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## RUSSIANS HOPE TO ESCAPE FROM GERMAN GORDON

### MILITARY EXPERTS MAINTAIN MUSCOVITES' POSITION STILL CRITICAL

## BATTLE RAGING SOUTH OF VILNA

### Von Hindenburg Making Determined Effort to Destroy Army That Defended Vilna.

London, Sept. 20.—While Petrograd expresses confidence in the ability of the Russians to extricate themselves, and the German official report says merely that "the attack against the enemy is proceeding," military experts maintain that the position of the Russian armies retreating from Vilna is dangerous. In a battle, perhaps the most important of the eastern campaign, now under way south of Vilna, von Hindenburg is attempting to destroy the army that defended that city.

Prince Leopold of Bavaria is approaching the railroad south of Lida near the Pripet Marshes. South of the marshes the Russians still harass the Austro-Germans in Volhynia and Galicia.

The Germans report that their guns are aiding the Austrians in the bombardment of Serbian cities across the Danube.

The bombardment continues in the west and the British fleet is still shelling the Belgian coast.

Attempts are being made in Bulgaria to induce the king to join the entente but it is believed that the railway agreement with Turkey binds Bulgaria to neutrality.

London, Sept. 20.—The Russian army, menaced by the German encircling movement, since Vilna fell is established at from 250,000 to 500,000. The conditions under which the Russians are attempting to escape are strikingly similar to those at Warsaw and may precipitate one of the greatest battles on the eastern front.

The British press accepts the German claim that Vilna has fallen, although Petrograd has not officially confirmed the report.

Concern is expressed for the retreating army. As far as can be judged, Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops have hung a loon about the Russians over a front of some two hundred miles, and they are not only in the Russian rear, but are seriously menacing the single railway line and the few available wagon roads stretching to the southward.

As to Warsaw the number of Russian prisoners left behind is small. Apparently the only way the retreating forces can lighten the seemingly bad situation is by a counter attack.

### Entente Finances.

Paris, Sept. 20.—Pierre L. Bark, the Russian minister arrived here and conferred with the French finance minister, Ribot. He will subsequently meet Reginald McKenna, the British chancellor of the exchequer. The financial problem of the entente powers is being taken up.

### Conscription Talk Again.

Paris, Sept. 20.—John Hodgk, a member of the British parliament, speaking at the first of a series of meetings organized here to explain to French workers what England is doing in the war, declared that England is

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## ASK CHANGE OF VENUE IN ISENHOWER TRIAL

### GRAND JURY RETURNS TRUE BILL AGAIN ALLEGED SLAYERS OF SHERIFF HOOD BUT SYMPATHY OF COMMUNITY SEEMS OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF ACCUSED.

Winnabow, S. C., Sept. 20.—The Fairfield county grand jury continued the morning here examining witnesses in the case of Ernest Isenhower, James Rawls and Jesse Morrison, alleged principals in the shooting at fray in front of the Winnabow court house on June 14, of this year, which resulted in the death of Sheriff A. D. Hood, July 20th, a severe accused of criminal assault. Clyde Isenhower, brother of Ernest Isenhower and Rawley Douthett, a rural policeman.

A true bill was found against the three men by the grand jury on June 15 for the murder of the negro, July Smith. It is thought that a true bill

## FORD PLANNING NEW SUBMARINE

### Auto King to Confer With Secretary Daniels About New Submersible Boat.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Henry Ford of Detroit, will see Secretary Daniels at the navy department Wednesday. It is understood he wants to talk about a plan he has evolved for a small submarine.

## GIVES REASONS FOR RULES OF RESERVE BOARD

### HARDING TALKS TO RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## EXPLAINS RATES FOR REDISCOUNTS

### Says Some Banks in South Charge Fifty and Even Hundred Percent on Loans.

Raleigh, Sept. 20.—Facts about the high interest rates charged by national banks throughout the country and particularly in the south, were disclosed by W. P. C. Harding, federal reserve head, in a speech tonight before the Raleigh chamber of commerce.

In explaining the reserve board's regulations granting preferential rediscount rates to notes secured by staple commodity warehouse receipts provided the maker had been charged not more than six per cent interest. Harding declared that banks in the south were charging rates often as high as fifty per cent, and in one instance in Texas rates were reported in excess of hundred per cent.

This information, he said, came in sworn reports that the office of the comptroller currency. From the report of June twenty third, he said, it appears that there were five banks in Alabama whose maximum rates average twenty-six per cent. The rate in one case was sixty per cent. In Arkansas one bank admitted making a loan at a hundred and twenty per cent. In Georgia eleven banks were found where the average maximum reached thirty.

No bank in South Carolina admitted charging more than fifteen. These high rates are not confined to the south.

## MRS. STRONG FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

### Justice Finds She Killed Brother-in-Law in Defense of Self and Sister.

Yazoo City, Sept. 20.—After a preliminary hearing Mrs. Robert Strong was freed of the charge of killing her brother-in-law, Carnet Nolan, a prominent planter. The justice said the evidence showed that Mrs. Strong shot Nolan in defense of her own life and that of his sick wife.

will be returned this afternoon for the murder of the other three men. It is known here that Solicitor Henry will ask the judge for a change of venue to either York or Lancaster counties on the allegation that the state cannot receive a fair trial, because of the intense sympathy felt for the men by the citizens of Fairfield county. It is said that a like degree of sympathy is manifested for Isenhower, Rawls and Morrison in Chester county. It is believed that if they are tried in either Fairfield or Chester counties that an accidental is foreordained.

Former Governor Cole L. Blease is defending Ernest Isenhower.

## Mexican Raiders Captured After Burning a Bridge



The stars on this photograph indicate the Mexican raiders who were captured by United States troops and Texas rangers after they had burned a railroad bridge at Breda, twelve miles from Brownsville. Residents of Brownsville and vicinity are armed even going so far as to carry their

## ASKS U. S. AID FOR ARMENIANS

### Viscount Bryce Appeals to U. S. to Use Influence With Germany to Have Turkish Massacres of Christians Stopped.

London, Sept. 20.—Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador to the United States has sent the Associated Press a plea that America try to stop the slaughter of Armenians. Bryce declared that since the beginning of the war Turkey has been carrying out a plan of deliberate extermination of the Christian population in Asia Minor and Armenia, killing men of military age and seizing the younger women and children for slaves in Turkish harems.

In concluding his appeal Bryce said: "Only Germany can stop the massacres. Would not an expression of American public opinion, voicing the conscience of neutral nations lead Germany to check the Turkish government?"

## SOUTH'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS UPON BANKS

### President Through Secretary Gives Opinion on Cotton Situation—Answers McLaurin.

Columbia, Sept. 20.—"The president feels that the whole maintenance of the cotton situation depends directly and immediately upon the Southern bankers and they have themselves to blame if it does not come out satisfactorily," says J. P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, in a letter to John L. McLaurin, state warehouse commissioner.

"The president," says the letter, "has received your letter of September 15 and has been greatly interested in reading it. He asks me to suggest that you emphasize the letter that he wrote to Mr. Harding, and which Mr. Harding read in his speech at Birmingham, Ala."

Mr. McLaurin left yesterday for Atlanta, where he will this week deliver an address on the cotton warehouse system to a gathering of Georgia farmers and business men, which has been called by G. B. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union.

On September 15 Mr. McLaurin sent the following letter to President Wilson:

"You are so generous in the letter read by Mr. Harding in his Birmingham speech that I feel that you should be promptly advised of a situation now pending.

**To Maintain Prices.**

"The quick advance in cotton is due primarily more to that yetter and the statements of Messrs. McAfee and Harding than to the admitted short crop. This will later sustain prices, if there is no combination of moneyed interests to force cotton on the market."

"Last spring the New York banks freshly loaned 7 cents per pound when the market price was much lower than now. The same banks are refusing to loan 7 cents. This is a very short crop, and at 10 cents a pound will not bring what the last crop did to the producers."

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## ARCHIBALD SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

### American Who Carried Message From Austrian Ambassador Declares He Was Ignorant of Letter's Contents.

New York, Sept. 20.—James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent who carried the message from Ambassador Dumba which led to the arrest for Dumba's receipt, issued a statement Saturday evening, he was convinced to break the neutrality laws. He declared he had no knowledge of the contents of the Dumba letter as it was given him openly on the steamer gangplank and he supposed referred to his own work. He said that going as war correspondent, he sought letters of recommendation. Secret service men who interviewed him, he said, had asked him if he had been given a gold headed cane to deliver.

New York, Sept. 19.—James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent, intercepted by the British while carrying a message for the Austro-Hungarian ambassador Dumba, to Vienna, arrived on the liner Rotterdam.

Secret service men boarded the vessel and questioned him. Leaving quarantine, Archibald said did not know anything of the situation here and if a prosecution of him was contemplated, it was "unjust," as he took Dumba's letter without knowledge of its contents and "entirely unwittingly." He will go to Washington soon.

### Dumba Leaves on Rotterdam.

New York, Sept. 20.—The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador Dumba, whose recall has been asked by the state government, has reserved passage on the steamer Rotterdam, sailing September 28.

### Common Courtesy For Dumba.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The only recognition of Dumba's letter to Secretary Lansing will be an official acknowledgment. It is stated that the state department will enter into a discussion believing that the letter was written merely for public consumption.

## MAY CAUSE ARREST OF J. D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

### Representative of Mine Workers' Union Admits Matter is Under Consideration.

Denver, Sept. 20.—William Diamond, representative of the International Organization of Mine Workers admitted that the question of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s arrest in connection with the recent strike disorders would be discussed on the arrival of A. M. Belcher, counsel for the organization, here tomorrow.

According to a Trinidad dispatch Rockefeller today visited the scene of the Ludlow battle and Berwind and Tabasco camps, talking to the miners.

J. D. Jr., in Colorado.

## SAY HESPERIAN STRUCK A MINE

### German Admiralty Has Reports of All Submarines Out at Time of Incident—Blames Non-German Mine for Disaster.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—The German admiralty is now certain the Allan liner Hesperian was not destroyed by a German submarine. The Associated Press has been informed that all submarines out at the time have returned and it is stated that none of them torpedoed the ship.

The admiralty is convinced that the disaster was due to a floating non-German mine, painted green and white, and declared not German was driven ashore on the Irish coast a few days ago.

### U. S. Accepts Statement.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—Both the Hesperian and Orduna cases are regarded settled and an agreement with America on the Arabic incident will end the submarine controversy.

It is stated unofficially that it is believed Washington will accept the German statement that the Hesperian was mined and not the victim of a torpedo. It is understood here that Ambassador Bernstorff has reached a complete understanding with Secretary Lansing. It is believed that the report of the submarine commander that the Orduna sought to escape has settled the incident.

## PROMINENT MEXICAN REFUGEE IS CAPTURED

### Gen. Lucio Blanco Held By Obregon—Had Been in San Antonio Until Recently.

San Antonio, Sept. 20.—General Lucio Blanco, a prominent Mexican military figure, has been captured and is held prisoner by General Obregon, according to an official Carranza dispatch from Vera Cruz.

### NEWMAN ERB HAS CHANCE FOR RECOVERY

New York, Sept. 20.—Newman Erb, the financier, is reported to have an excellent chance to recover from the effects of two pills or tablets swallowed by mistake last Tuesday while at his home at Deal, N. J., passing through the final hours of the crisis period. Doctors say he will undoubtedly recover unless signs of the presence of a considerable quantity of poison in his system are shown in the next 18 hours.

### Strike Called Off.

Bristol, Conn., Sept. 20.—The strike at the New Departure Manufacturing company was settled today when employes accepted a compromise offer of a 50-hour week with 42 hours' pay. The 1,600 employes will return to work tomorrow.

### Culebra Slides Again.

Panama, Sept. 20.—Another slide has occurred in the Culebra cut. It will block the Panama canal traffic four days.

## FOUR F-4 VICTIMS ARE IDENTIFIED

### Nine Unidentified Bodies Will Be Interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—The United States naval station ship supply arrived today from Honolulu with the bodies of twenty-one from the submarine F-4. Four of them were identified and sent to relatives. The seventeen unidentified were sent to the Arlington national cemetery.

## GARZA OPPOSES RECOGNITION OF GEN. CARRANZA

### AGENT OF VILLA SAYS CARRANZA LOSING STRENGTH IN SOUTH

## VILLA WOULD ACCEPT OBREGON

### Said to Be Willing for Carranza's Commander to Be Named Provisional President.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Enrique Gonzales Garza, provisional president of Mexico during the Villa-Zapata occupation arrived here as an emissary of General Villa. He will attempt to show that Carranza while making his campaign against Villa in the north, has withdrawn large forces from south and central Mexico, and has lost control of the territory once held. Reports are current in official quarters that Villa has indicated that he would accept General Obregon, Carranza's commander-in-chief for a provisional president.

It is reported that the Villa representatives had told General Obregon that recognition would probably be accorded him by the United States if he formed a coalition with the other groups. The Carranza agent here declared that they had no doubt of Obregon's loyalty and placed no credence in the report. Enrique C. Lorente, the Villa agent pronounced the idea absurd.

### Carranza's Army in Torreon.

El Paso, Sept. 20.—Carranza troops have occupied Torreon, according to unofficial reports. Villa retired yesterday, it is said, because of lack of provisions.

### Mexicans Seek Conference.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 20.—A non-military faction, composed largely of wealthy Mexicans, including sympathizers and representatives of all factions is being formed. They will ask representation before the Pan-American conference. Their plans seek the moral and material support of the Pan-American governments to establish themselves in government control.

### Wife Slayer Captured.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 20.—Bunn O. Lucas, charged with shooting and killing his wife Saturday night, was captured early this morning near the city. The coroner's jury yesterday charged Lucas with the killing, recommended that he be held in first degree murder. He refuses to talk.

## PASSENGERS SAVED FROM BURNING SHIP

### GREEK STEAMER WITH 408 PASSENGERS AND CREW SAILED THURSDAY FROM NEW YORK—PASSENGERS AND CREW TRANSFERRED TO TUSCANIA AND PROCEEDING.

Halifax, Sept. 20.—Marine department officials await for further word in regard to the loss of the Greek steamer Athani, burned and abandoned in mid-ocean last night. The Athani sailed from New York for Piraeus last Thursday, with a few passengers and a large merchandise cargo.

News of the abandonment was wireless last night by Captain McLean of the Anchor line freighter Tuscania, and he was standing by prepared to convey her to this port. Soon afterward another message from the Tuscania relayed by the Cape Race wireless station, said the Athani had been abandoned. Nothing was said regarding the fate of the passengers and crew. Marine officials are hopeful that they were transferred safely to the Tuscania.

### One Life Boat Lost.

Halifax, Sept. 20.—One life boat was lost when the Greek Athani was destroyed by fire, according to a message to the marine department. The steamer, Tuscania, rescued 408 passengers and the crew. The steamer "Roumanian Prince" 21, a message from the Tuscania today is the first official word from the liner since it was wireless last night that the Athani was afloat, and the Tuscania rescued the passengers. The Athani sailed from New York last Thursday for Greece with 41 first, 47 second and 213 steerage passengers.

## WAR MUNITIONS WILL NOT BLOCK LOAN TO ALLIES

### NEITHER WILL MONEY BE TIED UP IN NEW YORK BANKS

## MUNITIONS ONLY FOURTH EXPORTS

### If Provision Can Be Made for Other Commodities Munitions Exports Can Be Arranged.

New York, Sept. 20.—War munitions will not block the Anglo-French loan nor is the six hundred or eight hundred millions to be obtained to be locked in the New York treasure chest, according to persons in close touch with the negotiations today.

As munition exports constitute less than twenty-five per cent of the shipments bankers hold it would be absurd to halt the whole problem of stabilizing exchange, which is considered a big phase of the loan. The bankers declare that if provision is made for the shipment of other commodities exchange would be stabilized and munitions paid for by a different method if advisable.

It is reported that tentative proposals for installment subscriptions to the loan. One suggestion is that the sum each bank pledges would be payable in four equal installments subject to call, another that the loans should remain in the bank until ready for use and each of the big syndicate underwriting banks be called on for a proportionable amount.

## MADDEN URGES PREPAREDNESS

### Illinois Congressman Addresses Fort Sheridan Military Training Camp.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—Congressman Martin B. Madden of Chicago addressed the four hundred who reported at the Fort Sheridan military training camp for a month's course today. He urged preachment of a new American gospel of preparedness.

## MENDENHALL LOSES IN ATTACK ON JUDGE

Clearwater, Florida, Sept. 20.—Circuit Judge Reavis today decided that J. J. Mendenhall, charged with murder of Mrs. Benson Elliott and her daughter, must go to trial Thursday. He decided against Mendenhall's attorneys who attacked the legality of the judge's appointment to the bench, and claimed he had no jurisdiction in the case.

### 13,000,000 Admissions at Fair.

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—The attendance at the Pan-American Pacific exposition has reached the thirteen million mark. The average daily attendance since it opened is 61,111.

### British Ship, Herden, Sunk.

London, Sept. 20.—It was announced tonight that the British ship Herden, tonnage about fifteen hundred has been sunk. The crew was landed.