sept. 4.—Grand Duke Michaelis Alexandrovitch, a brother of the former emperor, and his wife, have been placed under arrest in connection with the counter-revolutionary plot recently unearthed. According to the Den, Grand Duke Dmitri-Paulovitch also has been arrested.