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GERMAN FORCES STILL PRESSING RUSSIANS BACK

HINDENBURG HAS RENEWED ACTIVITIES ALONG DVINA IN COURLAND

LIPSK IS TAKEN BY GERMANS

Approaching Equinoctial Storms Expected to Serve to Check German Advance.

London, Aug. 30.—Teutonic forces continue pressing the Russians. Berlin and Vienna emphasize the statement that Hindenburg's forces along the Dvina in Courland renewed the activities brought to a sudden halt recently with the success of the Russians holding Riga as a menace to Hindenburg's rear.

In the Brest-Litovsk region in southwestern Russia the Teutons are striving to drive the Russians further into the Pripst Marshes. They evidently intend to try to repeat the early success of the Germans in the Mazurian Lakes region of east Prussia.

Northwest and east of East Prussia Berlin reports a Teuton advance and the capture of Lipsk, west of Grodno, upon which the aims of the Germans are now evidently centered. Military observers direct attention to the fact that the Russian equinoctial storms are due to begin about October 21st. They believe these may check the Germans. Some recall that the autumnal equinox marked the turning point of the Napoleonic campaign.

Desperate fighting continues in the Dardanelles. The Turks claim to have recaptured allied trenches with heavy allied casualties. Great Britain doesn't concede these claims.

Western operations are confined to trench fighting. The Italians claim to be advancing on the Austro-Italian frontier.

London, Aug. 30.—Reports from the eastern front indicating that the Austrians and Germans are engaged in an effort to clear the last corner of Galicia held by the opponents, excited great interest here. The Russian line on the upper Bug and Zlota Lipa river has been pierced, but it is not yet clear how serious a resistance is being offered to the vast enveloping movement from the south.

Having lost Brest-Litovsk the Russians can not afford to hold their river position in the South, in the face of important movements, without endangering their armies. Options are ventured by some English critics that his move may conclude for the present the great offensive in progress since the last of May, and when the Austrian's soil is cleared the invaders new campaign will be started in the near east. Reports that the central powers are massing troops near the Rumanian frontier are cited to support this theory.

The week-end witnessed violent, almost continuous activity on the part of the allied artillery from the North sea to the Vosges. There are no indications, however, that it is being followed by infantry attacks.

London again is awaiting official reports from British or French authorities concerning the Dardanelles campaign. Constantinople reports heavy fighting there.

WHEELER OPPOSED TO FREE EDUCATION

President California University Favors Larger Tuition Fees at State Universities.

Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 30.—Stiff tuition fees instead of free education at state universities was suggested by Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of California University, in an address before the National Association of State Universities. He said considering that comparatively few are going to universities, it would be fairer to taxpayers to charge the students a half or third of the cost of their education. He advocated military instruction for students, sure tenure for presidents and non-political administration.

No Trace of Boat or Crew. New Orleans, Aug. 30.—Careful search at Corum Island, off Yucatan, failed to reveal traces of crew or passengers missing from the liner *Marconi*, or no wreckage of the vessel, according to a wireless from United Fruit steamer *Coppensano*.

Governors at Boston Who Pledged Their States to Support of President



1—Gov. Manning of South Carolina; 2—Gov. Williams of Oklahoma; 3—Gov. Fielder of New Jersey; 4—Gov. Spaulding of New Hampshire; 5—Gov. Holcomb of Connecticut; 6—Gov. Walsh of Massachusetts; 7—Gov. Spry of Utah; 8—Gov. Miller of Washington; 9—Gov. Stuart of Virginia; 10—Gov. Byrne of South Dakota; 11—Gov. Capper of Kansas; 12—Gov. Stewart of Montana; 13—Ex-Gov. Haines of Maine; 14—Ex-Gov. Fort of New Jersey; 15—Ex-Gov. Carey of Wyoming; 16—Ex-Gov. McDevore of Wisconsin; 17—Sec. Miles C. Riley of Wisconsin; 18—Ex-Gov. Ammons of Colorado; 19—Ex-Gov. Adams of Colorado; 20—Ex-Gov. Mann of Virginia; 21—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston; 22—Ex-Gov. Folger of New Hampshire; 23—Ex-Gov. Dix of New York; 24—Ex-Gov. Gilchrist of Florida; 25—Sergeant-at-Arms Pedrick of the Massachusetts Legislature; 26—Ex-Gov. Blaine of South Carolina; 27—Ex-Gov. Quinby of New Hampshire; 28—Gov. Hammond of Minnesota.

AUTHORITY OF COURT IN DOUBT

Investigation of Charges Against Colorado Militia Officers Resulting From Recent Strike, Halted by Question of Authority

Denver, Col., Aug. 30.—The investigation of the charges against Adjutant General Chase and of the men who made the charges was halted temporarily today when witnesses refused to answer questions. The authority of the court was questioned and the matter referred to the attorney general for an opinion.

C. E. Elliott, an alleged detective in the employ of the United States Mine Workers, refused to answer questions regarding the alleged plot of detectives and labor leaders to hinder the reorganization and recruiting of militia. The court contemplated his arrest on contempt charges but delayed action.

Later former Captain Van Hise refused to answer questions and was ordered under arrest. He refused to consider himself under arrest and raced with Major Edward J. Broughton of the military court for the governor's office. The governor declared same time. The governor declared Van Hise should be released and the legal tangle referred to the attorney general.

POUND STERLING STILL ON DECLINE

Presence on Exchange of Forty-Five Million in Gold Securities Was Without Effect.

New York, Aug. 30.—Pounds sterling declined on the local exchange market today to four sixty-one. This is a new record, being twenty-six cents below normal. The presence of forty-five million additional gold securities, presumably sent to help brace the fall in rate, apparently was without effect.

MASONS MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Masons from all parts of the United States are here to attend the twelfth triennial assembly of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, which is opening today, and the triennial Chapter of the Royal Arch Mason opening Wednesday.

POLICE NIPPED MEXICAN PLANS

Three Arrested After Meeting at Which it Was Declared no Harm to Kill Americans or Germans.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 30.—Federal authorities and the police believe they nipped a plan to incite Mexicans here to violence when they arrested twenty-three Mexicans today. Three leaders of the Mexican colony here were arrested Sunday, following a mass meeting in the public plaza here at which one declared it was no harm to kill Americans and Germans.

Federal agents have been watching here since the recent uprising at Brownsville. They learned that members of two inflammatory organizations were here. The police claim those arrested are adherents to the plan of San Diego, the manifesto of which proclaims Texas a republic for Mexicans.

The prisoners were turned over to federal authorities. Charges of treason may be if they were connected with the uprising plan.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Zapata and Villa agent here, said today that a peace convention would soon be called in the neutralized territory in Mexico to set up a provisional government. Independent Mexicans, not affiliated with any faction, will take part, they said. It is possible that the Pan-American conference will be asked to arrange the details.

WAS OFFERED \$1,000 TO SIGN ROGUS WILL

Witness Says Mrs. Mamie Hamilton Poisoned Mrs. Davis at Jackson, Ky.

Jackson, Ky., Aug. 29.—M. A. Moses and his wife testified at the trial of Mrs. Mamie Hamilton charged with the murder of Mrs. Polly Davis, a wealthy widow, that Mrs. Hamilton offered Mrs. Moses a thousand dollars to sign an alleged will. Mrs. Davis was poisoned.

The will would make Mrs. Hamilton the chief beneficiary for the hundred thousand dollar estate.

Underwood "First Citizen." Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 29.—Governor Underwood has appointed Senator Oscar Underwood to represent Alabama at the Pan-American Peace exposition as her "first citizen."

CROP ESTIMATE 69.2 PER CENT

Drouth, Followed by Rain, Had Deteriorating Effect—Calculation, From Government Average Place Crop at 11,817,235.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Drouth followed by excessive rains during August just caused a deterioration, slightly more than the August average to growing cotton, the department of agriculture announced. Condition 69.2 per cent. This is 6.1 below July.

Unofficial calculations based on government averages for yield, and condition average place crop at 11,817,232 bales.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The condition of the growing cotton crop of the United States on August 25 was 69.2 per cent of a normal, the United States department of agriculture's crop reporting board announced at noon today in its fourth condition report of the season. That condition compares with 75.3 per cent on July 25 this year, 78.0 per cent on August 25 last year, 68.2 per cent in 1913 and 72.8 per cent the average condition on August 25 during the last ten years.

A crop slightly under 12,000,000 bales was forecast by the crop reporting board from the July 25 condition. The bureau of crop estimates announces that a condition of 100 on August 25 would be equivalent to a yield of 25.9 pounds to the acre. The area planted this year has been officially reported as 31,535,000 acres.

Weather conditions for the crop had not been very favorable during the month. Hot and generally continued dry weather greatly retarded growth over many portions of the belt during the first week and but little progress was possible except over the northern portion where local rains and moderate warmth favored satisfactory growth. During the early part of the month drouth continued very generally in Texas and was becoming severe over large areas.

Continued dry weather over the greater part of the more important producing states prevented satisfactory growth and the crop very generally deteriorated. Shedding was reported in many sections and bolls were opening prematurely in districts where the drouth prevailed. Insect pests were reported generally less active than usual.

Deterioration due to adverse weather during the early weeks of the month was arrested by good rains over much of the central and eastern portions of the belt during the latter part of the month and the crop responded to the more favorable conditions. Rain was still needed in a greater part of Mississippi and in

ELIHU ROOT SCORES BOSSISM

Says "Invisible Government" System Has Ruled New York for Past Forty Years—Declares all Parties Alike.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Bossism and "invisible government" were condemned today on the floor of the constitutional convention by President Elihu Root. He declared this system had dominated New York for the past forty years.

He pleaded for the short ballot that people might establish their own rule, and declared the people demanded the change. The domination of the bosses has caused resentment by the people because they were governed by men they didn't choose.

Root declared the system had predominated no matter which party was in power. "Both parties are alike. All parties are alike, the system extends to all," he declared.

FIVE MEXICANS DEAD AT EAGLE MOUNTAIN

Alleged Cattle Thieves Killed By Posse of Custom Guards, Civilians and Soldiers.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 30.—Five Mexicans, alleged cattle thieves were killed today at Eagle Mountain, thirty miles east of Sierra Blanca, by a posse of customs guards, civilians and soldiers. None of the posse were injured.

The report that Pascual Orozco was killed in the fight was based on a request from Sierra Blanca authorities that some one be sent who could identify General Orozco.

BRYAN AT HEAD WINONA ASSEMBLY

Property of Bankrupt Association Sold Today to Directors for Hundred Thousand.

Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 30.—William Jennings Bryan will be president of the re-organized Winona Assembly and Summer Schools Association.

The property of the association, which was recently declared bankrupt, was bought today for a hundred thousand on behalf of the board of directors.

GET SHIPMENTS FROM NEUTRALS

England to Permit Shipments From Neutral Ports to America of Goods Contracted for Before Order Took Effect.

Washington, Aug. 30.—British Ambassador Spring-Rice assured the state department today that Great Britain would relax the enforcement of the order in council to permit shipments from neutral ports of German and Austrian goods contracted for by Americans prior to the effective date of the order. He said arrangements would be made to accept proof of contracts at the embassy here instead of in London. Details will be given later. Millions of dollars worth of these goods have accumulated at neutral European ports.

DIPLOMATIC ARGUMENT ON DACIA POSTPONED

Government Awaits Action By French Courts on Appeals of Vessel's Owner.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The United States won't resort to diplomacy in the case of the former Hamburg-American liner *Dacia*, condemned with her cargo by a French prize court until the ship's owner has exhausted his right to appeal by French courts.

It is stated officially here the decision holding the transfer of the *Dacia* to American ownership and register illegal was based on an erroneous finding in several particulars: The court assumed the *Dacia's* cargo was purchased with the ship, although the state department has evidence a new cargo was loaded after the ship changed hands.

ILLINOIS NEGRO TO HANG OCT. 16

Three Companies of Militia Guarded Court Room During Trial of Negro Murderer.

Murphysboro, Ill., Aug. 30.—Joe Deberry, the negro who killed Mrs. J. H. Martin, July 30 was indicted here today, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to hang October 16. The proceeding occupied less than six hours. Three companies of militia guarded the court room and jail. Large crowds witnessed the trial.

ACT ON PEACE REGARDLESS OF CARRANZA REPLY

NO INTIMATION YET GIVEN OF NATURE OF NEXT DEVELOPMENT

ZAPATA AGREES FOR CONFERENCE

Carranza's Agents Expect His Reply as Soon as He is Settled in Mexico City.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The next step in the Pan-American program for the restoration of peace in Mexico will be taken regardless of the nature of Carranza's reply to the Pan-American peace plan, according to an authoritative statement tonight. There was no intimation of the form of the next development.

The responses of Zapata and his leaders, accepting the state department today. With the receipt of these replies Villa adherents here asserted a peace convention to form a new provisional government in Mexico was assured, even if Carranza refused to participate.

Carranza's agents declared they expected their chief's reply soon. They think it will come as soon as Carranza completes the installation of his government in Mexico City.

State department reports said Villa forces have begun an attack on Monterrey. The message said heavy fighting is in progress.

TIDWELL AND VAUGHAN CASES UP THIS WEEK

Former for Second Trial and Vaughn to Be Re-sentenced—Will Ask Sanity Hearing.

Greenville, Aug. 30.—Two cases of conspicuous character that aroused interest not only in Greenville county but throughout the state will be heard in the court of general sessions this week.

George W. Tidwell, Sr., will probably arrive in Greenville tomorrow morning on the charge of murder. Tidwell is now at liberty under bond of \$10,000 his commuted sentence of seven years for manslaughter having been set aside when the supreme court granted him a new trial. For the second time he will stand trial for the alleged murder of Emmett Walker.

Thurston U. Vaughn, former superintendent of the Odd Fellows orphanage here, will probably be brought back Friday when a new date will be set for his execution, unless the defendant's counsel is successful in the effort to have Vaughn confined to the insane asylum. His lawyers, McCullough, Martin and Blum, have announced that a motion will be made for a jury to pass on Vaughn's sanity. It is alleged that he is insane. A jury of 24 men would be required. The famous Vaughn case has now taken a turn very similar in nature to the only trial of Harry K. Thaw.

HEAVY FROST IN WISCONSIN

Garden Truck, Corn and Potato Crops Damaged by Sudden Drop in Temperature.

Wausau, Wis., Aug. 30.—Damage estimated at two hundred to three hundred thousand dollars was caused to potatoes and garden truck throughout Marathon county last night by a killing frost. The corn crop also sustained a heavy loss.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Only twice in the history local weather bureau has the mercury dropped so low in August as today.

It registered 47. This record equaled 1872 and 1887.

PRESIDENT ABANDONS IDEA OF A FURTHER VACATION. Washington, Aug. 30.—President Wilson has given up the idea of a further extended vacation this year. He had planned to spend September at Cornish. His plans now are to remain here until the German-American situation clears.