

Riga Now In German Hands

RUSSIANS LOSE LARGEST PORT ON BALTIC SEA

CITY OF HALF MILLION PEOPLE IS ABANDONED

Heavy Drive of Germans From the North and Southeast, With Threatened Naval Attack, Causes Evacuation of Famous Seaport—Believed That Germans Will Attempt to Push on to Petrograd.

By Associated Press
Riga, Russia's principal Baltic port, has been abandoned to the Germans under threat of offensive by land and sea, in which the deciding stroke on the land side was delivered by the Germans on Saturday.

Riga's fate was virtually sealed when the Germans forced the crossing of the Dvina River southeast of the city, and began pushing northward after making good their foothold on the right bank of the stream. It was menaced also by an attack of Teutons moving from Mitau, southwest of Riga, and also by German naval forces, recently reported hovering in the vicinity of the Gulf of Riga.

The Russian authorities evidently considered the city no longer tenable, and ordered its evacuation.

Possibly the Germans may endeavor to push on to Petrograd. Riga had 500,000 population before the war.

The Russians are retiring northward.

The abandonment of Riga in the face of the German drive, and even the evacuation of Petrograd have been forecast as possibilities in the confidential advices to the American government during the past fortnight.

The Russian capital would undoubtedly go to Moscow if Petrograd was abandoned.

Such development is not regarded with so much alarm as might be supposed, for Moscow commands the sentimental regard of Russia as the ancient capital of the old empire.

Some think the German occupation of Riga and Petrograd might be a wholesome object lesson for the radical element which has been hampering the government.

IMPROVEMENT AT THE POSTOFFICE

Today is a busy day at the postoffice, for, although the office was closed after 10:30, in celebration of Labor Day, a crew of plasterers were on the job early this morning to improve the walls and ceiling of the public corridor. Browne Brothers are doing the work.

Error in Red Cross Wool Announcement

In publishing a report of Red Cross activities in last Thursday's paper, an error was made and the report did not properly set forth the announcement as turned in. The following was intended to be announced:

A large shipment of wool has been ordered and is expected to arrive by

Governor and Mayor in Conflict of Authority

New Chief of the Grand Army



ORLANDO A. SOMERS.

Orlando A. Somers of Kokomo, Ind., 58 years old, has just been elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the reunion in Boston. Mr. Somers served thru-out the Civil War in an Indiana regiment. He was unopposed for the place of commander in chief. Mr. Somers was formerly commander of the Indiana department. He was at one time in the Indiana general assembly. The study of the Civil War history has with him been a passion. Despite his age, Mr. Somers is as erect as an Indian, with fine military bearing, and has carried a flag in every national encampment of recent years.

RETURN WITH HUCKLEBERRIES

W. E. Gilbert and family have returned from the Lake of the Woods, where they got a large supply of huckleberries. After canning 115 quarts for themselves, they sold sixty gallons. Before returning they visited Ashland and Medford.

JOE SKELTON TELLS OF AIR RAIDS IN EAST

IS NOW CREW CHIEF IN CHARGE OF PLANE

In Interesting Letter to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stone, Former Klamath Falls Boy Tells of His Airship Experiences at Dayton, Ohio—Louis Hoagland Is Making Good in His Department Also

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stone have received a letter from Joe Skelton, written from Dayton, Ohio, in which Joe writes of some of his work and experiences in the flying game. He says:

"I am crew chief on Captain Kirby's plane now. Before I was motor man, and just looked after the motor, but now I am in charge of the whole plane. Smith, the fellow who had the job before, got canned, and I got it. Just at present I have the motor clear out and am looking it over. I flew from here to Cincinnati and back last Sunday, with Captain Kirby in his ship, and, believe me, it was a great trip.

"Two machines took the cross-country flight, Kirby and Captain Peebles. Each took a member of his crew, and Captain Kirby took me. We landed in the speedway at Cincinnati. It sure is worth a good deal to a man to get a trip like that. It's sixty or seventy miles from here to Cincinnati. They are going to make cross-country flights every Sunday as long as the weather is good, so I'll probably get in on some more. Captain Kirby has been talking of flying from here to Pittsburgh, and I sure want to go with him.

"Believe me, it seems funny to pass over a town and look down on the houses that appear like small dots, and the city blocks look about a foot square. It is great to sail along like a big bird, and it is something that everybody has not done, so it makes it seem that much better.

"Louis Hoagland and I are working along fine. We sleep together in the hangar where my ship is. We are the only two that have got cross-country flights yet. He went over to the Wright factory with Captain Kirby to change a motor in a plane, and I went on this trip as mechanic. Louis sure is a peach of a kid, and we get along together fine.

"Captain Kirby imagined he could hear something grinding in his motor so that's why I have it all torn down. I think it's most all imagination, tho, as the motor turns up 1,500 R. P. M., and the gears are not worn a bit, but he wanted me to investigate, and that's why I am doing it. Louis and I are always very careful with the motors, and that is helping us considerably.

"We expect to leave here for France within sixty or ninety days.

"Louis got a letter from his folks, saying they were out at the huckleberry patch, and it sure made up want to get back West again. Oregon is a good country, and we didn't appreciate the hunting and fishing as we should.

"I received the Herald, and was glad to get them. All the fellows from there enjoy reading them.

"Well, it's getting late, and we have to get up early these days, as flying starts at 6, and we get up at 4:30 a. m."

President Woodrow Wilson, Who Is Hailed As New Leader in World War By the Press of the Entente Allies



Swedes Are Now Wanted at Home

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 3.—Emigration from Sweden in 1916 exceeded the 1915 figures by more than 3,000. The total number was 7,301, against 4,078 the year before. Strenuous efforts to discourage emigration are being made and have for some years been made by the National Association to Oppose Emigration, the president of which is Dr. Adrian Mollin. The association's efforts are warmly

seconded by the government. Efforts are being made to find work for returned emigrants, and to induce them not to return to America—practically the only country to which Swedes emigrate. These efforts were unusually successful last year, and a great number of Swedish-Americans who had returned for a visit were induced to settle down here. Many of them bought farms, and work was found for others.

CHARLES CHAPLIN IS DRAWING CARD

NEW SERVICE WITH LATEST HITS IN FILM WORLD WILL BE GIVEN ONCE A WEEK AT OPERA HOUSE

There is no getting around the fascination of Charlie Chaplin for the public. Anyone passing the Star theater early last evening would have been convinced of this fact by the crowds that waited at the entrance before the doors were opened. Manager J. V. Houston declared today

that the crowd was a record breaker, there being over 500 to see this star.

To accommodate the public on the nights when the theaters are overcrowded, Manager Houston has arranged to put on the Paramount Art Craft select service one night per week at the opera house. This service, which shows the very latest pieces by most noted stars in filmdom will be put on at a price many times that paid for any former service here. Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Farrer, Wm. S. Hart, Marguerite Clarke, Billie Burke, Elsie Ferguson, George M. Cohan, Lina Cavalieri, Julian Elting, Chas. Ray, Dorothy Dalton, Enid Bennett and Jack Pickford are among those who will be featured in the new service.

DEFENSE COUNCIL NEEDED IN CITY

COUNTY JUDGE HANKS IS ASKED BY PORTLAND OFFICE TO NAME CHAIRMAN FOR THIS DISTRICT

It is desired by the State Council of Defense that a branch county chairman be appointed for this district for a County Patriotic League. A letter from the Portland office to County Judge Marlon Hanks outlining the needs of a branch of this order here has been received.

The letter follows: "If you have held your county meeting and named your chairman, we have failed to get information regarding same.

"In order that we may perfect the state organization, will you kindly advise us at once the name of the county chairman selected for your County Patriotic League, with whom we can keep in constant communication.

"The work of food conservation has now begun; also the fuel supply for next winter is under consideration. These, along with the Home Guard and other matters, need attention. Because you are thoroughly interested in every act and in every matter that will come before the State Council of Defense, we want to keep in constant communication with your county.

"Please let us have a reply as soon as convenient, furnishing us with the information asked for."

FIRE VICTIMS APPEAL FOR AID

PEOPLE OF FIRE-SWEPT SUMPTER AS FOR RELIEF OF THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS—APPEAL TO MAYOR CRISLER

An appeal to assist the citizens of Sumpter, Oregon, who were recently rendered destitute by the disastrous fire which swept that city, has been received by Mayor C. E. Crisler. The letter which gives a clear idea of the unfortunate situation of the residents follows:

"Friends—We are appealing to you for financial help for fire-swept Sumpter. Every business house with their stocks, ranging up to thousands of dollars, has been destroyed, nearly fifty homes with all the contents of clothes, bedding and furniture have

PACIFISTS MAKE TROUBLE AMONG HIGH OFFICERS

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR AND CHICAGO MAYOR MIX

Mayor Thompson Allows Meeting of People's Council, Forbidden by Governor Lowden, Who Goes Immediately to Take Charge of Situation. Liberty League Will Go to Washington to 'Picket' Conscription Day

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—Governor Lowden has arrived in Chicago to take personal charge of the situation arising from the conflict of authority between himself and Mayor Thompson, with whose aid the People's Council of America for Democracy and Terms of Peace, was able to meet yesterday, after the meeting had been forbidden by the governor.

The police expect there will be no more meetings. A body calling itself the American Liberty League, and believed to be composed of women affiliated with the people's council, has met and resolved to go to Washington to "picket" Conscription Day.

been lost completely. Churches, lodges and public halls have been wiped out, and little or no insurance was carried by any, owing to the extreme high rate charged and at that difficult to get. Light and water plant put out of business, our people are facing the winter, with from six to ten feet of snow for months. Last year the snow began November 1st. It will soon be here. Fuel is a grave problem. The impression unfortunately has gone out that Sumpter is not in serious need. IT IS, and help must be had at once to prevent further and acute suffering.

"The total losses, carefully compiled by the committee appointed by the mayor of the city, reaches over \$200,000. Hours of painstaking work results in the fact that from \$7,500 to \$10,000 will be required, after cutting relief to the bone in order that the situation may be relieved. We appeal for help to you and your people. Please take the matter up at once that your help may be of great good. The governor has appealed to the state, but the response is not such as we feel the people should give. Kindly make all remittances to the Citizens' National bank, Baker, Oregon, who will receipt for all sums sent. Will you not come to our aid at this time?"

I. W. W. Is Jailed by President's Order

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 3.—Joseph Kimberger, a German, has been jailed as an alien enemy under a presidential order.

He was brought from Colfax, where he was endeavoring to organize hands for I. W. W. It is expected that he will be removed to an internment camp.