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## VON HINDENBERG TAKES PETROGRAD ROVNO RAILWAY

HAS BEEN OBJECT OF WHOLE TEUTONIC FORCES FOR SOME TIME

SLAVS RETREAT TO LAKE REGION

Artillery Battle in West Continues From Belgium to Argonne—Continued Three Weeks.

London, Sept. 13.—Another battering offensive has taken Von Hindenburg to the Rovno-Petrograd railway between Vilna and Dvinsk.

The whole Austro-German forces have been striving to gain this railway since the fall of the Polish fortresses. The advance was begun toward the end of last week and carried on in three directions upon Dvinsk and the railway on either side of the town.

Farther south the invaders advanced toward Vilna. The Russians, before superior forces with the usual mass of artillery were forced back yesterday to the lake district which the railway penetrates and are now making a stand there.

Simultaneously the Germans pushed their way eastward toward Stomina and Finak or branch lines while the Austrians are fighting to reach Rovno, the southern terminus.

It is probable that the Russians will be compelled to retreat further now that this railway is partly in German hands, although their offensive in Galicia might save them by compelling the Germans to send reinforcements to that region.

There is no doubt of the Russian success in the latter district. Following the Austrian admission of retreatment the Germans tonight announced that after repulsing Russian attacks they occupied favorable position situated some kilometers west of their former position.

Terrific conditions prevail in the marshy country in the center and southern end of the line. Correspondents say the country is virtually all under water through which the Teutons must advance against well prepared Russian positions.

The eastern bank of the Sereth, from which the Russians deliver their counter attacks is a veritable fortress from which the Russians emerge every time their opponents approach, taking heavy toll in killed and wounded. The Russians claim to have taken nearly thirty thousand prisoners in the fighting along this river.

In the west the great artillery battle continues from Belgium to Argonne. The duel has been going on nearly three weeks. During the week end it was particularly violent around Arras, in Argonne and Champagne.

At several points German infantry, after heavy bombardment, attempted to storm the advanced trenches. The French claim all attempts failed.

Similar fighting is proceeding along the Italian front.

Parliament opens tomorrow to discuss finances mostly.

London, Sept. 13.—The Austro-German forces on the eastern front are making progress everywhere, except in Galicia, where the Russians report fair success. In the north, where the Russian line has been straggled by the withdrawal of troops, von Hindenburg is directing a violent drive towards Dvinsk, and at one crossing of the river Dvina, in the Russian center Crown Prince Leopold has forced his way over the

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## TURKISH ARMY REPORTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Athens, Sept. 13.—An American citizen of standing at Athens received advice from trustworthy sources that the situation of the Turkish army and government is unfavorable. According to this information the positions of the Turkish forces defending the Dardanelles is precarious. It is said that the Turkish front is thinned by heavy losses, both sides becoming more difficult to hold against the French and British.

Turkey's position at sea is described as disadvantageous. The former cruisers, Goeben and Breslau are incapacitated, and the Russian

## EXPORTERS ARE CHARGED WITH MANY FRAUDS

NEW ORLEANS MEN INDICTED ON TWENTY DIFFERENT COUNTS

WORKED FALSE BILL OF LADINGS

Losses to Banks and Firms in This and Foreign Countries Estimated at Five Millions.

New Orleans, Sept. 13.—Albert Lemore and E. E. Carriers, members of the firm of A. Lemore & Company, who were indicted today on twenty counts, on charges of using the mails to defraud gave \$100,000 States bonds before a United States commissioner this afternoon and will be arraigned tomorrow. The charges are that they operated a false bill of lading scheme of immense proportions in connection with the slave exporting business.

Their business has cost thirteen, fourteen, with losses to banks and firms in this and foreign countries estimated at about five millions. This is said to be one of the largest failures ever in the south. They had agents and branches in New York, Liverpool, London, Hamburg, Antwerp, Paris and other cities.

It is alleged they negotiated drafts on bills of lading issued on fictitious cargoes and cashed them through banks and cities where they had branches. It is said bills of lading were obtained from the Austro-American and Vogemann steamship lines. No charges were made against the steamship companies.

Trustees in bankruptcy declare the firm was practically insolvent from its inception but the issuance of fraudulent bills of lading did not begin until nineteen nine, when the books showed an indebtedness of about two hundred thousand. Examination of the books, the charges say, showed that at one period in nineteen thirteen the firm executed drafts for thirty-five to forty thousand dollars daily.

## VILLA EXPLAINS THE EXECUTION

Says Former General Had Been Executing Wantonly Without Making Reports.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Confirmation of the execution of General Thomas Urbina by orders of Villa was received in a message direct from Villa. Villa said Urbina had been executing all persons incurring his displeasure, without reporting to headquarters. Urbina also refused to give up treasure obtained on his raids.

The next step in the general situation will be taken by the Pan-American forces, which are expected to meet here Wednesday or Thursday.

Bulgaria Called to Colors.

Rome, Sept. 13.—All Bulgarian reservists in Italy have been called to the colors.

flect prevents Turkish shipping. Advises say that Turkish affairs are under a triumvirate with autocratic powers. Dissatisfaction among the Italians is reported, and it is said that Shiek U-l-Islam has been dismissed because he did not approve the measures taken against the Armenians. This informant states that the Armenians are being driven about or sent on box cars. He adds that the earlier massacres of Christians in Asia Minor are being repeated, and in some instances, only a few Armenians, who started for the concentration camps, ever reach their destination.

## Dumba Grins After Interview With Lansing.



The Austrian Ambassador.

This is a photograph of Dr. Constantin T. Dumba, ambassador from Austria, as he left the state department in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 7 after his interview with Secretary of State Lansing. The Austrian, who went to the secretary to explain his letter to Premier Burian, offering to the up American munitions plants, does not show that he was greatly troubled as a result of the talk.

## FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMMISSION WANTS TO BORROW BILLION

WOULD ISSUE BRITISH AND FRENCH BONDS TO THAT AMOUNT—IF SECURED ENTIRE AMOUNT WOULD BE SPENT IN UNITED STATES FOR FOOD, COTTON AND MUNITIONS

New York, Sept. 13.—The Anglo-French commission plans at present to borrow a billion dollars in the United States in British and French government bonds. It obtained this vast sum will be spent to the last cent in the United States to purchase provisions, cotton and war munitions. Financial authorities think it can be, therefore, classed as a commercial loan. Whether the United States' neutrality would be questioned in case straight government notes are accepted was given serious consideration.

## ARCHIBALD TO MEET U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, Sept. 13.—Acting under instructions from the White House, agents of the department of justice will meet James Archibald, the American correspondent involved in the Dr. Dumba case, when he arrives at New York from Holland. Archibald carried Dumba's letter to the Vienna foreign office, disclosing plans to cause strikes in American munitions plants. Officials are maintaining the strictest silence on the Archibald case, but it became known that officials of the justice department take the view that there is ground for conspiracy, and this is where Archibald violated the federal law. The question is to whether he actually knew the contents of the letter will have an important bearing on the matter. There is no indication of any further move in the case of Captain von Pappen, the military attache of the German embassy, for whom Archibald also carried a letter, and who is mentioned in Dumba's report as being connected with the strike plans. At the German embassy it is said there is no limitation from the state department that von Pappen is a persona non grata.

## U. S. TO INSIST ON DISAVOWAL IN ARABIC CASE

SUBMITS EVIDENCE THAT VESSEL WAS TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

U. S. READY TO DECIDE COURSE

Won't Arbitrate Question of Safety of American Lives—Hold Germans Strictly Accountable.

Washington, Sept. 13.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred on the Arabic case today. Later Lansing and the German ambassador discussed the submarine question with the result that the German ambassador was furnished with evidence showing the Arabic was proceeding peacefully when torpedoed without warning and has been advised that the United States wants a disavowal of attack and reparation for the American lives lost.

Bernstorff will send the evidence to the Berlin foreign office which couldn't get it before. It is expected it will be ten days before they can reply. Some quarters believe Berlin, when it examines the evidence, will change its mind.

The United States has all the information and is ready to decide its course but will await word from Berlin.

The United States won't consent to arbitrate the principle or question involving the safety of American lives. It has accepted assurances that peaceful lines won't be torpedoed without warning. Arbitration of the amount of indemnity would possibly would be agreed to.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Secretary Lansing announced after a conference with the president, that no decision had been reached by the United States, on Germany's proposal to arbitrate the Arabic case. It is indicated in official quarters that Germany and the United States both agree that to arbitrate the question of indemnity involves arbitration justifying the principle of arbitration. After leaving the state department where he conferred with the German ambassador, Secretary Lansing would discuss the hour. When von Bernstorff returned to the embassy he sent a report to the German foreign office, which is believed to be an outline of the evidence Secretary Lansing gave him to the effect that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning, and to controvert the claim that the Arabic was about to ram the submarine. It is understood that neither the ambassador nor Secretary Lansing suggested whether the principles of submarine warfare should be included in the proposal to arbitrate.

## GREENVILLE LAD KILLS NEPHEW

Clarence Babb, Age Six, Dies of Wounds Inflicted By Youthful Uncle With Small Rifle.

Greenville, Sept. 13.—Walter Babb, aged 13, Saturday night shot and killed his 6-year-old nephew, Clarence Babb, in the presence of the former's sister at their father's home near O'Neal, in the upper section of the county. The shooting, which Walter Babb says was accidental, occurred about twilight, near a wall back of the house's house. The bullets fired from .22 parlor rifle took effect in Clarence's back and coursed through his abdomen. He died almost instantly.

Walter was taken in custody by Constable Bruce and today was brought to Greenville, where he was allowed to give bond in the sum of \$1,000 before Judge Meminger in the court of common pleas.

The bond was signed this afternoon and Walter will go back home tonight with his father, Henry Babb.

## RUMANIA PREPARING FOR AUSTRIAN INVASION

Athens, Sept. 13.—It is reported in diplomatic circles here there has been a heavy mobilization of Rumanian troops to face the concentration of Austrians directed, presumably, against Rumania.

Zeppelin Raid.

London, Sept. 13.—There was another Zeppelin raid over the east coast of England last night. It is officially reported that there were no casualties.

## MEXICANS STRIKE FIRST BLOW AT BORDER PATROL

LOSES COMMAND



Grad Duke Nicholas.

Grad Duke Nicholas, commander of the Russian armies against the Germans on the east front of the war, has been deposed by order of the czar and sent to command the Russian armies against the Turks. While it has been impossible to learn all the facts about the case the belief is that the defeat of the Russians in Poland and the loss of Warsaw has forced the grand duke to get out.

## BURNING LINER REPORTED SAFE

Santa Anna is Proceeding to Port Under Escort—Has Sixteen Hundred Italian Reserves Aboard.

New York, Sept. 13.—The Fabre liner Santa Anna, afire in midocean is safe and is proceeding to Axbres under escort, according to a wireless to the company's offices here.

Earlier Report.

New York, Sept. 13.—Hours after the first word came that the Santa Anna, bearing sixteen hundred Italian reservists from the United States, was afire in the Atlantic, three or four days from the nearest port, nothing further is heard. Fabre Line officers made every effort to get an additional report, but without avail, this morning. The vessel left New York September 8, carrying a cargo of foodstuffs along with the reservists. Officials said no war munitions were aboard.

"Several of our vessels have been set on fire recently," said Howard E. Jones of the Fabre line. "We have our vessels under the closest kind of watch while in port, and no German or Austrian are permitted on the pier. We examined every piece of freight offered as cargo to guard against bombs and infernal machines. The Santa Anna was delayed 24 hours here, to permit a thorough search, as it was reported that a bomb was aboard."

TWO CAVALRYMEN KILLED IN BATTLE WITH OUTLAW BAND

## MEXICANS MADE ESCAPE IN BRUSH

Patrol Has Been Strengthened and Precautions Taken Against Surprise Attack.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 13.—The first deliberate blow against the United States army guarding the border was struck today when thirty Mexican outlaws attacked ten cavalrymen guarding the irrigation plant near here. In the half hour fight Private Anthony Kraft, troop A, Twelfth and Trumper Harold T. Forney of the same troop were killed and two other soldiers wounded. The Mexicans escaped in the brush and their casualties are unknown.

Early tonight a rural mail carrier was slightly wounded from ambush twenty miles from the scene of this morning's fight. As a result of this fight and reports that the Mexicans might renew hostilities at any time the patrols along the boundary were reinforced and precautions taken to prevent a surprise.

Colonel Blockson, commanding the border patrol, made vigorous demands on Carranza authorities at Matamoras for the arrest of two bandit leaders known to be on the Mexican side. These men were signers of the circulars distributed recently urging Mexicans to rise against the Americans.

Nafarrate, the Carranza commander at Matamoras, sent word tonight he had ordered his troops to search for the men wanted.

## AMERICANS BARRED FROM PIEDRAS NEGRAS

Eagle Pass, Texas, Sept. 13.—Carranza authorities at Piedras Negras refused tonight to allow Americans or other foreigners to enter Mexico at this point. This is in retaliation of the order issued today by the Texas health department cooperating with United States military authorities, that no male person be permitted to enter Texas from Mexico except with express permission of the United States army.

Food supplies for Piedras Negras were transferred to Mexicans at the middle of the international bridge.

Nogales, Arizona, Sept. 13.—A battle is raging six miles southeast of here between fifteen hundred Villa soldiers under Urbalejo and two thousand Carranza soldiers under Calles.

Brownsville, Sept. 13.—One American trooper was killed and two others wounded, one probably fatally early today, when a gang of Mexican bandits attacked an American patrol of seven men at an irrigation pumping station, several miles up the river from Brownsville.

It is believed that when the small patrol was attacked by 40 bandits the firing was heard by other trooper, but they could not get there in time to prevent casualties, or to capture any of the gang. It is also believed the Mexicans crossed into Mexico. The arrest of two Mexicans has occurred in Matamoras. The Mexicans are believed to be leaders of gangs of bandits recently raiding in Texas, and demanded by the American military authorities of the Carranza commander there. It is not known if these men were in the gang that fired on the troopers this morning.

## ORDER MUNITIONS FROM CANADA

Fifty Million Dollar Order Practically Placed in Dominion by Russian Government.

New York, Sept. 13.—Negotiations for the purchase by the Russian government from the Canadian Car and Foundry company of three million shrapnel and high explosive shells at a cost of fifty million have virtually been completed. It is stated by local officials here: The contract calls for the delivery next April. Part of the contract will be subject to munitions concerns in this country. The Russian funds are understood to be sent to New York and Canada for payment.