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GERMANS FAIL TO BEAT DOWN SLAV DEFENSE

RUSSIANS HOLDING LINES IN TACT AGAINST HEAVY ASSAULTS

GERMANS CLAIM LITTLE PROGRESS

Relative Calm Prevails in West—Austrians Claim Italian Offensive is Failure.

London, July 28.—Although the Germans are using strong reinforcements they have not yet beaten down the Russian resistance either around Warsaw or in Kevno and Courland provinces, in each of which places fighting has raged for a fortnight.

Around Warsaw the Russians have hurled themselves on the German lines in a series of counter attacks, which halted the German advance.

Von Hindenberg's troops who have been pressing the Russians along a sixty mile Narw Sector and the troops of the Austrian Grand Duke in southeast Poland have felt the force of the Russian onslaughts.

Berlin and Vienna declare the Russian offensive has been put down, but they do not deny that the Austro-Germans have made only slight progress; if any. If Von Mackensen is making any advance in the southeastern sector of the great Polish line nothing concerning it has been permitted to become known. Berlin states the situation of the German troops in this region is virtually unchanged.

Except for encounters in Alsace where both French and Germans claim small gains, and northwest of Souchez where trench fighting has been going on there is a relative calm in the west.

The furious battle which has raged for days in the Gorizia theatre of the Austro-Italian campaign has ended in a complete failure of the Italians to attain their objective, according to Vienna. Vienna also declares the Austrians are holding their own against the Italians attacks along the Isonzo front.

Before parliament adjourned tonight until September fourteenth Premier Asquith said the war had become and likely would continue for some time a contest of endurance.

London, July 28.—Though the Germans hold a great line from the Gulf of Riga southeastward around Warsaw to the Galician frontier near Sokal, it is estimated they will have to have five hundred thousand men and even then the Russian front will not yet be broken. On the Narw at the North Polish capital the Russians made a stubborn resistance holding von Hindenburg, while in the south the combined Teutonic forces trying to seize the Lublin-Chelm railway have been for days on the threshold of success without being able actually to achieve it.

Fighting in this latter front has been renewed with the greatest intensity. The Teutons claim to have improved their position on the extreme right which rests on the river Bug. Immediately west of Warsaw a comparative quiet prevails and it is along the Lublin-Chelm section or in the Narw region that it is believed a crisis is impending.

ENHANCED CRITICAL

London, July 28.—Which one of these fronts is of the greatest strategic importance is still a matter of debate.

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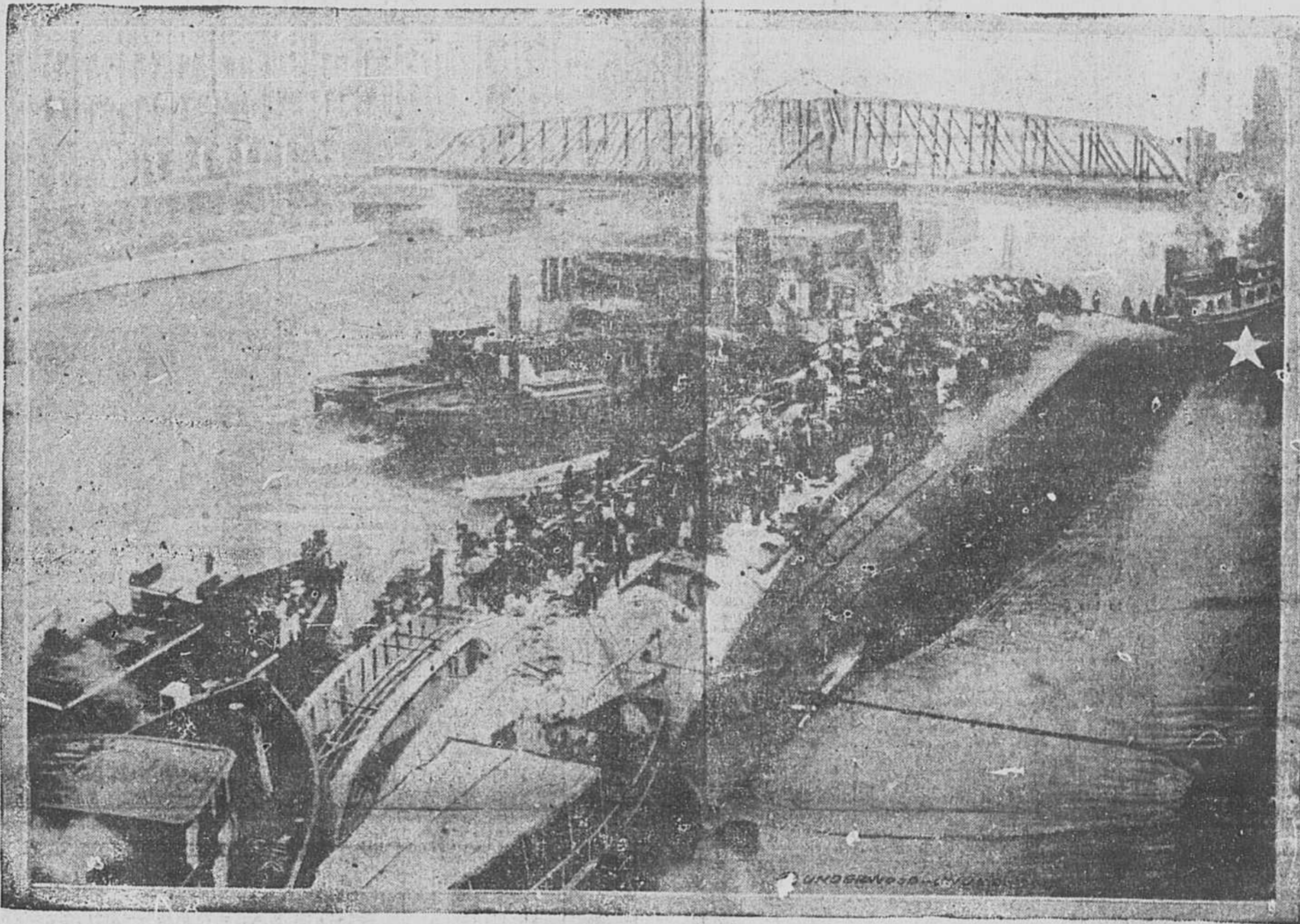
ENGLAND DEFENDS RIGHTS TO BLOCKADE

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE WILL CITE PRECEDENTS ESTABLISHED IN CIVIL WAR IN U. S. IN SUPPORT OF RIGHT TO BLOCKADE NEUTRAL PORTS.

Washington, July 28.—Defense of the right of belligerents to blockade a neutral port through which an enemy is receiving supplies or attempting to market its products is the chief argument in the supplementary note Great Britain is sending in reply to the American protest against the enforcement of the orders in council. The original note already received is being withheld from publication here at the request of Great Britain pending the arrival of the second note which is expected this week.

The British government will regard all points other than that of the blockade of neutral ports as subsidiary and proper for discussion later. Civil war precedents which established for the United States the right of blockading neutral ports will form the chief basis of the British argument. The supplementary note also will call attention to the greatly enlarged United States trade with the neutral governments of Europe adjoining Germany since the war began.

Wreck of the Eastland in Chicago River, Where Hundreds Died



This photograph of the wreck of the excursion steamer Eastland in the Chicago River, Saturday morning, was taken an hour after the accident.

It looks toward the Clark street bridge from a point above the stern of the vessel. She is lying on her port side, and the crowd of men on

the hull are the rescuers who took from the hold more than 1,000 dead. In the distance at the right is the tug Kenosha, which had a line at the

bow of the Eastland to tow her to Lake Michigan. The captain of the tug, as he saw the steamship careening swung around with his stern

against her bow and his bow against the wharf. This formed a bridge over which several hundred escaped.

ITALY CLAIMS GAINS ON CARSO

General Staff Announces Battle On Plateau Continues Favorable to Italians—Progress Toward Martino.

Rome, July 28.—Continuance of the battle on Carso plateau with results favorable to the Italian arms is recorded in a statement of the Italian general staff issued last night. The Italians captured a strong position on San Michele, but because of the cross fire of the Austrian artillery below the crest their positions were not maintained. On the centre progress toward San Martino is recorded. On the right a position on Monte Me was taken, together with about 3,200 prisoners, including 42 officers and quantities of war materials. In the Alpone valley the Italians occupied Monte Lavanesch and Pisona crest, taking full possession of the right slope. The struggle continues in the Monte Negro region.

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STANDARD OIL STRIKE ENDED

Practically All Employees Have Returned to Work—Bogus Strike Leader Will Probably be Released Today.

New York, July 28.—The strike at the Payonne plant of the Standard and Tidewater Oil company is ended. Virtually every man returned. General companies which closed during the rioting in which three strikers were killed, have also resumed.

Jeremiah J. Baly, the leader, watched the men return from the sheriff's automobile. Baly is to be released today. Frank Tannenbaum, the I. W. W. leader, will also be released. Police still guarded the Engler company's work at Jersey City, where 300 are striking. Authorities hope it will soon end. Thirty guards at the Tidewater plant charged with inciting to riot will be arraigned today.

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MAY ARRANGE PEACE MEETING

Villa, Zapata and Others Have Hinted That Peace Conference May Yet Be Held—Carranza May Join.

Washington, July 28.—Intimations have reached the state department, it was learned tonight, that a joint peace conference of all Mexican factions can be arranged under conditions acceptable to Carranza, although Carranza has not yet indicated whether he will yield to another United States request that he join in the peace negotiations.

Villa, Zapata, Maytorena and many others have indicated that another effort by the United States will take any further steps, however, until President Wilson returns from Cornish.

N. Y. Cotton Advances. New York, July 28.—The scare over the water and crop situation caused an advance of more than a dollar and a half per bale today. The New Orleans market showed about the same gain.

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Admiralty Report. Washington, July 28.—Ambassador Page today forwarded a report to the British admiralty on the sinking of the Leelanaw by a German submarine. The admiralty reported the Leelanaw was flying the American flag and the crew had plenty of time to take to the boats which were towed sixty miles until a strange vessel was sighted.

BECKER WILL DIE FRIDAY; APPEAL LOST

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE REFUSES NEW TRIAL FOR MURDERER

GOV. WHITMAN WON'T INTERFERE

Says If He Had Any Doubt as to Becker's Guilt He Would Pardon Him.

New York, July 28.—Justice Ford of the State Supreme court, tonight refused a new trial to Charles Becker, convicted of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

The decision means that Becker must be electrocuted Friday, all other means of escaping the chair having been tried unsuccessfully.

None of Becker's counsel were present when Justice Ford announced the refusal of Becker's application. Only newspaper men, the justice's brother and a clerk were present. Mrs. Becker was said to be visiting her husband at that moment.

After saying that the evidence by which the new trial was sought was insufficient, the justice said in conclusion: "As I studied authority and examined the affidavits the conviction grew upon me that a new trial could not be granted without disregarding the law and attempting to usurp the functions of another department of the government." He also said Becker's statement did not even contend it contained new evidence and therefore must be disregarded.

Gov. Whitman's Comment.

Albany, July 28.—Justice Ford did the only thing he could do. The evidence was conclusive. If I had any doubt as to Becker's guilt I should pardon him." This was Governor Whitman's only comment tonight on Becker.

MOUNT PLEASANT MAYOR DOESN'T LIKE CLOSE-UP

Columbia, July 27.—The mayor of Mount Pleasant this morning wired the governor protesting against the closing of the dispensary during the encampment of the First regiment on the Isle of Palms saying that it was affecting the finances of the town. The governor replied by wire that he would take the matter up when he reached Charleston tonight.

Italian Volunteers Leave. New York, July 28.—One thousand volunteers for the Italian army are passengers on the Dante Alighiere, sailing for Naples and Genoa.

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