

FURIOUS ATTACKS BY ALLIES ALONG SOMME NET GAIN

BRITISH AND FRENCH STRIKE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN DESPERATE DRIVE AGAINST GERMAN LINES IN FRANCE.

MAUREPAS FALLS INTO HANDS OF JOFFRE'S MEN

English Advance Three Hundred Yards South of Thiepval and Capture Many Prisoners—Russians Occupy Armenian Town—Little Activity on Balkan Front.

London, Aug. 26.—Striking simultaneously, the British and French in a desperate rush, have made substantial gains on the Somme front, according to Paris and London. Maurepas has fallen to the French, who have pushed forward more than 200 yards beyond the town on a front of a mile and a quarter. The British report a 300-yard advance south of Thiepval, and the capture of many prisoners.

The capture of Maurepas leaves Clery almost surrounded and brings the French directly in front of the important railroad town of Comblis. Thiepval is in about the same position as Clery and the allied forces, as described, now resemble the teeth of a great saw, between which the Germans are tenaciously holding the ruins of several villages.

Slaves Take Armenian Town. Dispatches from the Somme front indicate that the French are preparing to extend their offensive for a distance of 30 miles south of the present battle line. They are reported to have opened a tremendous cannonading from Estres to Lassigny, and the bombardment is said to have reached an unprecedented intensity the last two days.

No change is reported from the East, but the Russian offensive in Armenia apparently is assuming powerful proportions. Petrograd reports the recapture of the important Armenian town of Mush, and the capture of 2,500 prisoners at Rachtia.

Greeks to Oppose Bulgars. The situation on the Saloniki front remains obscure, but apparently there has been no important change since the Allied flanks were forced back by the Bulgarians at the opening of the offensive. There have been no further reports as to the attitude of Roumanians and the main interest is centered now on Greece. Athens dispatches report Greek volunteers rushing to Seres to take up arms against the Bulgarians.

Conflicting reports are being received as to whether or not the Greeks and Bulgarians actually have clashed. The Italians who are pushing their offensive on the extreme northeast of the Anastro-Italian line, claim the capture of several Austrian positions.

VILLA POWER GONE--PERSHING

Commission to Discuss Border Problems to Meet First Week in September.

Washington, Aug. 25.—There are two developments in the Mexican situation. Secretary Lansing and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate have tentatively agreed that the joint commission to discuss border problems should meet at some place on the New England coast during the first week in September. Brigadier General Pershing transmitted a report saying the general opinion was that "Villa's prestige is gone and that he can never again become a serious factor in Mexican affairs."

HURRICANE KILLS THIRTEEN

Storm Strikes Southern Texas—Mexicans Lose Lives.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Aug. 22.—The loss of life from the tropical storm which struck Corpus Christi and 10 adjacent South Texas counties Friday night is now placed at 13, including nine members of the crew of the freighter Pilot Boy, which foundered off the Arkansas pass jetties. Two Mexican men and one Mexican woman were killed at Katherine, a settlement on the King ranch near Alice, Tex., and one Mexican was reported killed at San Diego. Both towns are from 50 to 60 miles inland.

British Ship Lost; 34 Saved.

London, Aug. 25.—The British steamer Quebra has foundered after striking rocks west of the Big Basket island, off the coast of Kerry. Thirty-four of the crew have been landed at Ventry. The captain and two others are missing.

Convicted Contractor is Defiant.

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—Thomas Kelly, convicted parliament building contractor, defied the assize court here when he was ordered to produce records desired in the prosecution of the former Roblin government ministers. Kelly flatly refused to produce the documents. The prosecution moved that he be punished for contempt, but a stay was asked and granted. "We have taken an appeal to Ottawa and I hope that after we get out of this air of politics I will get a new trial," Kelly told the court.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS AGAIN RAID COAST OF ENGLAND

London, Aug. 25.—German airships again have raided the east and southeast coasts of England, dropping bombs, according to an official communication.

The communication says: "Several airships crossed the east-southeast coasts shortly before midnight. A number of bombs were dropped, but there has been no report of casualties or damage."

'BLUES' PRESSING 'RED' FLEET

LOCATE TRANSPORTS WITH INVADING ARMY IN WAR GAME.

Strict Censorship Imposed on All Reports Concerning Maneuvers Off Atlantic Coast.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Navy officials believe it possible that the "Red" and "Blue" fleets have come into contact somewhere off the Atlantic coast and are enacting the closing scenes of the great war game which began two days ago. A strict censorship was imposed, however, by Rear Admiral Benson, acting secretary and chief of operations, on all reports reaching the department.

A message early in the day from Rear Admiral Helm, commanding the "Blue" defending fleet, indicated that his scouts might have located either the "Red" fleet or its phantom train of transports, hypothetically loaded with the men and supplies of an invading army Admiral Mayo is seeking to land on the Atlantic coast.

Hurries Toward Enemy. There were indications also that further reports had come showing that the "Blue" fleet was hurrying toward its enemy and that the scouts at least were in touch.

The outcome will be determined by Rear Admiral Knight, head of the navy war college, who, as umpire, is on the scene of action aboard the superdreadnaught Pennsylvania.

ARMY BILL IN NEW FORM IS PASSED BY SENATE

Measure Carries \$267,596,000 Appropriation to Pay for Uncle Sam's Increased Land Force.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The \$267,596,530.10 army appropriation bill, which pays for Uncle Sam's increased land force, has again passed the Senate.

The bill includes the Senate's original revision of the articles of war, which hadn't been changed for 100 years, in place of Representative Hay's revision, which exempted retired army officers from court-martial, and which made President Wilson veto the measure last week. Senator Underwood's amendment providing that no one under 21 years should be allowed to enlist without consent of his parents was beaten, 25 to 23. The bill now goes back to the House, where the amendment is expected to be accepted.

WILSON NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOODSHED--DANIELS

Cole's Statement Regarding Loss of Life at Vera Cruz Denounced as False.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Secretary Daniels issued a statement denouncing as false a published statement credited to Ralph D. Cole, chief of the Republican campaign speakers, that President Wilson was responsible for the 19 American lives lost in the occupation of Vera Cruz because a Washington order that the Americans were to fire before they were fired upon. Mr. Daniels said no such order was issued and that Mr. Cole should make a public apology "for this unfounded attack upon the chief executive."

SEEK TO AVOID PAPER FAMINE

Illinois Publishers Urged to Reduce Size of Their Papers.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Methods by which a paper famine may be avoided were discussed at a joint meeting of the Illinois Daily Newspapermen's association and the Inland Daily Press association here. Hopwell L. Rogers, business manager of the Chicago Daily News, was the principal speaker. "The condition is critical," Rogers said, "but publishers have it in their power to bring conditions back to normal by reducing the size of the paper they print."

Mrs. Bryan to Address N. D. Women.

Valley City, N. D., Aug. 25.—Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the former secretary of state, will speak at the annual convention of the North Dakota Federation of Women's clubs to be held in Valley City, October 10 to 13. The program committee was notified of her acceptance.

Villa Reported Dead and Alive.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Aug. 25.—Conflicting reports as to Villa have been received here by Gen. Jacinto Trevino. One dispatch said that the bandit chieftain, traveling incognito, is in hiding with a few of his men in the hills near Naica, Durango. Another said that reports are current along the Chihuahua-Durango border that Villa was poisoned early in July by nurses who had been attending him. Unofficial reports that Villa had died in the vicinity of Parral July 9 were received recently.

NAVAL ROOKIES ABOARD BATTLESHIP MAINE



Scenes aboard the battleship Maine, one of the vessels used for the month's training course of naval rookies. The Maine carries a large contingent of Yale, Harvard and Princeton students, many of whom are members of well-known families. Among them is Junius Morgan, son of J. P. Morgan, who is seen in the foreground picking out his duffel bag.

GERMANY STIRRED BY DIVER'S RETURN

CAPTAIN AND CREW ARE HEROES OF HOUR UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN BREMEN.

CITY IS BEDECKED FOR MEN

Editorials Reflect Friendlier View Toward American Government Upon Return of Submersible—Treatment Accorded Crew is Cited.

Berlin, Aug. 26.—All Germany has been stirred to a pitch of high patriotism by the arrival at Bremen of the merchant submarine Deutschland.

Captain Koenig and his crew are the heroes of the hour. The press devotes many columns to praise of the feat, and official recognition and thanks is to be granted to the commander and sailors of the submarine.

Bremen Honors Koenig.

At Bremen, the home port of the Deutschland, everything possible is being done to honor Captain Koenig and his men. The city is bedecked with flags, as is also Berlin and practically every other city of the empire.

Reception is Arranged.

The thanks of the German empire will be officially bestowed upon Captain Koenig at a reception at Bremen. The reception will be attended by many high officials of the empire, and its kingdoms and principalities and by other prominent men.

A friendlier view toward the American government is reflected in the editorials brought forth by the arrival of the submersible. The treatment accorded Captain Koenig and his crew in the United States and the protection given the vessel at its departure from Baltimore are cited.

GUARDSMEN TO REMAIN ALONG MEXICAN BORDER

Will Be Withdrawn Only When American Lives Are Free From Danger, Baker Says.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The national guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property.

Secretary of War Baker so declared the administration's policy in answering a score of letters from many parts of the country complaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

Carrizal Hero to Teach.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Captain Lewis Morey of the Carrizal skirmish has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Pennsylvania military college at Chester.

Lloyd-George Sees War's End.

London, Aug. 24.—David Lloyd-George, secretary of war, contrasted in the House of Commons what he termed the extraordinary change in a couple of months in the relative positions of the Allies and the Central powers on all the fronts except Mesopotamia where climatic conditions had kept the British forces quiescent. The French and ourselves have captured positions on the Somme front whence the course of the campaign is visible and I think in the dim distance we can see the end.

SWEDEN AT BREAKING POINT IGNORES BRITISH PLEA TO STOP SEIZURE OF MAILS.

Both Countries Threaten Extensive Action for Damages—Sharp Language in Notes.

London, Aug. 26.—Great Britain, following the lead of Sweden, has made public the entire correspondence with Sweden concerning its seizures of the Swedish parcel post with the United States and Swedish retaliation in stopping all British parcels in transit to Russia.

The correspondence discloses that the situation has not been satisfactorily adjusted. Some letters and notes teem with language so sharp as to indicate that the relations of the two countries at one time approached the breaking point.

No Reply From Sweden.

Viscount Grey asked in his final answer, August 2, if Sweden would cease to interfere with this traffic, but the only reply has been the publication at Stockholm of the correspondence. The correspondence began last December with the first detention at Kirkwall of mails between Sweden and the United States. Count Wrangel, Swedish minister in London, protested, and announced the stoppage of the Russian parcel post until Great Britain should give a guarantee against repetition of the Kirkwall seizures, which he denounced as "contrary to international law."

VILLA KILLED WITH POISON, JAPANESE PHYSICIAN SAYS

Bandits Gamble With Dice to Select New Leader to Impersonate Chief.

Chihuahua City, Mex., Aug. 25.—A Japanese physician of the name of Nodko claims to have brought about the death of Villa by slow poison, given under the guise of medical treatment, according to the Chihuahua local papers.

After Villa's death, Doctor Nodko is quoted as saying that the remaining Villa leaders gambled with dice to decide who should impersonate the dead chief, and the lot fell to Colonel Baca, who bears a strong personal resemblance to Villa. To prevent the deception from being disclosed, Colonel Baca is said to be surrounded by his personal bodyguard, who keep the common soldiers and ranchers from coming too near.

Doctor Nodko, according to the papers, had been administering poison for three months, with the result that Villa died shortly after his defeat at Parral.

B. & M. Consents to Receivership.

Boston, Aug. 25.—The Boston & Maine railroad consents to a receivership and admits that all allegations in the receivership petition filed Tuesday are true, in its answer to the petition filed in the United States district court.

Catholics to Vote for Principles.

New York, Aug. 24.—Catholic voters throughout the United States were urged at a mass meeting of the Roman Catholic Central Verein here to unite and cast their influences at the polls "where it will subserve the high and holy principles," for which Catholics stand. James F. Zipt, president of the Gonzaga union of St. Louis, who made the appeal, declared there were at least 3,000,000 Catholic voters in the country—"quite a force," he said, "for the bringing about of proper conditions."

VON TIRPITZ URGES WAR WITH AMERICA

GERMAN ADMIRAL DECLARES THIS COUNTRY IS HOSTILE TO THE FATHERLAND.

FOR UNRESTRICTED WARFARE

Teuton Official Claims Nation is Handicapped by Limitations Imposed on Submarine Operations by Instance of U. S.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The German admiral, Von Tirpitz, who advocates unrestricted submarine warfare on merchantmen, has issued a manifesto demanding war with the United States. Information to this effect has been received by the State department and has caused considerable concern to the officials. Von Tirpitz insists in his statement that Germany is handicapped in the prosecution of its life and death struggle by the limitations imposed on submarine operations by the German government, at the instance of the United States.

Says U. S. is Hostile.

He argues that this country, in any case, is hostile to Germany and that the time has gone by to consider its wishes. He believes should the United States enter the war on the side of the Allies it would do more harm to the German cause than it already has done.

The text of the Von Tirpitz memorandum was published by the Berlin newspapers. The foreign correspondents were not permitted to transmit it to their papers; as a consequence only the neutral diplomats have been able to forward it by cipher messages and in their official mail pouches.

TWO BRITISH CRUISERS SUNK IN THE NORTH SEA

German Submarines and English Scout Ships Clash—U-Boat is Reported Destroyed.

London, Aug. 22.—The German high seas fleet has again appeared in the North sea and in a clash between German submarines and British scout ships two British light cruisers were sent to the bottom.

London reports that one of the submarines was destroyed and that another was rammed and possibly sunk. This is the first appearance in the North sea of strong German naval forces since the battle of Jutland on May 31.

DENMARK REJECTS U. S. OFFER TO BUY ISLANDS

London, Aug. 25.—The Danish Landsting has rejected the proposal to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States, says a Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen.

Allies Take Heights at Saloniki.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The Allies have captured a series of heights west of the Vardar river on the Saloniki front, says a war office statement. On both wings advance detachments have fallen back before the counter-offensive of the Bulgarians. The text of the statement follows: "The battle continued on August 21 on the whole front of the Allied armies on the Saloniki line. In the center the British-French forces have violently bombarded Bulgarian positions on both sides of Lake Doiran."

ROADS WILL GRANT EIGHT-HOUR DAY IF GIVEN RATE RAISE

PRESIDENTS READY TO YIELD TO EMPLOYEES' DEMANDS PROVIDED WILSON SECURES FREIGHT INCREASE.

SETTLEMENT PLAN IS DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

Executives Postpone Final Action on Proposal to Avoid Threatened General Strike—Important Shippers Not in Sympathy With Move For Higher Rates.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Objections which developed at a night meeting of railroad presidents and managers, to point to the tentative plan evolved by the committee of eight presidents, considering ways to avoid the threatened general strike, resulted in a further postponement of final action. The conference adjourned to meet again today, and, as one president phrased it, the situation is such that "it may be settled in 20 minutes, or the matter may go over until next week."

A statement issued by the railroad executives summed it up this way:

Takes No Definite Action.

"At the invitation of President Wilson, Messrs. Hale, Holden, Judge R. S. Lovett and Daniel Willard went to the White House at noon and held a short conference with the President.

"A conference of the railroad executives was held at 3 o'clock and a new phase of the situation of some importance was laid before the conference by the special committee.

"After considerable discussion without definite action, an adjournment was taken. In the meantime, the special committee of the presidents will continue its labors."

Would Provide 8-Hour Day.

The special committee's plan drafted after a week's consideration would provide for granting an eight-hour "basic" day to the trainmen, but with assurance that every effort would be made by the administration to secure a freight rate increase to recompense the roads, and further assurance that Congress would be asked to enact legislation to insure settlement of future labor disputes through an investigating committee.

The entire plan has not been laid before all the executives and managers, but its points have been discussed at the various conferences.

Shippers Oppose Rate Increase.

It developed after the meeting that objection had been raised to the freight rate increase feature on at least two grounds. It was argued by some that there can be no assurance of a rate increase because no one could say what the Interstate Commerce commission might do and that some of the most important shippers of the country already have made it plain that they are not in sympathy with any move which may mean a rate increase.

President Wilson is said to have taken the position that the freight rate increase will be forthcoming because the weight of public opinion will back the eight-hour day and will also back any plan to give the railroads the revenue to provide for the added expense.

HUGHES ASSAILS WILSON FOR CIVIL SERVICE STAND

Attacks Administration for "Specious Disregard" of Regulations in Making Appointments.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 26.—Charles E. Hughes, speaking before an audience that crowded every available foot of space in the great Mormon tabernacle here assailed the administration for "specious disregard" of the civil service regulations in making appointments, declared that he stood for faithful observance of the civil service and asserted that he would extend its sphere if elected.

MACK'S DAUGHTER FLIES OVER NIAGARA IN PLANE
Niagara Falls, Aug. 25.—Miss Norma Mack, daughter of Democratic National Committeeman Norman E. Mack, is the first woman to sail over Niagara Falls in an airship. At noon the aeroplane dipped gracefully over the brink of the falls, glided over the prow of the rushing cataract and then spiraled to the height of a mile.

Wilson Plans No Speaking Tour.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—President Wilson will make no swing around the circle. He is to make some speeches in the west—undoubtedly one in Chicago—but not as part of a sweeping and spectacular campaign tour. Senator Lewis will confine his campaign oratory to short time schedules that are being made for him. This is the gist of the information brought by National Chairman Vance McCormick, who is making his first visit to the western headquarters in charge of Senator Thomas J. Walsh.