

FALL OF KOVNO SEVERE BLOW TO RUSSIANS

OPENS WAY TO VILNA, WARSAW AND PETROGRAD RAILWAY

RUSSIAN ARMY IN SERIOUS DANGER

Forts Fell Before Germans Wonderful Sixteen Inch Guns.

London, Aug. 18.—The Germans last night captured Kovno, one of the crucial points in the Russian defensive in the north, the fall of which opened the road to the Vilna, Warsaw and Petrograd railway.

This and other developments has placed the Russian army in serious danger of an envelopment for the first time since Grand Duke Nicholas began to retire from Galicia in May, according to military observers.

Besides opening the way to Vilna, an open town, from which nearly everything useful to invaders has been taken, the fall of Kovno takes away the last protection except the Russian field army, to the main railway to Petrograd, and puts the Germans in a position to threaten the flanks of the Russian armies retreating to Brest Litovsk line and those operating in southern Courland.

Kovno fell before the German sixteen inch guns, which never yet have found fortifications they couldn't subdue.

The Germans announce that they captured four hundred cannon and a vast quantity of war material.

At virtually every other place the Germans have taken little booty and few prisoners, indicating that the Russian retreat has been orderly.

It was officially announced in Petrograd that the Russians are still holding the fortification at Jozia, two and half miles from Kovno.

European capitals expect early developments in the Balkans. Eleutherios Venizelos, who is forming a new Greek cabinet, is reported to hold the view that Greece should not enter the war unless she is given reason to hope for the realization of her ambition of becoming predominant nation of southern Europe.

Italy's seizure of islands in Aegean Sea to which Greece aspired, may be a stumbling block. Serbian occupation of a part of Albania is reported to have aroused Italy's ire and caused a diplomatic hint that Italy is sending sufficient troops there to control the entire region.

Allies claim advance of five hundred yards on Gallipoli Peninsula. Turkey however declares all allies efforts repulsed. Beyond French claim they have occupied summit of Soudernach in Vosges. There has been no important development in west.

Berlin, (wireless to Sayville), Aug. 18.—An official announcement today says the Russian fortress Kovno has been in the German's hands since last night. All the forts were captured with a large quantity of war material. Over four hundred cannon were taken. It was captured by storm despite a tenacious resistance.

Military experts have agreed that the loss of Kovno will be a serious blow to the Russians. The London Times critic in an article this morning says:

"If the enemy succeeds in reducing Kovno and is thereby able to cross the Niemen, he will be in the rear of the Russian line north of Sevnia and with the junction of the two wings of the Russian right flank would be very difficult. An official report from Germany yesterday announced the capture of forts southwest of the front of Kovno together with forty-five hundred prisoners and 240 guns. This was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of the fortress proper but its accomplishment so speedily was hardly expected. The famous German general Hindenburg personally took command of the army.

Kovno, the capital of the province of that name, is on the right bank of the Niemen. It is a first class fortress. The civilian population is over seventy-five thousand.

London Report. London, Aug. 18.—The fall of the Russian fortress of Kovno marks an event of unmistakable importance in the campaign. London, however, was prepared for the German announcement today by the fall of the outlying forts yesterday.

The Teutonic armies are not expected to relax the pressure upon the eastern front until they once more separate the Russian northern and southern armies and capture Brest-Litovsk.

An official report from Sir Ian Hamilton confirmed the Turkish re-

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THOUSANDS ARE STARVING IN MEXICO CITY

BODIES OF STARVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN PICKED UP DAILY

CARRANZA FORCES HOLD ENGLISHMAN

Arrest Was Made Despite Previous Warning From Secretary Lansing.

Puebla, Mexico, Aug. 12.—(By Mail to New Orleans.)—Thousands are starving in Mexico City, the bodies of women and children being daily picked up in the streets, according to a Red Cross agent arriving here today.

British Subject Held. Vera Cruz, Aug. 12.—(By Mail to New Orleans.)—Carranza agents have arrested Henry W. Francis, a newspaperman and British subject, and hold him incommunicado, despite previous warning from Secretary Lansing that his arrest would be considered unfriendly to the United States.

He is charged with sending out unfavorable news regarding Carranza.

Villa Accepts Proposal. Washington, Aug. 18.—General Villa's reply to the Pan-American peace appeal was received at the Villa agency here today and will be presented to Secretary Lansing tomorrow. It is understood he accepts the offer of the American government's aid in restoring the government of Mexico.

Carranza's response has not been received. It is generally believed he will try to convince the Pan-American conference that the only way to peace is recognition of his movement. Most of his generals are expected to reply likewise. The battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire reached Vera Cruz today.

Warning Issued. Mexico City, Aug. 18.—Gen. Pablo Gonzalez will issue a decree warning all foreigners attempting to protect Mexican property under foreign flags that they will be liable to expulsion as pernicious foreigners.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Villistas under Friol Madero are expected to attack Monterey within 24 hours. The battle will be an important one. Twelve thousand Villistas are now occupying the suburbs of Monterey. Confirmation of the killing of Corporal Willman and wounding Lieut. Henry and Privates Jackson in a border conflict near Mercedes has been received by the War Department from General Funston.

Suspecting th. Carranza has bought a vessel and cargo of ammunition to use at Vera Cruz the Justice Department is holding the schooner Isadora at Pensacola pending an investigation.

SAVILLE WIRELESS IS CLOSELY WATCHED

Supt. Bullard Removed From Service By Secretary of Navy Danah.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Secretary Daniels admitted today that he had taken additional censorship restrictions on the Sayville Wireless station following the recent conference with John Rathona, editor of The Providence Journal. Rathona presented facts to Secretary Daniels which resulted later in calling Supt. Bullard from the Naval Radio Service.

MINERS NOT SATISFIED. London, Aug. 18.—Miners' meetings at various places in South Wales yesterday adopted resolutions expressing dissatisfaction at the delay in completing a new wage agreement and recommending that unless a settlement be reached soon another conference be held to consider renewal of the strike.

Where Mexican Brigands Invaded Texas.



James E. Ferguson, Governor of Texas.

Governor James E. Ferguson of Texas has called on President Wilson for more federal troops to drive off the Mexican brigands who have crossed the border between Brownsville and Laredo and attacked American ranchers. General Funston, who is in charge of American troops, has acted quickly and sent them in various directions where attacks have been reported.

One Mexican brigand was killed the other night at Mercedes. Bands of Mexicans had attacked ranchers near Edinburg, and troops were sent there from Brownville. There are sufficient regular troops on the border under the command of General Funston to drive General Carranza's army back were it to invade the United States. The Mexican territory from which these raids have been made is in nominal possession of Carranza. It is suspected by some that he has caused brigands to cross the border in order to cause trouble.

Part of Texas Terrorized by Bandits.

CARDOSO GETS WARM WELCOME

City, State and Federal Authorities Welcome Brazilian Minister in Appreciation of Services to U. S.

New Orleans, Aug. 18.—Jose M. Cardoso De Oliveira, Brazilian minister to Mexico, upon arriving here today enroute to Washington, was welcomed by Federal, state and city representatives in appreciation of his services to the United States in Mexico. He declined to discuss Mexican affairs.

New Orleans, Aug. 18.—The United States representative of state in this city today welcomed Jose M. Cardoso De Oliveira, the Brazilian minister to Mexico upon his arrival here from Vera Cruz aboard the gunboat Sacramento. Cardoso at noon was entertained at luncheon by Mayor Behrman and after a tour of the city city was the guest of honor at a dinner by Governor Hall. The minister and family leave at 7:30 for New York.

The reception of Cardoso was one of the most elaborate official functions ever seen here. A military band played the United States and Brazilian anthems as the gunboat docked and the ministers' salute was fired. He was greeted by the governor and mayor and United States army and naval officers.

Cardoso refused to discuss the Mexican matters. He said he would try to forget the past few months until he arrived in Washington to make a detailed report of conditions to Secretary Lansing. Dr. Ortega, the Guatemalan minister, expelled by Carranza also arrived with the members of his family.

AUSTRIAN FLEET RAID ISLAND OF PELAGOSA

Twenty-One Warships and Aeroplanes Participated—Four Italians Killed.

Rome, Aug. 18.—It was officially announced tonight that 21 Austrian warships and one aeroplane have bombarded the island of Pelagosa in the Adriatic, midway between the Promontory of Gargano and Dalmatia, and retired after killing an Italian officer and three men and wounding three. The Austria's losses are unknown.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED FOR POISONING MULES

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 18.—"Kid" Jackson and Henry Russell, negroes were lynched at Hope Hill, ten miles from here this morning. Another negro who was rescued, died at the hospital. They were charged with poisoning mules.

AUSTRIA CALLS BOYS OF 17

Rome, Aug. 18.—The age limit for military service in the Austrian army, says a Vienna despatch, has been greatly altered. Boys of 17 will hereafter be eligible to serve, while men of 52 will be liable to a summons.



General Frederick Funston, United States Commander.

HARRIS WILL PROBE TO THE BOTTOM OF LYNCHING OF FRANK

Will Offer Reward for Arrest and Conviction of Guilty Parties—Ex-Gov. Slaton Condemns Address of Mayor Woodward Who Declared Three-Fourth of People of Georgia Believed Frank Guilty—Says Frank Case Was Football of Politics.

Atlanta, Aug. 18.—Governor Harris today arranged to confer tomorrow with the state prison commission regarding the lynching of Leo M. Frank.

The governor stated that the lynching was a blot on the state's name and would be probed to the bottom and at the proper time he would offer rewards for the arrest and conviction of the lynchers.

Nothing was done in Marietta today, the coroner's jury having adjourned until next Tuesday. The town was quiet.

Various stories were circulated there regarding lynching but none could be found to verify them. All except one said Frank returned an evasive answer when asked if guilty just before he was hanged.

Frank's body was well on its way to Brooklyn tonight.

Slaton Issues Statement.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Former Governor Slaton of Georgia, who commuted Leo M. Frank's death sentence to life imprisonment, today issued a formal statement condemning the address delivered here last night by Mayor Woodward of Atlanta, in which Woodward said Frank was guilty of the people outside Georgia were misled. He condemned the lynching and added that Slaton had been not return to Georgia.

Slaton termed Woodward "old and garulous" and called the Frank case a football of politics.

Photos Barred.

Atlanta, Aug. 18.—Postal authorities have barred postcard pictures of Frank's body from the mails.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 18.—All the legal machinery available to Governor Harris will be put into motion to apprehend the members of the mob which lynched Leo M. Frank at Marietta yesterday, the governor announced. He came from Fitzgerald when he heard of the lynching, while he was attending the Confederate reunion.

"This affair is shocking and I'm going to have it investigated to the very limit of my power," he said.

The governor had not made up his mind exactly what to do immediately, but it is believed that much depends upon the findings of the Cobb county grand jury which will meet again next Tuesday. The governor had not decided, when he reached the office, whether or not a reward would be offered.

Prison Commissioner Fayner arrived from Milledgeville today, with the other commissioners who were at the prison farm when Frank was taken. He, like Chairman Davidson, is of the opinion that nothing will be gained by investigation of events at the penitentiary. Davidson is on the way here.

Woodward Comments.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—J. G. Woodward, the mayor of Atlanta, in an address here last night at a banquet of the California State Assessors association declared that Frank suffered "a just penalty for an unspeakable crime." At the same time he warned former Governor Slaton not to return to Georgia. He was heard with close attention though there was little or no applause. To declared the people of the nation got their ideas of the Frank case through subsidized press reports and said that Georgians deplored the deed but know the feelings that promoted it. He asserted that he had received many letters and petitions to aid Frank and that they all went to the waste basket. He asserted that 75 per cent. of the Georgia people believed that Frank was guilty.

EASTLAND RELEASED.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—The steamship Eastland was released yesterday from custody of the United States and was towed away to a local shipyard. What disposition is to be made of the craft is not known.

The federal grand jury today continued its investigation into the Eastland disaster.

HUNDREDS DIE AS RESULT OF GULF STORM

STORM WRECKED 500 HOUSES IN GALVESTON

MANY TOWNS STILL CUT OFF FROM ALL COMMUNICATIONS

PROPERTY DAMAGE THIRTY MILLION

Enormous Losses Reported on Cotton Plantations and in Oil Fields.

Galveston, Aug. 18.—(By courier to Houston.)—Storm swept and battered, with a loss of but fourteen lives, Galveston, fortified by her enormous sea wall, emerged victorious today from one of the most severe storms in the history of the Gulf of Mexico.

However, about five hundred houses have been destroyed and the island is covered with debris. Four of those dead are United States soldiers and ten civilians. Fourteen persons lost their lives trying to reach the Tremont hotel during the height of the storm. Several thousand were quartered in this hotel.

A thousand feet of sea wall have been washed out, one beach of twenty five feet being in front of Hotel Galvez. Three fires raged Monday night and the fire loss has been great. The wreckage of four hundred houses is floating in the bay. The water made a clean sweep along the boulevard.

The storm reached its height at three o'clock Tuesday morning when the velocity of the wind was ninety two miles.

The greatest need today is water. Martial law been declared. The mayor stated today outside assistance is not needed.

Schooner Saved. Key West, Fla., Aug. 18.—Schooner M. A. Achorn, reported lost, was towed in here today by the revenue cutter Miami. Both masts were gone and she was water logged. It was reported her crew were saved by a tramp steamer.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF WALHALLA I. O. O. F.

Enthusiastic Addresses Made By Members of Lodge—Oratorical Reunion.

Walhalla, Aug. 18.—The Walhalla Lodge I. O. O. F. gave its annual banquet last night to its members, and a number of friends. After an elegant course dinner had been served, Mr. F. A. H. Schroder, Noble Grand of the Lodge, acting as toast-master, introduced the invited speakers for the occasion, Hon. M. R. McDonald, and Harry R. Hughes, Esq., both members of the Walhalla bar. Both of these gentlemen were at their best, and made ringing, inspiring speeches, appropriate to the occasion. Messrs. J. B. S. Denny, C. G. Jaynes, and Jas. M. Moss were called upon, and made short responses. There were more than sixty members of the lodge and visitors present, and the occasion was a most delightful and helpful one. The local lodge is in a healthy, growing condition.

It was regretted that the Hon. C. B. D. Burns, Past Noble Grand, of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, was unavoidably detained at his home at the last moment, and could not address the lodge and its guests.

Oratorical Reunion. Quite a number of Old Soldiers are making preparations to attend the reunion of Orr's Regiment of Rifles at Westminster on Thursday and Friday of this week. A number of noted speakers have been invited, and have signified their acceptance. The reunion of this noted regiment this year is expected to be a most pleasant one among the hospitable people of Westminster.

EXPECTING NOTICE SOON. London, Aug. 18.—The proclamation by Great Britain and France declaring cotton contraband is expected tonight or tomorrow at the latest.

ONLY GIGANTIC SEA WALL SAVED CITY FROM DESTRUCTION

FOURTEEN LIVES REPORTED LOST

Lack of Water Causes Suffering—Fire Loss Heavy—Sea Wall Damaged.

Dallas, Aug. 18.—With large sections of the storm-swept southeastern coast of Texas still cut off from communication a report here today placed the number of known dead at more than a hundred in the tropical storm and the property loss is vaguely estimated in millions, some placing it as high as thirty million.

Galveston suffered the heaviest property loss, it is believed, but the greatest loss of life was Virginia Point, opposite Galveston, where thirty are reported dead. Houston reported two dead and two million property loss. Other losses of life reported were: Morgans Point, eleven; Sylvia Beach, three; Hitchcock, seven; Laporte, seven; For Arthur, four; Lynchburg and Seabrook, three each. There were also enormous losses in cotton fields and oil fields.

Waco, Texas, Aug. 18.—Twelve soldiers were killed at Texas City during last night's storm when the Thompson building collapsed, says a copy of the sixth edition of the Houston Chronicle of Tuesday. Eight were killed by falling brick and four were drowned later. After 39 or 40 civilians and many women and children also lost their lives.

Those killed were enlisted men. Military ruins has been established in Texas City and soldiers are fishing corpses out of the water as fast as they can be located.

The first rumor that reached Houston said that two hundred to two hundred and fifty soldiers were drowned, but this report was denied by two men who went to Texas City in an automobile along the railroad track. They said that only twelve soldiers were dead, and perhaps twice that many injured.

Eight men are reported dead near Morgan's Point. They were drowned while fishing. Reports there tell of the finding of the bodies of a woman and a baby and a sailor near Sylvia beach.

Houston, Aug. 18. (via Temple, by telephone to Dallas, Aug. 18.—The Houston Chronicle prints the following interview with J. H. Montgomery, the Houston correspondent of the Galveston News, who got as far as Virginia Point, at the north end of the Galveston causeway Tuesday:

"I am confident that the number of dead in Galveston is large. I could not see an elevator on the port side of the city. My opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into thousands. I believe the property loss to be greater than in 1900.

Montgomery reached the drawbridge in the causeway and that structure was swept away. He was forced to return here, having made the trip in an automobile. We encountered indescribable conditions, he said. The road bridges at Slear Creek and Dickinson were washed out, we ran the automobile over the railroad bridges and across the ties. We saw thousands of bales of cotton on the prairie from Virginia Point to Lamarque, far in land, washed from the Galveston docks by the great tidal wave. The water must be several feet over the causeway. Serious damage must be done by it. The railroad draw bridge is washed away at Seabrook twenty miles from Houston and three are reported dead there.

HAITIEN REBELS FIGHTING AGAIN

Another Detachment of American Marines Landed at Port Haitien.

Port Haitien, Hayti, Aug. 18.—Another detachment of American marines have been landed here. The rebels have refused to disarm and in some sections have expressed a desire to fight the Americans. The people are excited but there have been no outbreaks. Foreigners at Port Au Prince, thirty-five miles to the northwest, report that they are being menaced by the rebels and ask for protection.