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GERMANS THREATEN CAPITAL OF RUSSIA

Full Army Corps Said To Be Driving Toward Petrograd—Movement May Force Evacuation of Brest-Litovsk, and the Russian South Front—Berlin Expects Novo Georgewsk to Surrender With 50,000 Troops—French Gain Reported

London, Aug. 19.—Evacuation of Brest-Litovsk and the Russian south front may be forced within a fortnight owing to the necessity of Grand Duke Nicholas wheeling his army northward to defend Petrograd.

This was the belief expressed by military critics here today. The evacuation of Brest-Litovsk may come within a fortnight, it is believed, as a result of the capture of Kovno by the forces of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

The Austro-Germans are now attacking the outer defenses of Brest-Litovsk. The Teutonic infantry is steadily closing in upon the fortress base from the west and southwest and siege guns are being brought up to batter the inner works of the Slav position.

In the capture of Kovno and the advance upon the railway connecting the northern fortress with Brest-Litovsk by way of Vilna the Germans are threatening Petrograd. The Russian war office today admitted the capture of the principal defenses of Kovno, but claimed that fortifications two miles and a half south of the fortress were still held.

The Slavs in this region, on the right bank of the Niemen river, are protecting the retreat of the main body of Cossacks upon Vilna. All preparations have been made, however, for the early abandonment of this latter point. The population fled from Vilna more than a week ago and the Russians have been daily engaged dismantling factories and removing everything of military value.

Petrograd today admitted that "stubborn fighting with alternating successes" was in progress south of Kovno and on the Bialostok-Brest-Litovsk line.

Heavy attacks against Novo Georgewsk are also reported by the Russian war office. It was claimed that the situation around Brest-Litovsk was unchanged.

It is persistently rumored that a whole German corps is being moved from Field Marshal Von Mackensen's southern front to the north for a drive on Petrograd after Vilna is seized. Some critics believe the German plan is to drive a wedge into the Russian line west of Vilna and then march against Petrograd while the Slavs to the south are held off. To counter such an attack, the Russians must evacuate Brest-Litovsk and retreat to the north or leave a garrison in the southern fortress to impede the movements of the Germans to the southeast.

Take Two More Ports.

Berlin, via wireless to London, Aug. 19.—Penetration of outer positions of the Russians at Brest-Litovsk and the capture of two more Novo Georgewsk forts, with 225 cannon was reported by the war office today.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces penetrated the outer works of Brest-Litovsk near Rokito, the official statement declared. In addition to the cannon which fell into the hands of the Germans with the fall of the two forts at Novo Georgewsk, 1000 prisoners were taken.

Following up his Kovno victory, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is clearing the region west of Grodno of Russians. Part of the Slavs in the Kovno region are being driven southward and with the Germans threatening their rear there. They hurriedly evacuated their line from Kalmia to Suwalki, to the west of Grodno. These forces are retreating to the Warsaw-Petrograd railway.

Important French Gain.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The most important gain made by the French in weeks on the western front was announced in the official communique today, which stated that the cross-roads east of Notre Dame De Lorette had been captured. This is the junction point of the Arras-Bethune and Angres-Ablain highways.

A strong counter attack was delivered by the Germans after the crossroads was taken, but this was repulsed, and the position, which formed a salient in the French lines, was maintained.

The capture of this position will permit the launching of an offensive against the Germans to the north and northeast of Soezeh.

"Violent fighting continues about the summit of Lingekopf in the Vosges," the communique stated. "We have taken new trenches on the crest of Schratmaende."

Germans Make Steady Progress.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Aug. 19.—Novo Georgewsk may be expected to surrender within a few days with its garrison of 50,000 Russians, German newspaper declared today. Riga and Dvinsk are also threatened by the Germans and Brest-Litovsk is now half encircled.

As an example of the great progress that is being made by the Kaiser's armies in the east the papers pointed out that the fortresses of Warsaw, Ivan Gorod, Lublin and Lanza have been reduced and taken since August 5.

Fighting on Italian Front.

Rome, Aug. 19.—General Cadorna is now endeavoring to break the Austrian line along the Isonzo. Heavy bombardments before Goritz and infantry attacks south and west of Tolma were reported today.

Italian infantry rushed the Austrians out of several rows of trenches from San Martino to Bigliani, but were later forced to evacuate the positions by the enemy artillery.

Naval Engagement.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Aug. 19.—Among the announcements from the official press bureau today was the statement that the "admiralty yesterday reported an important engagement."

This is believed to refer to the sinking of the British transport Royal Edward in the Aegean sea.

More British Troops.

London, Aug. 19.—More British troops have been landed on Suvla bay in the Dardanelles. General Sir Ian Hamilton today reported fresh landings and declared "severe fighting is in progress with heavy losses to both sides."

General Hamilton admitted that the arrival of Turkish reinforcements blocked the British advance following the landing of fresh troops.

GREAT STORM LOSS IN LONE STAR STATE WITH TOLL OF LIFE

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 19.—About 100 persons are known to have perished in the Texas storm region as a result of the terrific tropical hurricane which swept Galveston and nearby cities, and then moved inland to wreak further damage upon crops and towns.

The hurricane was at its height on Monday and lasted until Wednesday morning, practically wiping out several smaller towns and inflicting property damage which will run into millions.

Millions of railroad tracks are destroyed, hundreds of telegraph and telephone poles are down and wires flattened on the ground. It will take weeks to completely restore communication and return conditions to anything like normal.

Saved By Seawall.

Only the great sea wall erected by Galveston eleven years ago saved it from meeting the same fate suffered in 1900 when 8,000 persons were drowned and the entire city inundated. As it is, the city has suffered millions of dollars loss to property but the death list in Galveston proper is not expected to exceed six. Forty small crafts in the harbor are believed to have been sunk during the storm, beach resorts were

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SUNK IN ELEVEN MINUTES AFTER TORPEDO STRUCK

State Department Acts At Once To Ascertain If Interests Were Affected

Washington, Aug. 19.—Eleven boatsload of survivors from the torpedoed liner Arabic arrived at Queenstown today, American Vice Consul Thompson reported to the state department this afternoon.

Queenstown, Aug. 19.—The White Star officials this afternoon received a message saying a rescue ship carrying 400 survivors from the torpedoed liner Arabic is en route to port. If this be true, it accounts for all of those on board the vessel except 36.

London, Aug. 19.—A statement from the White Star line offices this evening stated that 16 boats, containing passengers and members of the crew of the Arabic, were en route to Queenstown. It is hoped no lives were lost, but the line officials are not certain, the statement said.

New York, Aug. 19.—A Queenstown cable to the White Star line offices here this afternoon declared 375 persons were saved when the Arabic was torpedoed and sunk.

There were 423 including passengers and the crew aboard the liner, leaving 50 unaccounted for.

CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY TELLS OF SUCCESSES

Addressing Reichstag He Says Empire Has New Armies For New Enterprises

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Aug. 19.—"Germany has strong armies for her new enterprises, and proudly and without fear we look to the future."

Striking a key note of optimism, Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg thus addressed the opening session of the Reichstag. A big throng heard the imperial chancellor as he again traced the events leading up to the war. He declared it was false that Germany alone was prepared for the conflict and charged that the country's enemies had misrepresented the facts.

"The present occupation of Poland by your armies is the beginning of an evolution which will lead that country from the Russian yoke, toward a brighter future in which it will be able to develop an individual and national character," the chancellor declared.

Continuing Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg went over the events which have transpired since the last session of the Reichstag.

"All French attacks against our western front have failed," the chancellor said, "despite their contempt for death and their reckless waste of lives."

Italy has been splendidly repulsed by our ally, despite the numbers in which she has attacked. The Dardanelles remain unshaken and cannot be taken.

"We extend greetings to our faithful allies, especially to Emperor Franz Josef, who celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday yesterday."

The chancellor reviewed the Gallician, Poland and Conland campaigns and declared Germany's enemies were incurring a great toll of blood by over-estimating England's claim to be fighting for the rights of others and declared Germany was fighting for the freedom of the seas.

Drop Bombs on London.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Aug. 19.—Zeppelins dropped bombs upon the city of London and an important establishment on the Thames Tuesday, an official account of the latest aerial raid upon England declared today.

The raid was with good results, it was stated. Factories at Ipswich were also bombed. The Zeppelins escaped without damage from the fire of anti-aircraft guns.

"Five boats from one of our torpedo boat flotillas attacked a small modern British cruiser and destroyer near the Hornsby lightship," the official statement said.

"Our boats sank the cruiser and destroyer. We suffered no losses."

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has taken 8,000 prisoners around Kovno, it was announced.

To Evacuate Kovel.

London, Aug. 19.—Preparations are being made by the Russians for the evacuation of Kovel, according to Petrograd dispatches received here today. Factories have been dismantled and the contents of some government buildings are being removed, it is reported.

Kovel is 75 miles southeast of Brest-Litovsk and the northernmost point of the new Slav line in Poland.

Another Steamer Sunk.

London, Aug. 19.—The British steamer Dunsey, of 3,394 tons, from Liverpool to Boston, is reported to have been torpedoed by a submarine near where the Arabic was sunk. The Dunsey was presumably attacked by the same submarine that sank the White Star liner.

One report received here says the Dunsey is still afloat and is picking up survivors from the Arabic. An earlier dispatch to the owners of the vessel said it had been sunk.

British Cruiser Lost.

Berlin, via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Aug. 19.—A British cruiser was destroyed in an engagement off the west coast of Jutland, an admiralty statement announced today. The cruiser was sunk by a torpedo boat. The official report indicated a real battle had been fought.

WOMAN TURNED AWAY AFTER SWIMMING MILE

Ocean Park, Cal., Aug. 19.—Determined to board the battle-ship Wisconsin, Miss Anita Boling, of this city, swam a mile through a choppy sea to the side of the war dog today, only to have an officer declare that under no circumstances would a mermaid be allowed on one of Uncle Sam's fighting craft. Miss Boling also swam out to the battleship yesterday but that time a stone-faced "midshipmite" stood guard at the gangplank and refused her admittance.

SIXTY-TWO MILLIONS IS PROPERTY LOSS

Awful Destruction Wrought In South By Hurricane and Tidal Wave—Reports of Loss of Life Coming In From Many Sections As Communications Are Restored—Government Takes Quick Action to Relieve Suffering In Stricken Districts

New Orleans, La., Aug. 19.—Property loss to the entire south in the hurricanes of this week was today estimated here at \$62,000,000, divided as follows:

- Loss in buildings destroyed, \$40,000,000.
- Cotton and other crops, \$20,000,000.
- Oil, \$2,000,000.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19.—The death toll in the tropical hurricane which swept southeastern Texas had reached nearly 200 this afternoon and was still growing.

Many points at which lives are known to have been lost have not yet been heard from, but with these missing the list of dead was steadily increasing.

With the death list at Galveston raised to 14, additional reports from that district increased the aggregate toll nearly 100. Most of the fatalities to be reported were believed to be due to vessels being swamped in the storm.

The list included:

- Perished from the dredge Sam Houston, 4; from the dredge San Bernard, 27; drowned at Jennings Island, 3; Saur Lake, 11.

All railroads operating in Texas are assembling men and materials today to construct a wooden trestle across Galveston bay in order to connect the island city with the mainland. This is necessary owing to the destruction of parts of the great seawall and will take three weeks with men working day and night.

Unconfirmed reports reaching here of whole villages along the coast being wiped out tend to indicate that the casualties would run into thousands, but it is believed most of the inhabitants of these towns were saved and that the loss of life will be much less than was expected on the face of those reports. Some of the towns and villages reported destroyed were of more than 1000 population.

The number of dead in the city which bore the brunt of the hurricane, was placed at 14.

In addition 10 dead are reported at Patton, where the property loss was placed at \$50,000. Two are reported to have perished at Bay Ridge.

Relief Work Begun.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The war department today ordered food, bedding and tents rushed to Galveston from Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Lavenworth, Kan., for use by victims of the gulf storm. The army will cooperate with the Red Cross in relief work.

Early dispatches stated that the storm had subsided and that the casualties could not be accurately estimated.

The war department also ordered food supplies sent from New Orleans to Galveston. Emergency supplies will

BE DRAWN FROM FORT WINGATE, BROWNVILLE, EL PASO AND FROM ARMY POSTS.

The Red Cross society here is awaiting further details to determine whether special representatives are needed to care for the injured.

General Bell, in command at Texas City, has reported that the government losses there were very heavy. Many cavalry mounts were swept out to sea and all equipment virtually ruined by the storm.

It is not believed the number of 26 dead at Texas City will be increased when complete details are obtained.

The war department learned today that not more than 10 soldiers perished in the storm at Texas City, despite reports that the death list there reaches 20.

46 Dead in Galveston.

New Orleans, Aug. 19.—Late reports received today from the Texas storm declared there were 46 fatalities in Galveston and Virginia Point alone.

Twenty persons are reported to have drowned at Virginia Point. The Causeway hotel there is declared to have collapsed. There were 60 guests in the hotel.

At Galveston 26 were reported to have perished. The dead there include the wife and daughter of Lighthouse Keeper Strubhart. The loss by fire, which followed the storm in the island city, is estimated at \$500,000.

Reports from Houston declare great losses in Galveston were suffered along Seawall boulevard and east of Tremont street, where scores of dwellings were toppled over. The wreck of Galveston is also complete from Eleventh to Nineteenth streets. In this district the loss is estimated at \$15,000,000. Debris is piled high in the streets and special police are on duty to prevent looting of wrecked houses and stores.

The surfside life saving station was demolished and seven steamers are reported grounded about Galveston. The wind which hit the harbor and city was of terrific force. Vessels were ripped from the moorings and hurled inland on the crest of the flood. Houses were blown down and trees uprooted. One of the most striking indications of the force of the wind was found when a monument was discovered as having been blown 220 feet.

Dance at Hotel Galvez.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 19.—A dance was in progress at the Hotel Galvez in Galveston Monday night while the fierce storm was at its height. When the lights went out owing to the breakdown of the electric light plant, candles were substituted. Hundreds of storm victims took refuge in the hotel.

Members of the Shreveport baseball team and 300 other refugees from Galveston brought in this story here upon arriving in Houston today. Manager Knocoves, of the Shreveport team, estimated the number of dead in Galveston from 50 to 100. Other members of the team declared the list of victims would

First Wounded Italian Soldiers Create Excitement in Rome

(By Alice Rehn.) (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Rome, July 14.—(By mail.)—Six hundred wounded soldiers, the first signal of Italy's entrance into the war, arrived in Rome today.

Rome, emotional, responsive, gazed upon the unloading of the two trainloads and their dispatch in train cars, ambulances and automobiles to the various hospitals. It was a sight long to be remembered. Traffic was stopped as the vehicles bearing the Red Cross passed through the city.

Women wept, and men, hats in hand, cheered the returning wounded, while from the same depot fresh recruits were departing for the front.

So far Rome had gazed only upon those departing soldiers, banners have flown, and flowers had petted the "soldati." Today all was changed. The little crown prince and his sisters, his mother, Queen Helena, and the Queen Mother Margherita have been at the station to greet the soldiers on their way to the mountains to join the men with the king.

Today, in the midst of the surging Roman crowd, the crown prince again was among the people. Two wounded men in particular attracted his attention for they wore upon their breasts medals for bravery. Strongly affected at the sight of these two heroes the little prince insisted that they enter his hospital in his company. The Roman crowd watching the scene broke into cheers and wild demonstrations.

"Viva Prince Umberto!" "Vive Savoia," "Vive the army!" "Vive the king!"

But the Prince of Piedmont, future king of Italy, his eyes fastened eagerly on the two soldiers, began to question them eagerly:

"Have you seen papa—the king?"

The two soldiers, eyes filled with tears, voices broken with emotion, tried in vain to reply.

"I would like to go to the front and fight with the soldiers for Italy with papa," he said affectionately, trying with childish sympathy to encourage the two soldiers to talk.

"But have you seen papa," he reiterated.

The two soldiers weeping and laughing with emotion replied:

"Yes, we have seen him. He gave us these medals with his own hands. He shook hands with us. He called us his brave sons."

"And how is he?" cried the crown prince.

"Fine," replied the soldiers, "and lighthearted when among us. He acts as though it were a holiday instead of a war."

Then the two soldiers recounted to the little prince all the details of the encounter in which they were wounded. And not until he had seen them safely placed in the hospital would he leave their sides. At the station to greet the returning wounded men from the front was also Queen Helena, the Queen Mother Margherita and the Duke of Genoa.

The number of wounded is being kept a secret throughout Italy. The Roman papers have not even been allowed to print the number of today's returning men.

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