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## GERMANS WITHDRAW TROOPS TO RAISE SIEGE OF OSSOWETZ

### Indications Are That Von Hindenberg's Campaign Has Collapsed

## SIEGE GUNS TAKEN AWAY AFTER MANY ASSAULTS

### German Airmen Make Attack With 15 Taubes On Guard Duke's Headquarters

Petrograd, March 31.—Following weeks of constant hammering at the Osowetz fortifications, the Germans have abandoned the siege of Osowetz. The information contained in semi-official dispatches today is taken to indicate that Field Marshal Von Hindenberg's campaign directed against the salient running from Warsaw to Petrograd has collapsed.

The German forces, which were massed for another attack upon Przemysl, are now reported to be retiring, relieving the pressure which has been exerted against the Russians in this region, despite the constant bombardment of the Germans, the positions at Osowetz were as strong as when the enemy first appeared before the fortress. Indications that attempts to make further progress were made, as indicated by the reports of a heavy shelling, the Russian gave evidence of being about to abandon the siege early this week. Yesterday the dispatches declare, they believe, that the German forces have withdrawn their siege guns and are now upon the fortress again.

### Fighting Is Resumed.

Petrograd, March 31.—Eighty thousand Russian troops poured through the Dnieper Pass and now occupy strong positions in the southern foothills of the Carpathians in their advance upon Hungary.

The Russian outposts are in contact with the Austro-German forces in a line extending from the northeast of Plozsk to the south of Lemberg. Fighting has been resumed on a tremendous scale in the Italian and Balkan passes. There it is stated, the Russians have taken more than 8000 prisoners as well as having captured several guns and considerable ammunition.

It is known that at least 100,000 men, released by the fall of Przemysl, are now marching their way against the enemy along the Carpathian heights.

### Attack On Headquarters.

Petrograd, March 31.—A sensational attack from the air by German aeroplanes upon a house which the enemy supposed was being used as a headquarters of Grand Duke Nicholas, commander of the Russian armies, was reported in official dispatches to the war office today.

### OLIVE DAY AT SAN DIEGO.

San Diego, Cal., March 31.—This was Olive Day at the Panama-California exposition and in San Diego generally. The olive olives were distributed at the fairgrounds and on the city streets and fortunes on the food value of this "olive" product were delivered. The "olive" day, April Fool's day, will be celebrated with a carnival at the exposition.

### A WAR JOKE.

London, March 31.—A very martial young giant who joined a Welsh regiment amused his comrades by throwing out his chest and saying, "Now for the Germans." He impressed upon them that it was a day for Kaiser Wilhelm when he was induced to join the army and his new comrades only took note. The day after he entered he received a telegram from London: "Heartiest congratulations.—Kitchener." He then handed the message to his comrades and they were laughing when he saw the name of a second message: "The emperor is dead of typhoid." The next morning, however, came a third telegram: "For God's sake, keep neutral." "Well," said the young warrior, "I have to keep neutral." The third message was not shown round.

## STRIKE IS NOW OVER ASSERTS COMPANY

### Normal Street Car Traffic Is Resumed In Seattle Again Early Today

Seattle, Wash., March 31.—With the resumption of normal street car traffic this morning, street car officials announced that the strike, called by organize labor last night, was at an end.

"Outside of nominal property damage," said Superintendent of Transportation Henderson today, "the strike, so-called, does not amount to anything. In fact there has not been any strike on the part of our men, and the whole thing was a disturbance urged by professional agitators imported from the east. Our men, with few exceptions, have not quit work."

Samuel Atkinson, organizer of the street car men's union was unable to state this morning how many Seattle Electric company employees were persuaded to go on strike.

"But I will say this," he said. "The strike has the backing of organized labor here and it has the backing of the Amalgamated Association of Electric and Street Railway Employees, and every man who quits the Seattle Electric company will be properly taken care of. The strike is on, and it stays on until the company grants its men the American privilege of organizing."

Mayor Gill is of the opinion today that the strike riots are over.

"I do not anticipate any more trouble," he said.

### Agitation In Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., March 31.—Although efforts have been made for several days past to organize the employees of the local branch of the Stone and Webster Traction corporation, it is not believed that the Seattle strike will be extended to this city. There were no surface indications of dissatisfaction on the part of local car men today that would lead to the belief that a walk out is imminent.

Manager L. H. Bean of the traction company stated, however, that he would not be greatly surprised if the Seattle riot should spread to Tacoma, although he did not anticipate any interruption of car service in such event as few of his men, he stated, had affiliated with the street car union.

## BIG BATTLE PENDING BETWEEN VILLA AND CARRANZA FOLLOWERS

### After Brisk Firing In Morning Troops Withdraw For Final Contest.

Brownsville, Texas, March 31.—Brisk firing between the Villa and Carranza forces began early today to the westward of Matamoros, across the Rio Grande from here. A heavy fog covered the river and little of the action could be distinguished.

No shells fell on this side of the border in spite of the fact that artillery was being used. This indicated that both factions intended to respect American lives and property rights.

It is reported that 17 machine guns and 10 cannons have arrived and been added to Villa's artillery.

A number of dynamite bombs were hurled by the Carranzistas, with what effect is not known. Firing on both sides ceased soon after this and each army assumed a waiting attitude. In the best informed circles it was believed the real battle would be fought Sunday.

### Crisis Not Yet Reached.

Washington, March 31.—A crisis in the Mexican situation as it centers about Brownsville, Texas, has not yet been reached. General Funston today notified the war department that the city was quiet. There was considerable firing during the night, however, about Matamoros on the Mexican side.

### Reinforcements Arrive.

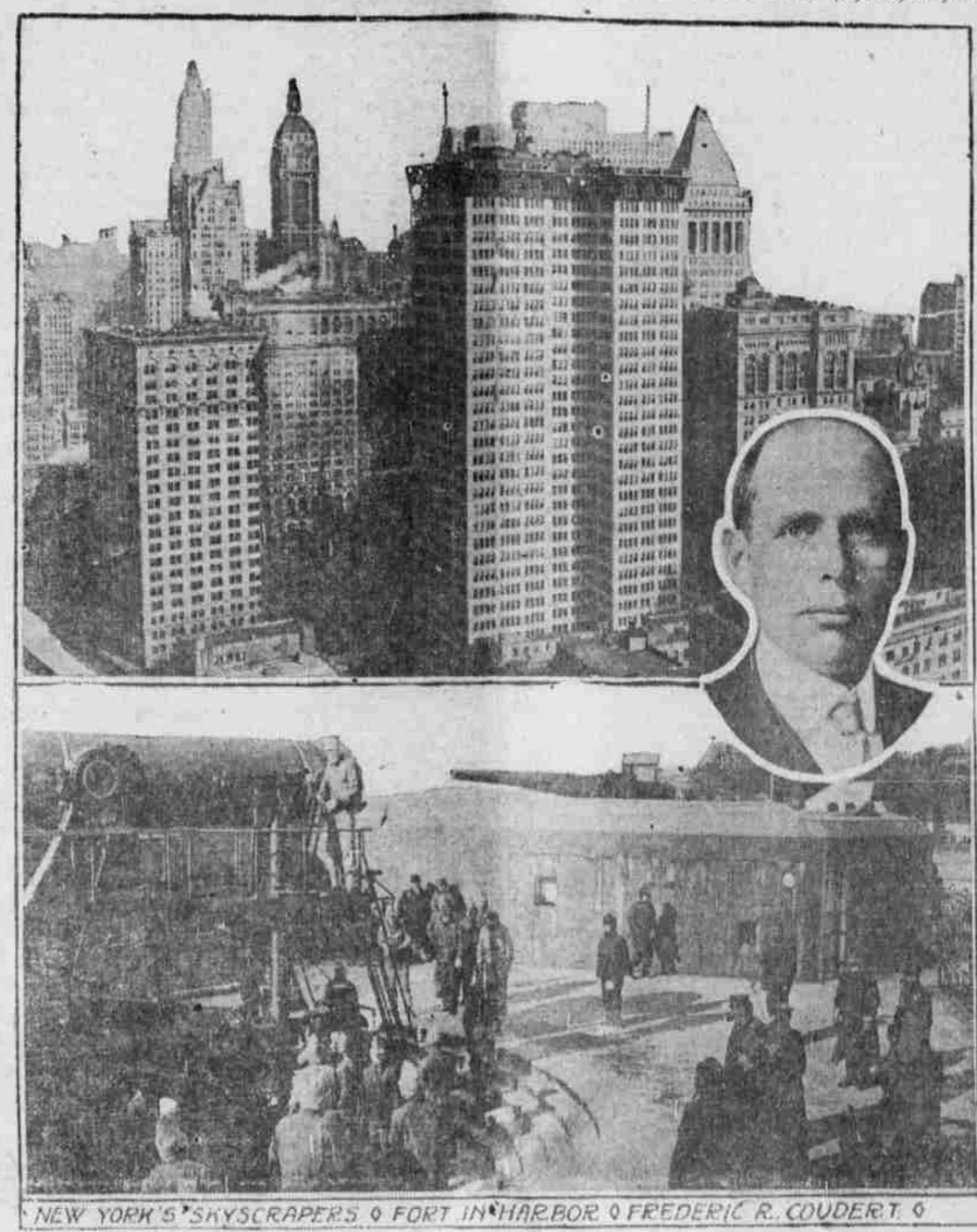
Nuevo Laredo, Mex., March 31.—Four hundred Carranzistas, under General Maclevo Herrera, left here today for Tampico on a special train to re-

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## The Weather

OREGON: Showers tonight and tomorrow; winds mostly southerly.

## COUDERT CLAIMS NEW YORK WOULD FALL EASILY INTO ENEBY'S HANDS AND BE FORCED TO PAY \$5,000,000,000



NEW YORK'S SKYSCRAPERS & FORT IN HARBOR & FREDERIC R. COUDERT.

New York city will be forced to pay \$5,000,000,000 in tribute ten days after war is declared upon the United States by any first rate power, is the assertion of Frederic R. Couderc, specialist in international law and a member of the National Security league. "It has been announced by the general staff," said Mr. Couderc, "that 200,000 men could be landed in the vicinity of New York in ten days. There are at least four large countries which are so supplied with merchant marine facilities and transport service that they each could ship 250,000 men to our shores at one time. Those troops could be landed

without serious opposition at Southampton, on Long Island, Buzzard's Bay, Mass., or on the New Jersey coast. Our navy could be boxed up and would not have to be defeated. The enemy's infantry would have little trouble taking our coast line forts. There is a great fallacy concerning those fortifications. Most persons think they are impregnable. As a matter of fact, most of our seacoast forts are open on the land side. After landing in the rear of our forts and putting them out of business the enemy could send his ships in to our harbors. Their big guns soon would bring our seacoast citizens to

terms. What would our army and national guard be doing all this time? You may ask. Precious little, you can be assured. Although the authorized strength of the regular army is 4,726 officers and 95,977 enlisted men, our efficient mobile fighting force is about 2,738 officers and 45,968 men. The others are coast artillerymen with permanent post or members of the various non-combatant branches of the service. Of the 50,000 available for battle the Philippines, Hawaii and the canal zone garrisons take about 20,000, leaving the United States only about 30,000 regular fighting men.

## DOES NOT APPROVE OF WAR LOANS IN EUROPE

### American Government Will Not Interfere With Individual Bankers

Washington, March 31.—A statement making it clear that while this government does not approve of loans being made to the warring nations of Europe, the administration does not consider itself in a position to interfere with the transactions between foreign powers and individual bankers, was issued from the state department today.

"The state department has received from time to time information, both directly and indirectly, to the effect that belligerents have arranged with banks of the United States for credits of various sums," the statement declares.

"While loans to belligerents have been disapproved, this government has not felt it was justified in interposing an objection to the credit agreements. It has neither expressed approval or disapproval, but has simply taken no action in the premises and has expressed no opinion."

Secretary Bryan declares that this covered the entire situation including the reported establishment by J. P. Morgan & Co. of a \$100,000,000 credit for Russia and \$50,000,000 for France. The secretary added that the administration would object to the flotation of a general bond issue in America, but did not feel itself warranted in interfering with transactions between foreign powers and individual bankers.

### PAY McMANUS' FAMILY.

Washington, March 31.—Secretary of State Bryan announced this afternoon that the negotiations over the murder of John B. McManus by Zapata at Mexico City recently had been successfully terminated by the payment to McManus' widow of 100,000 pesos. Payment was made by representatives of Generals Francisco Villa and Emiliano Zapata.

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## WAR MUST BE FINISH FIGHT SAYS WRITER

### People Must Become Disgusted With Militarism Through Horror

San Diego, Cal., March 31.—"War is the most hideous thing in the world—the most horrible thing I have ever seen, or ever expect to see. But, brutal as it may seem, this war in Europe, for the good of all, should be fought out. Let them rest and penetrate and they'll simply be at it again. Let one or the other get the daylight kicked out of it and the sooner the world will become disgusted with militarism and universal peace will result."

Irvin S. Cobb, who recently returned from the war areas, where he wrote many widely read articles and who expects to return to the scene of war in May, expressed these emphatic views today.

Being neutral in his position, Correspondent Cobb did not predict just which side would eventually have its "daylights kicked out," but he stoutly maintained that the final result would cure any delusion existing in mortal mind that war is either sweet, attractive or desirable. Nor did he place the blame for the existing conflict on Germany, because of its years of rigid militarism, but attributed it all chiefly to the almighty dollar which he averred will always be found as the cause lurking behind militarism and resultant bloodshed, devastation and suffering.

"Sinner Cain killed Abel," Cobb declared, "the slaughter of man has based on trade. The European war is a war of commercial supremacy and expansion. When people get trade jealous, the military spirit predominates and sooner or later somebody is bound to bump into somebody."

"All that I have seen on the battlefield of Europe has convinced me that war is a hundred times more dreadful than those isolated from the scenes of combat can comprehend. I am going back because I love my work, and I feel fitted, as a result of my work, to work my young head completely off the next time. But it is anything but a pleasant job, I tell you, the scenes of which, once viewed, can never be forgotten. Don't know when it all will end, but it should be a fight to the finish, now that it has been begun."

"You don't hear them crying for peace in Europe. They are content to go ahead. The countries that are arguing peace are the countries where there is no war—America and Brazil, for instance."

## YOUNG BAD CHECK ARTIST SAYS WILL ENTER GUILTY PLEA

### Realizes He Is "Up Against It" and Will Not Attempt a Defense

J. C. Douville, alias Charles P. Barkwell, who was captured yesterday afternoon by Officer Varney of the local police force after a bunglesome attempt to get away with goods and merchandise alleged to have been obtained by false pretenses upon worthless checks to the aggregate amount of \$11,055, which he passed upon local merchants, states that he will plead guilty to the charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses, the penalty for which is one to seven years in the penitentiary.

The young man, who asserts his correct name is Charles P. Barkwell, says that he was discharged from the U. S. navy in 1902. He came to Salem from Portland Monday morning and took up lodgings at the Marion hotel where he gave a check upon the Northwestern bank of Portland for \$17.50. He also took out a membership card in the Y. M. C. A. for which he cashed a check for \$10 and challenged Secretary Cumpton to a game of handball, which was to have been played yesterday afternoon. Aside from his speculations here, which amounted in all to \$11,055, he confesses to have passed a worthless check upon the A. G. Spaulding company of Portland for \$95, and another upon Knepper Bros., liquor dealers, and that he realized in all a total of \$130 in Portland.

Other victims of the bad-check artist, as a result of his operations in this city yesterday morning and early afternoon, were the Ray Farmer hardware store, where he purchased two kegs of nails and some tools; giving a check for \$10.15; Watt Shipp, where he purchased some blasting powder and supplies and a shotgun, all of which he ordered shipped to O. L. Lundstrom, of Fargo. Then King store and purchased a hat and overcoat, and left them to be called for and he went to the Hammond-Bishop clothing store where he purchased a check for \$31.51.

### BULLET IN CHILD'S BRAIN.

Portland, Or., March 31.—His brain penetrated by a bullet from a rifle with which he and three other children were playing, John Birkinin, aged 11, is in serious condition today.

One of his playmates pointed the gun at Birkinin and it discharged.

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## TWO MORE VESSELS ADDED TO LIST OF SUBMARINE VICTIMS

### Flaminian and Crown of Castile Run Afoul of German Sea Raiders

## CREW ESCAPES IN BOATS FROM DISABLED STEAMER

### Slow Liners Fall Easy Prey To Swift Submarines of Type of U-29

London, March 31.—The second liner to be attacked by German submarines within three days was torpedoed today. The liner Flaminian, the admiralty announced, was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands.

The Flaminian was an Ellerman liner, plying between Glasgow and Capetown. She was outward bound when attacked. The vessel was torpedoed and sunk 50 miles southwest of the Scilly Islands at 3 o'clock Monday morning, the admiralty stated. The crew of 41 men from the vessel landed at Holy Head early today, having been rescued by a Danish vessel.

The Flaminian was a vessel of 3100 tons, 221 feet long, and built in 1913. She had a speed of only 12 knots and was very prey for a submarine. The liner could accommodate a large number of passengers, but left Glasgow carrying only a cargo and her crew. The latter took to the boats before the vessel was torpedoed. As the liner carried no wireless equipment, the first news of the sinking of the vessel was revealed when the crew landed.

The point at which the Flaminian was attacked is 130 miles south of where the Falaba was sent down with the loss of more than 100 lives. The general belief is that she was attacked by the same submarine that sunk the Falaba.

Within a few hours advices were received that the Glasgow steamer, Crown of Castile had been torpedoed. The Crown of Castile was a 4500 ton vessel. A German submarine was said to have attacked the steamer off Arran Head, off the west Scotland coast. The admiralty had no confirmation of the sinking of the vessel, but her owners declared the report was probably true.

Later this evening reports of the sinking of the Crown of Castile were confirmed. The crew was rescued by a French steamer.

With the torpedoing of the Flaminian, the indignation of the British people as a result of the new campaign against liners increased to fever heat. This was also heightened by the receipt of dispatches from Copenhagen stating that the German press expressed the greatest elation over the sinking of the Falaba, despite the loss of life.

The Germans, it is understood, took the position in commenting upon the sinking of the liner that while the loss of non-combatants was to be regretted, such disasters were unavoidable in such disasters were unavoidable in Germany's struggle for self preservation.

### Submarine Is Sunk.

Paris, March 31.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk yesterday. The French ministry of marine today announced that in all probability one of the German undersea raiders was sunk off Dieppe by a French ship of the second light squadron.

Details of the engagement with the submarine as reported by the commander of the attacking French warship, stated that the German craft began to submerge herself immediately when sighted. The French cruiser opened fire at her periscope, at the same time maneuvering into position to ram the submarine. As the periscope disappeared beneath the water, the French vessel dived directly over the spot where the German had disappeared. A large field of oil was observed to spread over the water in the wake of the cruiser, leading the commander to believe he had sent the submarine to the bottom.

### Steamers Collide.

London, March 31.—The steamer South Atlantic, en route to Glasgow from New York, collided with an unknown vessel and sank off Arran last night, according to dispatches received here today. The crew was rescued.

Arran is an island off the west coast of Scotland.

### Well Known in San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 31.—Leon Chester Thrasher, the American who perished when the liner Falaba was sunk by a German submarine, was well known as an engineer on the Pacific coast, it was learned here today. Dr. Marlon Trasher of San Francisco is his cousin.