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VON HINDENBURG LEADS NEW DRIVE AGAINST RIGA

Greatest German Military Genius Succeeds Von Buelow In Command of Armee Operating In Baltic Region—Russians Offer Stubborn Resistance, Making Numerous Counter Attacks—French Aviators Invade Bavaria—British Submarines Active

London, Aug. 12.—With the official announcement from Berlin that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is in command of the German forces in the Baltic region and not General Von Buelow, new interest centered today in the fighting about Riga and toward the Warsaw-Petrograd railway.

At the beginning of the great Warsaw drive Von Hindenburg was in command along the Narow line. The early operations in the Baltic provinces, it was officially announced, were carried out by vast cavalry forces under Von Buelow. With the determined attempts which are being made to seize Riga, however, and the fact that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been placed in command of the Baltic operations, it is believed the kaiser regards this attack on the Russian flank as the most important movement on the eastern front.

In view of the violent offensive which the kaiser has apparently determined to continue against the Slavs, the early forcing of the Dardanelles is regarded as more pressing than ever if the Russian situation is to be saved. There is every indication that the Dardanelles assault has been resumed on a large scale. The advance is only a few days, however, and an enormous task yet confronts the allies in this region.

That the Russians are offering the forces of Von Hindenburg stubborn resistance is evident from the German official statement which reported counter attacks by the Slavs. These attacks are declared to have been repulsed, but yesterday's statement reported no advance for the Germans in this region. At other points the Russians are apparently continuing their orderly retirement.

As a result of the placing of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in command of the northern flank and the steady thrust that is being made further into Russian territory in this region, the belief is growing in military circles that Petrograd is the real German objective. Where Kovno was originally planned as the northern extremity of the new Russian line of defense, this fortress is now besieged and its capture momentarily expected. With the fall of Kovno this line can no longer be held by the Slavs in the north and a further retirement may be expected.

Unofficial reports have declared that the Russians are also preparing to evacuate Vilna, the junction point of the railway from Warsaw to Petrograd. Vilna is about 375 miles from Petrograd. The principal German effort is now regarded as the attempt to seize the railway to the Slavic capital, accounting for the assignment of Von Hindenburg to the task.

German Will Attack Serbia.

Sofia, Aug. 11.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Austrian and German ministers visited Premier Radoslavlavoff Monday, seeking information as to the views of the allies to obtain their participation in the war. It is understood they informed the premier that Germany was about to start a new Serbian offensive and promised Bulgaria important concessions if Czar Ferdinand would remain neutral.

The socialists are demanding a popular referendum before Bulgaria takes a decisive step.

The above dispatch was evidently filed in Sofia on Monday, but was held up by the censors before being relayed to Berlin last yesterday. Cables from the Balkans during the past fortnight have given evidence of being held up from one to six days in addition to the usual delay in Berlin and London.

Von Hindenburg Is Playing the Leading Part in Russian Drive

(By J. W. T. Mason.)
(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Aug. 12.—For the first time since the present eastern offensive campaign was started, the official statement from Berlin announces the part that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is playing. It is known today that he is in command of the operations on the Baltic and is checking the advances of the Russians during the last few days along the Riga-Mitau road. Simultaneously, Petrograd's leading newspaper, is reported to have warned the people of Russia that Germany's real objective is the city of Petrograd.

Where Von Hindenburg is, must center the climax of the struggle to force the Slavs to sue for a separate peace.

The campaign on the Baltic has been clothed with the elements of mystery from the beginning. Only the bare announcements of occasional progress has been contained in the official communications. The number of men engaged has been kept secret. It is assumed

GERMANS CRUSHING RUSSIAN DEFENSE ON NAROW RIVER

Invaders Now Within Twelve Miles of Petrograd Railway, Says Berlin

Berlin, via wireless to London, Aug. 12.—Crushing the Russian defense along the Narow and advancing within 12 miles of Petrograd railway at one point, new advances for the German forces were reported all along the line by the war office today.

General Von Scholtz captured the important bridgeheads over the Narow at Viena, east of the captured fortress of Lomza and also occupied Wain, the official statement declared.

South of Viena after a battle lasting two days, General Von Gallwitz occupied Zambrono, 12 miles from the Petrograd railway. The Russians are declared to be retiring rapidly upon the railroad from Lomza and Novo Georgievsk.

Immediately east of Warsaw the Bavarian forces of Prince Leopold captured Lukow, only 17 miles from the important railroad point of Sillow, the statement continued. This gives the Germans control of the shortest route over which the Slavs can withdraw upon Brest-Litovsk and makes it imperative that the retreating forces take a roundabout way in reaching the new line.

"Our airmen bombarded the Bialostok railway junction, causing several explosions," the official statement said. "In the north, General Eichhorn repulsed a Russian attack south of the Niemen in a bloody battle, during which the enemy suffered losses."

"In the southwest, General Von Mackensen penetrated fortified positions of the enemy after sharp fighting between the Bug river and Parcey. The enemy is retreating."

In the western theater, the only operations of importance are in the Ardennes, where the crown prince is attacking the French lines, it was stated. A group of positions was captured near Vienne Le Chateau, the statement said.

Sixty of Crew Drown.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Aug. 12.—Sixty members of the crew of the British cruiser Ramsey were drowned when the vessel was sunk Sunday, according to reports here today.

Retiring the adventures of the German auxiliary cruiser Meteor in penetrating the British patrol line and sailing 550 miles from its base, newspapers today said the Meteor sowed numerous mines in the North sea before being abandoned and blown up after sinking the Ramsey.

CAPTAIN KNOX FALLS TO INSTANT DEATH

Lieutenant Sutton of Signal Corps Seriously Injured In Accident

Washington, Aug. 12.—Captain George K. Knox was killed and Lieutenant R. B. Sutton, a signal corps aviator, was seriously injured when an aeroplane in which they were flying at Fort Hill, Okla., became unmanageable during a practice flight and crashed to the ground today.

The aeroplane fell from a height of 350 feet.

Sutton's home is at 748 Hoyt street, Portland, Ore. His mother is Mrs. James M. Sutton. Knox's home is in New York. He is reported to be the son of the latter and was known as the rightest man in the army.

Sutton was rushed to the army hospital upon being taken from the wreckage of the aeroplane. Knox was dead when extricated.

The reports of the accident forwarded here said Sutton made every effort to right the aeroplane as he started to fall. It made two spirals in the descent, but the lieutenant was unable to bring it to an even keel and was entangled in the wreckage when the machine crashed to the ground.

GENERAL VILLA AGREES

Washington, Aug. 12.—General Villa has agreed with General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, to suspend hostilities indefinitely pending peace negotiations, a dispatch to the state department, presumably from Special Agent George Crothers, announced this afternoon.

The state department announced no formal reply will be made to General Carranza's note warning against "meddling" by the United States and Pan-American powers. His communication is believed to have made possible a more tangible reply than a formal document.

VOLCANOS ACTIVE AND ITALY FEARS GREAT EARTHQUAKE

Vesuvius, Etna and Stromboli Belching Fire, Smoke and Lava

PEOPLE FLOCK TO CHURCH PRAYING FOR SAFETY

Vapors From Vesuvius Cloud Bay of Naples and Villagers Flee From Homes

Naples, Aug. 12.—The great volcanoes, Vesuvius, Etna and Stromboli have suddenly become active and are belching steam and smoke.

Lava is pouring down the eastern slope of Mount Etna from two new craters, threatening Sicilian villages. Naples and Messina are terror stricken. The inhabitants are flocking to the churches, offering prayers for the safety of the cities. Taranta and Brindisi have felt tremors and there is a rising fear that a gigantic earthquake is about to shake Italy, though scientists are taking every means to reassure the public.

En route from Athens to Naples aboard a Greek steamer I personally witnessed the reawakening of the great volcanoes. Passing through the Ionian sea, smoke from Mt. Etna was visible for miles. The cone of the volcano, standing two miles above sea level, was shrouded in a thick cap of black smoke and steam.

At Messina, sixty miles to the north-east, the people are clamoring for the traditional procession to the madonna della lettera, popularly believed to have often saved them from Mt. Etna's wrath.

Stromboli, rising 3,900 feet above the sea on one of the Lipari islands was seen to be emitting an angry stream of lava toward the sea while spouting ash, flame and smoke. As far as we could ascertain from the steamer, none of the small villages at the base had been burned.

Vapors from Mount Vesuvius clouded the bay of Naples when we arrived here. Residents of villages at the base of the volcano are flocking here, they are trudging into Naples with their goods strapped upon their backs, fleeing before what, it is feared, may be another outbreak of the volcano.

Stock Market Today Very Much Unsettled

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New York, Aug. 12.—The stock market fluctuated irregularly today and at times there was a good deal of unsettlement and weakness in some quarters. Trading was less active and except for sharp bidding up of specialties, some of which advanced violently on the circulation of rumors of large disbursements, there was nothing interesting in the speculation of the day.

Sentiment was mixed and it was evident that the "war stocks" as a class have lost some of their popularity since the new high marks were established.

The market as a whole was largely professional, reflecting a sort of pool manipulation often seen at this stage of the speculative campaign, chiefly through the craze in "war stocks." The last hour was quiet with interest confined to industrials. Some railroads were weak but there was no heavy selling.

MUNITIONS REACH POST

Liverpool, Aug. 12.—The steamship Adriatic carrying one of the largest cargoes of munitions since the opening of the war, passed safely through the war zone and docked here today.

The vessel left New York August 4.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday. Westerly winds.



MEXICAN BANDITS KILLED BY TROOPS IN FIGHT TODAY

Reign of Terror Along Mexican Border and American Troops Massing There

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—After a quiet night and forenoon, three Mexican bandits were killed in a running fight with soldiers and citizens between Mercedes and Donna this afternoon.

Thirty-five bandits were driven back across the river by the Americans, but these they were joined by 100 others and further trouble is expected.

Three companies of the Ninth infantry arrived from Laredo today. It was rumored this afternoon that five thousand troops had been ordered here.

Two troop trains from General Obregon's headquarters at Monterey arrived at Matamoros last night. This is regarded as significant in view of threats of an attack upon Brownsville in case of intervention by the United States.

Reign of Terror Prevails

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—With terror prevailing all along the Mexican border practically every able bodied man of Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties are under arms today, all firmly believing they are facing an attempt of Mexicans to seize a part of Texas and convinced they are bent upon accomplishing this end by wholesale massacre and destruction.

The "army of liberation for Mexico in Texas" is declared today to be spreading. In snatching the border land from the United States, the Mexicans are said to be pledged to slay every American over 16 years of age. Governor Ferguson has asked that more troops be sent to the Rio Grande by the government and every rancher in this region has joined the volunteer forces who are engaged in running down the bandits and organized bands terrorizing the community.

According to reports here, literature found on Mexicans who have been taken prisoner indicates that the attack against the American territory was often saved them from Mt. Etna's wrath.

Reports of additional Mexican forces arriving on the border and crossing the Rio Grande are constantly reaching here. One report declares 1700 Carranzista soldiers have crossed the river, being scattered out over 120 miles between Rio Grande City and a point below Brownsville. Search for detached bodies of bandits of cavalry and rangers continues all along the border with the accompanying outbreaks of "bushwhacking" at intervals.

MEXICAN BULLETINS

Washington, Aug. 12.—The entire Atlantic fleet will leave Newport for southern waters August 29, it was admitted at the navy department today.

It was denied that the voyage of the fleet had anything to do with the Mexican situation. Had this been the reason for deciding to send the fleet south, it would be immediately, it was explained. The cruise is customary and this season for target practice and maneuvers, officials declared, verifying the statements by records. Thirty vessels will be included in the fleet which will leave on the 29th.

Although the ordering of the fleet south was declared to be a matter of regular procedure, it was nevertheless thought that the presence of the warships in the southern waters might have a quieting effect on Mexico.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The gunboat Sacramento left Vera Cruz at 6:30 last night for New Orleans with the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers, their families and their suites aboard, the state department was informed today.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The Carranzista agency here received an unfounded rumor today that Zapatistas had blown up a train at Jalapa, killing fifty passengers and murdering the military escort.

Washington, Aug. 12.—General Funston today reported a detachment of the Ninth infantry had been sent from Laredo to Brownsville, Texas, because of threatening conditions there. Additional troops will probably be sent from Texas City to Laredo.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 12.—The armored cruiser, Montana, is gathering up marines from the battleships here and is to sail for Mexican waters, according to unofficial reports.

It is understood the Atlantic fleet is to sail for the southern drill grounds next Monday in order to be nearer Mexico. The collier Cyclops departed today, presumably for Vera Cruz.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 12.—Troop K Tenth United States cavalry was rushed to the San Rafael valley today to protect ranchers from Carranzista soldiers, who have crossed the line and are looting farms on foraging forays.

Philadelphia North American: Von Mackensen and von Hindenburg seem to be proceeding on the principle that one good turning movement deserves another.

PRESIDENT FACES NEW MEXICAN COMPLICATIONS

Defy of General Carranza Presents New Difficulty—Pan-American Conference Opposes Intervention In Any Event—Situation Along Texas Border Becomes Acute—More Mexican Raiders Killed and Entire Population Is Under Arms

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson faced an involved Mexican tangle today. General Carranza has defied him. It is known the administration intends to answer, while this situation is being dealt with, conditions along the border are becoming more serious.

The entire Atlantic fleet will leave Newport for southern waters on August 29, and though it was denied at the navy department that this movement of the warships has anything to do with Mexico their presence at the southern drill grounds will put them nearer the Mexican ports should they be needed.

Even before Secretary of State Lansing and the Pan-American conference had time to make a final "get-together" appeal to the Mexican factions President Wilson received General Carranza's message warning them to "cease meddling." This was followed by a pronouncement from General Heriberto Jara, a Carranzista chief, scolding the administration, the Pan-American conference and financial interests on both sides of the border and pledging armed resistance to outside interference.

In addition the Carranzista agency here made public telegrams from eleven Carranzista leaders, including Generals Obregon, Gonzales and Trevino, declaring they would have nothing to do with any program which Carranza does not approve, and pledging their loyalty to resisting an enforced compromise with the "reactionaries."

The tone of the Carranzista communications are not alone defiant but are on the verge of insulting. Many officials expressed the belief that they sought to compel action by the United States as a means of consolidating all factions on Carranza's side and winning the sympathy of the Pan-American powers.

Secretary of State Lansing was the first of President Wilson's advisers to consult with him after his return from Cornish early today. Carranza's defy was taken up by the president and his premier. That it was deemed extremely objectionable was admitted. It was recognized, however, that such an answer as the administration wanted to make would likely precipitate a situation south of the border as would render intervention inevitable.

Another conference between the Latin-American envoys and Secretary Lansing was regarded as possible this afternoon. It was believed the details of the coming note to be addressed to the Mexican factions might require further consideration by the conferees.

The president and Lansing went over the final draft today. The secretary of state said his conference with the president had not changed the situation and that the note would be forwarded as soon as it was finally prepared. Lansing and President Wilson were together for an hour.

The Latin-American envoys have refused to endorse intervention. They opposed it throughout the conference with Secretary Lansing and today, through the Carranzista agency, came the announcement that the president of Argentina had called Carranza that Argentina entered the conference on the understanding that Mexico's domestic affairs and intervention would not be discussed.

If the United States intervenes, the administration must therefore not only act on its own initiative, but act against the vigorous opposition of the Latin-American conferees.

The situation along the border had today become temporarily more alarming than conditions in Vera Cruz or Mexico City.

General Funston reported that marauding styling themselves "the army of liberty of Mexico and Texas" are operating in the Brownsville section. Funston declared his troops captured a potentiation battle flag Tuesday bearing the inscription "Army of Liberty." A hand-bill was also taken which read: "Mexicans: Today we will accomplish our sacred duty. The revolution has acquired in a few days gigantic proportions. We are united as brothers to expedite the fortunes of our vindictive rights and justice for all our. May the light shine upon us in all our undertakings and may it crown our forces in all manners. We contemplate this movement, initiated in Texas, of such consequence as to bring about the peace and justice we long for."

At the war department it is believed the bandits on the border are merely using the flag referred to by General Funston as an excuse for widespread brigandage.

While withholding their actual destinations, Secretary Daniels admitted that conditions might arise at Vera Cruz necessitating the dispatch of the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana there. He said orders would possibly be issued within the next 24 hours sending them to Hampton Roads or Guantanamo. It is believed the orders will be for the latter port, which will place them within striking distance of Vera Cruz. The secretary intimated that sending the battleships direct to Vera Cruz might precipitate an outbreak such as the administration wishes to avoid.

The gunboat Marietta is the only American warship at Vera Cruz, since the Sacramento departed with the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers aboard. Captain Scott, her commander, is expected to keep the department informed of all developments.

CARRANZA WILL OPPOSE MEDDLING BY OUTSIDERS

His Representative Publishes Scathing Arraignment of Present Conference

Washington, Aug. 12.—General Carranza, through his agency here today authorized the publication of a scathing arraignment of the Pan-American conference at the White House and financial interests in both the United States and Mexico, written by General Jara, a constitutionalist.

General Carranza's foreign minister in Vera Cruz today cabled the agency here the reply of Argentina to the "first chief's" note as to the Pan-American conference. In this message the president of Argentina was quoted as stating that he understood the conference was not to discuss Mexican domestic affairs or armed intervention. This substantiated a cable dispatched from Galveston as to a cable received by the Carranzista consul in which the "first chief" gave a similar outline of Argentina's reply.

"I am informed that the American department of state suggested to the A. B. C. powers the idea of interfering in a direct manner in our affairs and that it is proposed to impose on us a president who will be supported by the White House by force of arms," the statement from the agency declared.

"If such a thing has been accomplished by Mexican or foreign Jews who from other side of the border speculate in scandalous and criminal war without misfortune, and if the Washington government considers the highway robbery bandits of Wall street more worthy of protection and esteem than the autonomy of a country—I energetically protest against an outrage of such a character."

"It cannot be justified either in the name of civilization or the principles of humanity, inasmuch as, if such sentiments inspired Washington and the A. B. C. powers they should begin their task by interfering with the European war where civilization and humanity have received their hardest blows, instead of with Mexico, a poor, weak country, which makes such interference less just and decorous because we are not fighting for a perpetration of commerce."

"You may rest assured, General Carranza, that the working classes now with me will follow your patriotic example and we will all be by your side to defend national autonomy with arms in hand."

General Jara is the former supervisor of labor at Vera Cruz.

Another message made public today from General Carlos Tejedo to Carranza, read:

"I assure you all of us to the last soldier will follow you in sacrifice."

Several generals wired Carranza they would die rather than submit to foreign interference.

PRESIDENT OF HAITI

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 12.—General Dartiguenave, president of the national assembly, was elected president of Haiti today by a majority vote of the assembly. There was no disorder.

Philadelphia Ledger: If the Mexicans want to fight why don't they go to Europe, where the fighting is good!