

## RUSSIANS CHECK GERMAN ATTACK IN BALTIC REGION

BERLIN REPORTS NEW SUCCESSES, HOWEVER, IN REGION OF KOVNO

### VON HINDENBURG NOW IN CHARGE

Appointment to That Section Shows Importance of Capturing Kovno.

London, Aug. 13.—Russia officially admitted tonight that she had evacuated Sokolow, Siedlec and Lukow, to the east of Warsaw, but claimed to have driven back the Germans near Riga and that near Kovno, under Russian pressure, the Germans abandoned their attacks.

Berlin however reported new successes in the region of Kovno, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Germany's national hero, has been placed in personal command of that region, showing the importance the German general staff attaches to the plan for capturing Kovno, which stands between the Germans and the Vilna and the Warsaw-Petrograd Railway.

The Germans continue to drive the Russians northeast and east of Warsaw and with the capture of Siedlec, Sokolow and Lukow they are within a short distance of the But river, one of the main supports of the Brest-Litovsk line, where it was originally believed the Russians intended to stand.

The German crown prince continued trying to pierce the French line in the forest of Argonne. He obtained some local successes, but the French claim his losses were heavy. The French also claim the Germans unsuccessfully attacked in the Ardennes.

The Russians are taking the offensive according to the Italian official statement tonight which says the repulsed Austrian attacks in the Icazo region and on the Carze front.

The Vienna statement tells of fighting at various points, but nothing definite was accomplished.

On Galloli peninsula Turkey claims to have taken "trenches of eight-red yards" near Seddul Bahr, and near Ari Hurnu to have captured machine guns and munitions of war.

There are strong indications Serbia will flatly refuse Bulgaria's territorial demands and the allies' hope of bringing Bulgaria into the war on their side will come to naught, according to some diplomats here.

The present issue is declared to have renewed smoldering feuds among the Balkan states and much bitterness is said to have developed.

The Zeppelin raid on the east coast of England last night, in which six were killed and twenty five injured, was the sixteenth since the war. In all seventy five were killed, a hundred and seventy five wounded, two Zeppelins destroyed and one of those last night reported damaged, as a result of these raids.

London, Aug. 13.—The Russians are still holding the Baltic flank and the Germans are struggling to cut the Warsaw Petrograd railway and are battling toward the Dvina beyond, on which lie the roads to Petrograd. This is being accomplished with the aid of reinforcements and one counter-attack after another.

Kovno still holds and to the south the German attacks toward Riga have been repulsed.

The railway junction at Welnak remains in Russian hands but from Ostrolika north of Warsaw to Chem in the south. Between the Vipers and the Bug they have apparently been thrown back with heavy losses. Von Hindenburg may not have been exercising his full strength in the north, but awaiting events in the south before hammering the hardest toward the Dvina near the banks of which his cavalry have been for some time.

The fact that the Germans are able to advance with comparative rapidity due east from Warsaw, while being checked on the right and left has given rise to the impression in England and in Russia that stout resistance by the Russian wings insures the safe withdrawal of the main body of troops from the Warsaw salient. Contrary to many reports the main line of communication between the Polish capital and Petrograd is not cut. It would be if the Germans had taken Dvinsk. The approaching meeting of the Greek and Serbian parliaments give promise of bringing the Balkan situation to a head, though for the moment Greece and Serbia refuse to concede any territory.

## BRITISH VIEW TOWARD COTTON

LORD CECIL SAYS STAPLE MUST BE KEPT FROM ENEMIES

### MAY DECLARE IT CONTRABAND

If Such a Course is Necessary England Will Consider it Legal.

London, Aug. 13.—Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs, in an informal interview today, defining Great Britain's attitude in the cotton situation, declared: "The allies must, by all lawful means, prevent cotton reaching their enemies. It may be considered necessary to make cotton contraband."

At the same time he refrained from any hint that cotton would be made contraband at any specific date or that the government had evolved any solution to meet the demands of American cotton growers and neutral consumers.

He stated implicitly, however, that if cotton were made contraband England would consider the act legal and internationally justified. The statement was taken in some quarters to indicate that Great Britain will soon make cotton contraband.

Ed Sweeney Released. New York, Aug. 13.—Ed Sweeney, catcher of the New York Americans, was released today to Richmond of the International League.

## RUSSIANS ELUDE GERMAN NETS

Are Opposing German Advance Toward Bialystok, East of Warsaw on Both Sides of Warsaw-Bialystok Railroad.

Petrograd, Aug. 13.—The Russian armies having extricated themselves from the German net now are stubbornly opposing the German advance toward Bialystok on the line, seventy miles east of Warsaw on both sides of the Warsaw-Bialystok railroad.

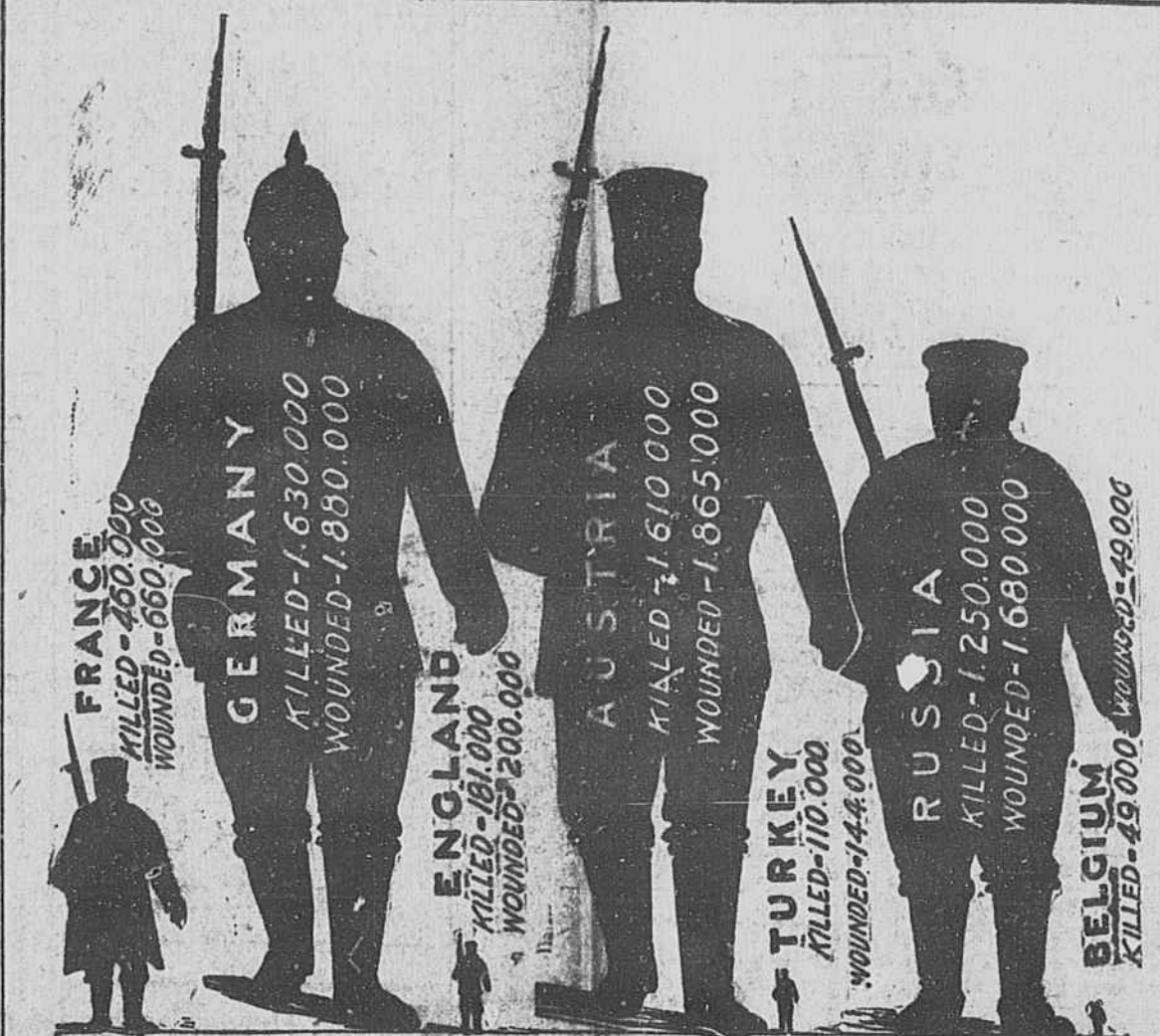
The German Baltic campaign appears at a standstill with the Russians astride of the Vildomir and Polniewsch highway threatening the communication of the invading armies.

The Germans are approaching slightly nearer to Kovno and pounding that position with heavy guns, but the Russian artillery is replying effectively. Peasants who have escaped from the German labor gangs describe deliberate preparations for the assault of Kovno that were begun three months ago. The Germans brought an immense mass of structural material and built paved roads from the west and dug foundations fifteen feet deep for their mortars. When the refugees escaped no forty two centimetre guns had arrived but those of smaller calibre each requiring three large tractors were being hauled into position.

### GEORGIA SLAYER MAKES ESCAPE

Atlanta, Aug. 13.—No trace of Nick Johnson, who it is alleged shot and fatally wounded Stewart F. Foster, a former Georgia University athlete yesterday, has been found early today. Officers said that Johnson had not appeared at his home at Rutledge, Ga. The shooting occurred at the camp near Swains, Ga., and Foster died here late yesterday. The anatomist statement said the shooting followed a quarrel over cards. The body was taken to Madison, Ga., for burial today.

## Comparative Losses of Seven Nations in War



The losses of Europe in the war up to May 31, as compiled by the French ministry of war, are as follows:

Nation	Killed	Wounded	Prisoners	Total
France	460,000	660,000	180,000	1,300,000
England	181,000	200,000	90,000	471,000
Belgium	49,000	49,000	15,000	113,000
Russia	1,250,000	1,680,000	850,000	3,780,000
Austria	1,610,000	1,880,000	490,000	4,000,000
Austria	1,610,000	1,865,000	910,000	4,385,000
Turkey	110,000	144,000	95,000	349,000
Totals	5,290,000	6,478,000	2,630,000	14,398,000

This table was prepared for publication early in June, but was withheld because the French authorities feared the enormity of the figures might have a bad moral effect on the people. The computations, while probably not exact, may be considered the most complete record of losses so far put together. The losses of Serbia are not available, but as that country has suffered from plague in addition to war they must be large.

The largest total loss is charged to Austria-Hungary, the largest proportionate loss to Belgium. Enough persons have been killed to populate a country like Sweden. Since May 31 there have been many violent battles to swell the totals given—the French offensive north of Arras, where 15,000 are said to have been slain, the Austro-Italian engagements, the great battle in Galicia and the German offensive in the Argonne.

The most astounding feature of this table is the ratio of killed to wounded. In previous modern wars the number of wounded has been to the number of dead as four or five to one. Here the two categories are much more nearly equal. Many of the wounded have joined their regiments, but many are crippled for life. The sick, who have been numerous in all the armies, are not listed here.

## ITALY CANCELS WHEAT ORDERS

Contracts Called for September Delivery of Two Million Bushels—Markets Takes Big Slump.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—The plan of the government to fix maximum grain prices or otherwise stop speculation was given here tonight as the reason for exporters suddenly cancelling in two days contracts for approximately two million bushels of wheat. Announcement of the cancellation today caused prices to break wildly, the downward plunge at one time amounting to four to four and one eighth cents per bushel, smashing the market to a dollar and seven cents per bushel for September delivery. Most of the contracts cancelled were for wheat for Italy.

## AUSTRIANS BOMBARD ITALIAN RAILWAY

Factories and Viaducts at Molitetta and Factories at Bari Also Targets.

Vienna, Aug. 13.—It was officially announced tonight that Austrian warships Wednesday bombarded the Italian railway from Molitetta to Sona Sangiorgio, four factories, two railway viaducts at Molitetta and five factories at Bari, throwing that town into a panic. All the raiders returned undamaged.

Italian Volcanoes Active. Pavia, Aug. 13.—The great volcanoes of Southern Italy are becoming increasingly active. Thus far it is impossible to procure authentic information from the scene of disturbance, where eruptions occurred earlier in the week.

## TEXANS WANT TO PROTECT SELVES

Mission Chamber of Commerce Asks for Rifles and Ammunition—Have Formed Rifle Practice Club.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Mission, Texas chamber of commerce wired the National Rifle Association to secure rifles and ammunition immediately in view of the nearness of foreign territory to this section and the urgent need of arms and ammunition for protection. The association distributes condemned army rifles to rifle practice clubs. Lieut. Albert S. Jones, secretary of the association, said the Mission people have already formed a club before the rifles are issued. It will take three or four months, Jones said many clubs were formed in the past few months, in New Mexico and Arizona.

General Scott, chief of staff has been ordered to remain in El Paso ready for any mission the state department may have on the border. He is also watching the border situation. No more troops have ordered to the border regions.

## YOUNG TURKS URGE WAR WITH ITALIANS

Say Italian Ambassador to Constantinople is "Leading Spy."

Rome, Aug. 13.—Reports from Constantinople say the Young Turks held a meeting at which Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, was urged to break relations with Italy to free Turkey from the "leading spy," namely the Italian ambassador, and simultaneously adopt severe measures against the Italians. It is reported decision was postponed.

Austrian "Sub" Sunk. Rome, Aug. 13.—It was officially announced tonight that the Austrian submarine, U-13 was sunk yesterday morning in the lower Adriatic. The second officer and eleven men were captured and saved.

## STRIKERS RIOT IN ST. LOUIS

Several Injured When Five Hundred Striking Transfer Drivers Attack Non-Union Men.

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—Several were slightly injured and a number of shots fired tonight in a running fight between five hundred strikers and sympathizers on one side and three non-union drivers and a score of policemen on the other, as a result of the strike today of fifteen hundred transfer drivers and chauffeurs for higher wages and shorter hours.

Two rioters were arrested but were taken from the policemen. The fight started at a postoffice substation where pickets were waiting for drivers hauling the mail. When the wagons were emptied the drivers were chased to the transfer company's stable and escaped. The hauling of

## INVESTIGATE FAILURE TO SUPPLY MUNITIONS

Duma Wants Responsible Parties Called to Account Regardless of Positions

Petrograd, Aug. 13.—Details given to the press of the secret meeting of the Duma Tuesday show that members urged the immediate cessation of alleged irregularities and the failure to supply munitions for the army, and navy and sought to call to account those responsible, regardless of their positions. The minister of war promised an investigation.

## U. S. TROOPS AND RANGERS PURSUE MEXICAN RAIDERS

### APPEAL GOES TO MEXICAN CHIEFS

WILL BE SENT TO ALL MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES

### EXPECT CARRANZA TO REJECT APPEAL

General Scott Expected to do Missionary Work on the Border.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Pan-American appeal, urging all Mexicans to cease fighting and join the movement to restore the constitutional government began to go forward tonight by telegraph.

The state department intends to appeal to every military chief it can reach and also to civil officials. That Carranza will remain defiant is expected, although it is hoped many of his adherents will be induced to join the movement.

In this connection it has been reported that General Hugh L. Scott is expected to perform important missionary work on the border.

Washington, Aug. 13.—State department officials are completing the arrangements for the dispatch of the Pan-American appeal to the Mexican factional leaders calling on them to make peace. The communication will go forward late today or tomorrow. It will be addressed to the Mexican public officially and to the military leaders. The delay is due to the desire to get the appeal published in the press throughout Mexico. Every effort will be made to reach the leader of every movement, no matter how small.

### NOW AFTER BAND OF THIRTY NORTH OF BROWNSVILLE

### MANY MEXICANS ALREADY KILLED

Feared Carranza Troops Will Cross Border if Americans Enter Vera Cruz.

Twenty men crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico tonight about forty miles above here, although Americans had been warned and placed guards on the lookout. Late tonight posses were closing in on the Mexicans.

Congressman Gardner speaking for a committee of business men tonight told Governor Ferguson at Rockport that Carranza authorities were responsible for the raids.

Brownsville, Aug. 13.—The search continued tonight in the section fifty miles north of here for a band of thirty Mexicans, some of whom are known to be direct run Mexico Twenty six hundred United States soldiers, as well as Texas rangers and peace officers have rapidly run down fugitive Mexicans, and although the number of Mexicans killed is reported officially as fifteen to twenty it is known that more have been killed.

There is apprehension here over reports that if American forces land at Vera Cruz, Carranza soldiers will sack Brownsville.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 13.—One Mexican was killed today near Lyford, a short distance north of here by the officers and soldiers, Rangers and U. S. regulars seem in control of the situation.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 13.—The authorities in the lower Rio Grande valley have continued to make every effort to suppress the depredations of the new depredations by bands of Mexican raiders are reported.

## FARMERS OF GEORGIA PRAISE PRES. WILSON

Intimation That President Will Back up Hoke Smith Brings Satisfaction.

Atlanta, Aug. 13.—With a fairish large cotton crop coming on despite talk of curtailment, farmers in Georgia and the cotton belt are viewing with intense satisfaction the manifest intentions of President Wilson and the administration at Washington to back up the contentious insistence on by Senator Hoke Smith with reference to the interference by Great Britain with the cotton export commerce of this country.

If those principles of unrestrained commerce with neutral ports are insisted on and England is forced to recognize them and cease seizing cotton, it will open up a market now closed for millions of bales of the American crop.

Senator Hoke Smith has made a closer study of this situation than probably any other official of the official family at Washington; and it was he who pointed out that there was no basis of historical fact for the British contentions that the act of this government in the civil war offered a precedent for what Great Britain is trying to do now by way of interfering with neutral commerce and blockading neutral ports. Of all the problems which have arisen from the great European conflict, this is the one that strikes nearest home to the Southern farmer and the Southern business man.

### NO NEW OUTBREAKS

Brownsville, Aug. 13.—Reports of no new outbreaks has been received at noon. Officials here answering the statement of General Naffarrete, the Carranza commander at Matamoras, who said he had only five hundred troops on the border, say there are over two thousand in the zone described by the Mexican. Naffarrete made the statement to show that the supposed one thousand Mexicans alleged to have crossed into Texas to promoted uprisings were not Carranza troops as reported.

### TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Pittsburg, Aug. 13.—Two were killed and six injured in a mysterious explosion today in the Turtle Creek plant of the Westinghouse Electric Company.

The explosion came shortly after the receipt of a letter by a newspaper in which the threat that the building would be blown up was made.

The Westinghouse plant here is making shrapnel for the Allies.

Washington, Aug. 13.—President Wilson has postponed the discussion of the national defense questions with Secretaries Garrison and Daniels until next week. Secretary Garrison is away for the week-end.

Hurricane Warnings in Florida. Washington, Aug. 13.—The weather bureau announced tonight that it had ordered hurricane warnings displayed on the south Florida coast.

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