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BREST LITOVSK, LAST GREAT FORTRESS GUARDING WARSAW HAS FALLEN UNDER ASSAULT OF THE RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI

Warsaw, Aug. 3.—Brest Litovsk, the last great fortress guarding Warsaw from the east, has apparently fallen before a tremendous assault by the Russian Bolsheviki. North of that place, Soviet forces have smashed their way forward in their drive westward to a point only sixty miles east of this city. Over a front of 120 miles, Polish armies are being pounded to pieces before the rush of Bolsheviki hordes which are being hurled into the battle in a desperate attempt to capture Warsaw before the conclusion of the armistice conference at Kobryn.

Reinforcements are being hurried to the front by the Russians to complete the defeat of the Poles before hostilities are halted.

An official statement, issued late last night showed the Soviet armies had reached a line running from Koshaki to Ciechanowicz, which is only 60 miles from this city, with which it is connected by an excellent automobile highway.

Great masses of Bolsheviki have been flung against the Polish breastworks defending the part of Brest Litovsk east of the river Bug. Fugitives who arrived here last night from that city reported the Soviet forces were in control of the eastern half of the town. It is officially admitted the Russians have reached Mielnika, northeast of Brest Litovsk.

Far to the southeast, near Brody, the Bolsheviki have rushed reinforcements into the line and it is expected a terrific attack will be launched there for the purpose of capturing Lemberg before an armistice is declared.

On the northern sector Soviet troops have advanced and have reached the region of Ostrolenska, which is but 60 miles from Warsaw. Cavalry regiments from the extreme tip of the right wing of the advancing Bolsheviki line and here, too, fresh forces are being brought up. Apparently it is planned to carry the drive much nearer this city before Wednesday, the earliest date set by the Soviet plenipotentiaries for reaching a decision relative to an armistice with Poland.

Paris, Aug. 3.—The latest advices received by the French foreign office confirm the reports that the Bolsheviki have captured Brest Litovsk, but state that the city itself, which is more than three miles distant, has not yet been taken. The defensive works were captured Monday.

The first Polish army, defending Warsaw, is retreating, notably between the Bug and Narew rivers, the advices show. The fourth Polish army, defending the Brest-Litovsk district, also is retreating.

Warsaw, Aug. 3.—News of the progress of armistice negotiations between Polish and Russian Bolsheviki representatives was awaited impatiently by Warsaw today, but at 6 o'clock this evening officials said no reports had been received.

In the meantime, reports from the front were not as encouraging as they had been for several days, and many foreigners continued to prepare to leave the city in the event of its imminent capture by the Soviet armies.

Word was passed around Americans here, upon advice from Washington, that those desiring to remain in Warsaw should it appear the Bolsheviki would take the capital, would do so at their own risk. It was said the American authorities would request their passports, which will be returned afterward if individuals requested them. It was said the indications were that few, if any, Americans would remain, although some naturalized citizens might desire to stay in Warsaw.

All advices today indicate that the situation in Poland, from the Polish allied standpoint, is approaching a crisis.

The Polish delegation which went to Baranovitchi to negotiate an armistice not only failed to obtain terms from the Russians, but was sent back to Warsaw by the Soviet authorities, who demanded that the emissaries obtain a mandate to take up peace negotiations. This will delay even the beginning of the armistice negotiations until tomorrow, at the earliest.

Meanwhile the resistance of the Polish army, which apparently had been stiffening, has again relaxed under the tremendous pressure of the Bolsheviki armies. Warsaw, from which the Russians now are only 60 miles distant, seems critically menaced, if not doomed to capture. Americans remaining there have received official intimations that they stay at their own risk.

Coincident with the serious military developments comes an announcement from Moscow that a Soviet government has been set up in the portions of Poland which the Bolsheviki have overrun.

Applications for passport visas by persons wishing to leave Warsaw have more than doubled at the American consulate since the beginning of the Soviet offensive which now is hammering at the gates of Poland. Consulate employes worked all day Sunday and did not leave their desks until late at night, and today it was stated that upward of 3,000 visas are passed upon each week. Most of the

INVESTIGATING DEATH OF TWO AVIATORS

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 3.—An investigation was started today by the coroner's office of the deaths of Lieut. Omer Locklear and Lieut. Milton Elliott, aviators, whose airplane last night crashed to the ground near Hollywood without having righted from a tallspin started at a height of 1,000 feet.

Locklear, known as a daredevil aviator, was performing by searchlight in an exhibition when the accident occurred.

Five searchlights played on the airplane as it started into the spin, and Lieut. Locklear, the pilot, dropped a rocket which he followed with the nose of his machine.

Spectators said Locklear attempted to right his machine at a height of 200 feet, but failed as the machine burst into flames. The plane was ignited by the rocket, it was said.

Both aviators were dead when motion picture employes reached them a few seconds after they struck the ground. The bodies were burned and mangled.

COX ARRANGING CAMPAIGN ITINERARY

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 3.—State and personal affairs had precedence today before Governor Cox, following completion of arrangements for next Saturday's ceremonies to notify him formally of his Democratic presidential nomination. No visitors had engagement before the latter part of the week and by that time the governor hoped to have all state and personal business out of the way, and to devote himself to the Democratic campaign organization and conferences with many Democratic leaders coming for the notification.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the vice presidential nominee, is to be Governor Cox's guest for the notification. Although the governor had hoped to attend Mr. Roosevelt's notification, August 9, at Hyde Park, N. Y., conferences next week with party leaders, his own speaking itinerary may preclude the trip to the Roosevelt event.

The presidential nominee plans to spend most of next week here planning up party and personal affairs, to start his first extensive speaking trip week after next, probably in northern New York and New England after addressing the Ohio Democratic convention at Columbus, August 17. Today was the first registration day for the Ohio primary elections August 10, but having a residence in a country township, where Trails End is situated, Governor Cox is not required to register.

YOUNG WOMAN IS EXONERATED

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Samuel T. A. Loftis, head of the jewelry house bearing his name, who died under mysterious circumstances in his apartment last Friday, came to his death "from injuries suffered in a violent fall on the floor of his apartment after hitting against a door," a coroner's jury decided today.

Miss Ruth Wood, a 25 year old bookkeeper, who was alone with Loftis when he died, and young Shayne, her fiancée, were released from custody today after the inquest. Miss Wood fainted twice during the hearing.

CENSUS

Washington, Aug. 3.—Ashtabula, Ohio, 22,082, increase 3,816 or 20.9 per cent.

Michigan City, Ind., 19,457, increase 430 or 2.3 per cent.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., 42,726, increase 11,870.

Wyandotte County, Kans., including Kansas City, 122,218, increase 22,150 or 22.1 per cent.

Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 15,236, increase 12,281 or 415.6 per cent.

Newark, N. J., (revised) 414,216. Previously announced as 415,609. Error due to duplication.

WEATHER

Forecast for South Carolina: Partly cloudy in interior; probably showers near the coast tonight and Wednesday.

applicants are women and children who have friends in America.

Crowds jammed the streets near the consulate on Sunday, and extra guardmen were stationed there to maintain order and to divert traffic to other streets.

As a war measure, the military authorities have prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of beer, in the Warsaw district.

Meanwhile at various distances to the north, northeast and east of the Vistula, in a great semi-circle, the work of building trenches and erecting barbed wire defenses is being carried on with great haste.

It is estimated that already about 120 American women and children have left Warsaw, most of them proceeding to Danzig.

COTTON MARKETING MEETING IN UNION

The meeting in the interest of cotton marketing scheduled to be held in Union at 10 o'clock this morning was not largely attended, but developed considerable enthusiasm.

Speeches, brief, but with a view to explaining the phases of cotton marketing were presented. Hon. Lowndes J. Browning spoke briefly and announced the three committees contemplated in the campaign. The committees are as follows:

Cotton grading: J. A. Wuburn, chairman; Hayden Smith and Orus T. Belue.

Cotton Association Membership: L. M. Jordan, chairman; Sam Vaughan and J. D. Hancock.

Warehousing: F. W. Carnall, chairman; F. H. Garner and C. G. Sanders.

The committees are expected to look into the matter involved and to press the movement.

After Mr. Browning announced the committees a brief speech was made by Mr. Mills, explaining the details of warehousing and related problems.

Mr. McKenna was next introduced and spoke briefly on the question of cotton grading. He followed the outline of his speech at Santuc, and urged that Union County, through the cooperation of all the townships in the county, employ an official cotton grader. This cost would be \$8,000 for this grader.

The meeting will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Jonesville, as scheduled.

TWO YOUNG MEN HELD FOR THE NATIONAL DEBT REDUCED

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 3.—An admitted today that two young men, said to be employed in a local bank, are being held in connection with the theft of \$53,000 in Liberty bonds, reported several days ago to have been stolen while in transit between Cleveland and Toledo banks.

It was reported that the two men had confessed stealing the bonds but placed the responsibility on an organized band of Chicago bond thieves.

WILL REPORT ON CONFERENCE

Mexicali, Lower Cal., August 3.—General Angel Flores and Senator Juan Pratt, representatives of the de la Huerta government today were on the way to Los Angeles where they expected to telegraph to Mexico City the results of a conference held here with Governor Estaban Cantu of Lower California. An effort will be made in the conference to compose the differences which caused Cantu to break off relations with the federal government.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

Cleveland, O., August 3.—A one day embargo on outgoing freight was in effect on the four big railroads here today. Company officials declared they were swamped with incoming freight and the embargo was necessary to bring about speedy unloading of cars. Lack of labor and general railroad conditions are said to be the cause of the congestion.

HARDING GETS BUSY

Marion, O., August 3.—Senator Harding, the Republican Presidential nominee, is going to prove to the public that he is a real printer, today he threw aside his coat, rolled up his sleeves and "made-up" the first page of his paper while motion picture machines recorded his actions.

All work at the newspaper plant suspended while the pictures were being made and employes gathered about to see their boss working while they loafed. The Senator kept up a rapid fire of conversation with his foreman while at work.

J. O. ARRIVES

"J. O." arrived this afternoon, all the way from Miami, Fla., to attend the booster trip next Saturday. We are glad to see J. O. and the girl correspondents are mighty glad too, judging from a conversation overheard in the office yesterday.

THREE YOUTHS CONFESS TO KILLING BOY SCOUT

Buffalo, Aug. 3.—Confessions made to the district attorney here today by three boys allege that Norman Kelley, 15 years old, was the slayer of Edward Pokgrant, a boy scout, who was shot dead in the woods near Ebenezer on Sunday.

The boys, the confession alleges, were in camp when Pokgrant and a companion rode up on a bicycle. Kelley, it is claimed, first shot the tires of Pokgrant's bicycle and when the boy turned to run, fired another that killed him.

TERMS OF ALLIANCE BY MARSHAL FOCH

Washington, August 3.—General terms of the defensive military alliance between France and Belgium as drawn up by Marshal Foch of the French army and the Belgian chief of staff were received here today in official circles.

Military support of France by Belgium in future armed conflicts is pledged upon condition that France prove not to have been the aggressor, Belgium also reserved the right to remain neutral in all disputes between the interests of France and other nations in France's colonial possessions. Details as to France's pledge to Belgium have not yet been received.

The alliance is to endure for a period of from five to fifteen years. Attempts of Belgium to induce Great Britain to join with France in the defensive alliance, the official advices stated, have so far been in vain.

ITINERARY ANNOUNCED

New York, August 3.—The complete itinerary of the Western speaking tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic Vice Presidential nominee, beginning in Chicago August 11, and ending in Indianapolis August 31, was announced at Democratic national headquarters here today. The tour will be made in a special car.

NATIONAL DEBT REDUCED

Washington, August 3.—The gross national debt was reduced a total of \$76,404,453 during July, according to the Treasury statement today. This leaves the public debt at \$24,222,917,013. The reduction was accomplished through the retirement of that amount of treasury certificates of indebtedness.

MAIL TRAIN IS WRECKED

Omaha, Neb., August 3.—Plane number three of the mail trail blazing squadron on its way from New York to San Francisco crashed into a house while endeavoring to make a getaway from Ak-Sar-Ben field here today and fell to the ground. Aside from a shaking up occupants of the plane escaped injury. The plane was wrecked.

ROBBERS AT WORK AT CAMPOBELLO

Spartanburg, S. C., August 3.—The postoffice and two stores at Campobello, this county, were broken into and the safes blown last night. Only a small amount of money and a few stamps were secured from the postoffice and the thefts from the stores were negligible. There is no clue as to the robbers.

NO TRACES OF POISON ON BRAIN

New York, Aug. 3.—The autopsy on the body of Mrs. Eugene Leroy, whose body was jumbled into a trunk here recently, showed no traces of poison on the brain, according to a report made today by Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, deputy medical examiner. Since all other vital organs were removed from the body, medical officials were unable to determine how the young woman met her death.

ALABAMA RAILROADS WANT RATES RAISED

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 3.—Railroads operating in Alabama asked the Alabama Public Service Commission today for a "temporary order" making effective increased freight, passenger and Pullman rates at the same time the increased interstate rates become operative. A telegram from A. R. Smith, vice president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, said that the commission should permit intrastate rates to apply at the same time with interstate rates, and that the commission could then issue a citation to require the roads to show cause why the rates should not be lowered.

The commission's secretary is permitted to order the increase without hearing evidence.

NO NEW EVIDENCE IN KILLING OF RAY

Graham, N. C., Aug. 3.—When adjournment was taken for lunch, the second day session of the investigation into the killing of James Ray during shooting around the Alamance county jail on Monday night, July 19, had made little progress. Ten witnesses had been examined, but no new evidence throwing additional light on the killing of Ray by the militiamen, after a mob is alleged to have attacked the machine gunners, had developed.

Captain Jim Smith, who lives near the jail, testified that he had heard a faint first shot evidently fired from a cheap pistol and not an army automatic. The following shots, he believed, were fired from automatic pistols. Many prominent citizens testified during the morning, but few of them knew anything connected with the alleged attack on the jail or the shooting of Ray.

FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Aug. 3.—Further troubles for the British in Mesopotamia were reported by the war office today. A strong British column on the lower Euphrates were attacked and roughly handled by tribesmen it was announced, but succeeded in cutting its way back to Hillah, near the site of ancient Babylon, after sustaining 300 casualties and the loss of one gun and 12 machine guns.

ARRESTED FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES

New York, Aug. 3.—Patrick Burke, detective sergeant and Benson B. C. Laverty, a federal prohibition enforcement officer, were arrested in Brooklyn today by federal agents on the charge of accepting bribes from saloonkeepers.

The arrests are said to be the forerunners of others in which police and authorized federal agents are involved.

TWO INJURED IN FIGHT

Sam Hunter, a colored man employed at the Bailey Builders Supply Co.'s planing mill, cut and stabbed the foreman of the planing mill, H. C. Lancaster, making several ugly gashes on the face and side of the head. When the colored man attacked Mr. Lancaster, the latter struck him on the side of the head with a piece of scantling, and wounded him severely.

It is thought that neither has been seriously injured.

The difficulty arose over some order given the colored man by the foreman. An altercation arose with the above results.

STILL DESTROYED

Rural policeman McDaniel and Faucette captured a still and a couple of barrels of mash—about 100 gallons, on the Linder place, in the Mt. Lebanon neighborhood, fourteen miles northwest of Union.

Boyd Gault and W. F. Sumner aided the rural policemen in the raid.

The officers brought the "worm," made of copper, to Union and it is now in the Sheriff's office.

COLORED WOMAN SHOT

Eloise Sims, a colored woman who lived on the Adams place, near Adamsburg, was shot and seriously wounded by Wilks Chalk, a colored man, on Sunday, at Mt. Rowell church. The woman was seriously wounded and is now in the hospital in Spartanburg; her recovery is very doubtful. The negro who did the shooting has been lodged in jail.

PICNIC AND FISHING PARTY

Messrs. L. G. Bishop and B. W. Sparks and their families, had a picnic and fish fry yesterday. The dinner was served at Mr. Bishop's home. The fishing was done on Tyger river.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allison and son and Mrs. J. B. Willis, Mr. J. B. Estes, wife and son, were guests at the dining All report a good time.

NOTICE TO FOX HUNTERS

It has come to our notice that certain parties in the county have been hunting fox contrary to law. We warn all parties concerned that we will call the attention of the proper authorities to this matter if the law is not observed hereafter. The law says there is to be no fox hunting until after September 1st of each year. It. Fox Hunters Association.

A motor operated machine places and drives screws as rapidly as material can be moved to receive them.

SIX BANDITS ROB BANK; GET OFF WITH \$20,000

Moline Ill., August 3. Six men entered the Commercial Savings Bank here just before noon today, locked the doors and escaped with \$20,000 after a running revolver fight with citizens and police. Charles Mohler, a barber, was shot and probably mortally wounded.

SOUNDS KEYNOTE FOR RENOMINATION

Convention Hall, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 3.—Delegates to the democratic unofficial state convention met at noon today effected temporary organization listened to the keynote speech of the temporary chairman, Frank H. Mott of Chautauque, and adjourned until eight p. m. It was on the program that the evening session be turned into an old time love feast with all factions uniting in an endorsement of Governor Alfred E. Smith's administration of state affairs and a suggestion that he be renominated.

Renomination of the Governor was the only principle upon which all the delegates were united. Mayor George R. Lunn of Schenectady, candidate for renomination for United States senator, but whose aspirations do not revive encouragements from the Tammany Hall and Up State organization leaders has declared his intention of vigorously opposing on the floor of the convention to any attempt to "Suggest" a ticket. He holds that "Recommendation," "Designation" or "Suggestions" of candidates would violate the spirit of the direct primary law.

Lieut. Governor Harry C. Walker of Binghamton, was reported today to be the choice of the organization leaders for the Senatorial nomination. Declaring that no apologies are necessary for the records in office of Governor Alfred E. Smith and, and Frank H. Mott of Jamestown, paved the way for his renomination in his keynote speech here today as temporary chairman of the unofficial Democratic State Convention.

"Governor Smith, although trained in the practical school of politics has not been a partisan governor," he said; "he has been the governor for all the people."

"The purpose of the convention," Mr. Mott said, "was to ratify the platform declarations and endorse the candidates of the democratic national convention. Prolonged as followed his mention of the names of Governor Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt."

"Prefacing his argument by a declaration that hitherto American problems have been largely local and provincial, but have now become international, and our destiny in separably interwoven with that of all the free nations," Mr. Mott devoted a large part of his address to discussing the proposed league of nations.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Mable Lawson, of Sumter, is the guest of Mrs. M. D. Huiet on Perrin Avenue.

Miss Sadie Barnado has returned from Rock Hill where she attended the summer school at Winthrop College.

Mrs. Frank Hough is visiting relatives in Newberry this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Whitmire, and W. J. Hanna, of Chesterfield, were among the visitors in the city yesterday, returning from Hendersonville, N. C.

Miss Pauline Milling of this city, and Miss Josie Lee, of Columbia, left this week for Philadelphia, Washington and New York on a sight seeing trip and will be away a month or more.

Misses Sadie and Minnie Schofield, of Davidson, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Oetzel at the Clifford Seminary.

Mrs. B. F. Walker and Miss Iva Walker, who have been visiting relatives in Spartanburg, will return to their home in Coleraine tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDow and Mr. and Mrs. Tom McDow, of Lancaster, motored to Union this week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. McDow on South Church street.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church will meet tonight in the parlors of the church at 8:15 o'clock. You are invited.