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PRZEMYSL IS ONCE MORE IN CRITICAL SITUATION

Key to Russian Positions in Galicia Is Almost Encircled by Austro-German Forces.

DOUBLE FLANKING MOVEMENT PUSHED

Italians Take More Austrian Territory—Turks Make the Allied Forces Resort to Trench Warfare.

Rome, May 27.—(Via Paris, May 28.)—A successful raid on the Triest-Naresina railroad by a squadron of Italian hydro-planes and the occupation of additional Austrian territory along the Tyrol front and on the Friuli front are reported in an official statement given out tonight by the Italian war office. The statement says an artillery battle is raging between the Italian and Austrian fortified positions on the Trentino front.

London, May 28.—Przemysl, garrisoned this time by Russians, is once more threatened with investment. Just as the Russians surrounded Przemysl and starved the Austrian defenders and forced the surrender of the fortress, so the Austro-Germans, who have driven a wedge into central Galicia, are now attempting a double flanking movement and with the attack growing in intensity are seeking to encircle Przemysl from the north and south-east.

Vienna declares progress is being made in both directions and that if the advance is not checked Przemysl will be either isolated from the rest of the Russian armies or the Russians who fell back to the San will be forced to further retreat.

The situation in Galicia is unquestionably of great strategic importance and even the British press concedes that the Russian situation is serious. Przemysl is described as the key to the whole of the Russian positions in Galicia and its fall would mean that the railway to the eastward to Lemberg, the main artery for Russian supplies in the region, would fall into the hands of the Austrians.

It is reported that this line has already been severed but this has not been confirmed.

The fighting in the Austro-Italian frontier is still in the development stage and there is virtually no change on the western front.

The British and French admit that the Turks are so strongly entrenched on the Gallipoli peninsula that only siege warfare can be waged.

Battleship Sunk. The British battleship Majestic, another of the ships supporting the allied army in the Gallipoli peninsula, was sunk by a German submarine today. Nearly all of the officers and crew were saved.

At about the same time, the steamer Princess Irene, built last year for the Canadian Pacific-British Columbia coast survey and which was taken over by the admiralty at the commencement of the war, was destroyed by an accidental explosion while at anchor at Sheerness, where she was undergoing repairs.

Gilbert-Hopkins Case Is Ended By Compromise

Celebrated Case Involving Titles to Valuable Timber Lands in Cherokee County Compromised Today in U. S. Court—Has Been on Court Dockets Six Years.

When the court convened at 10:30 o'clock this morning Judge James E. Boyd, who has presided over the trial of the case during the past three weeks announced that by consent of the parties to the suit he would read to the jury the issues that would be submitted to them and instruct them as to the verdict they should return on each one. The issues, were in substance, as follows: Has the defendant, William R. Hopkins, had possession of the lands in question for seven years prior to the commencement of this action? To his question the court instructed the jury to answer, yes.

The second issue as submitted by the court was: Has the defendant had possession of the lands in controversy for 20 years prior to the beginning of the suit? And to this proposition the court instructed the jury to return a verdict in the affirmative.

The third issue submitted by the court was: Are the plaintiffs the owners of any of the tracts in the boundary involved in the action, and if so, how many? To this proposition Judge Boyd directed the jury to return the answer: That the plaintiffs are the lawful owners of certain tracts; and hereby consent of the parties to the action and their counsel descriptions of the five tracts agreed upon were inserted.

Urumiah Is Taken From The Turks By Russians

Petrograd, May 28.—Urumiah, Persia, has been occupied by the Russians after an engagement with the Turks in the direction of Dilman and near Baekhalla, according to a statement issued by the general staff of the army in the Caucasus.

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BAILEY SPEAKS TO THE "BLIND" DAVIES BEFORE PAN-AMERICANS THINKS HE SAW TORPEDO'S WAKE NEAR STEAMER

Collector Draws Inspiration From Efforts of Blind School Children and Delivers Masterly Address.

Chairman of U. S. Trade Commission Says the Spirit of Europe Is for War; America for Peace.

GROUP CONFERENCES BEING CONTINUED

John Barrett, Director General of Pan-American Union Was Also Heard—Trip to Mount Vernon.

Washington, May 28.—Discussion in open forum occupied the attention for most part yesterday of the delegates to the Pan-American Financial congress.

Group conferences also were continued in which the delegates from the South and Central American countries explained to representatives of the United States their desires and needs of their countries.

The fourth general session of the conference was held in the forenoon. Among the speakers were Joseph E. Davies, chairman of the federal trade commission and John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, while several delegates also talked.

Later the visitors were to luncheon guests of Secretary McAdoo at the Pan-American building.

A trip to Mount Vernon was on the program for the afternoon.

"The genius of Europe is addressed to war; the spirit of the Americas is turned toward peace. This council of the Americas is held to marshal the great forces of peace into conditions that make for mutual helpfulness."

This was the keynote of the speech of Joseph E. Davies.

"It is suggestive of great promise," Mr. Davies said, "that expressions of the nations represented here all give recognition of the fact that the permanency of our future relationship and the profitableness to all of us depend on the degree not only of mutual profit but in the motives of each other."

Mr. Davies referred to President Wilson's speech at Mobile in which he declared that the United States does not desire to attain by conquest a fraction of land on the continent other than that now possessed.

RACE COURSE PLANNED BY MOTORCYCLISTS CLUB WILL INSPECT A NUMBER OF PROPOSED LOCATIONS THIS AFTERNOON.

The Asheville branch of the Federation of American Motorcyclists at their meeting last night discussed with much enthusiasm plans for the construction of a racing course for motorcycles and a place for conducting horse shows.

A number of locations around the city were discussed and it was decided that the members of the club, bicycle riders and others interested would meet this afternoon at 6 o'clock at the corner of Patton street and Government street to make a tour of inspection of the various places mentioned.

J. J. Pollard met with the club and explained his ideas for a race course between one-half to three-fourths of a mile long, arranged so that the space inside can be used for holding horse shows.

Secretary N. Buckner of the board of trade, was present and pledged his co-operation to the movement.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED BY STORM IN OKLAHOMA

Fort Smith, Ark., May 27.—Six people are reported dead, two at Tallihina and four at Checotah, Okla., as the result of a storm last night and early today which swept over Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma. It is reported from Ambers that more than 60 people were injured at Tallihina.

STEAMER FROM MONTREAL TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE

Cardiff, Wales, May 28.—The steamer Morwenna from Montreal was torpedoed and shelled by a German submarine at mid-day Wednesday 150 miles west by south of St. Anne's Head. One member of the crew was killed and three were wounded. The others were landed here.

THINKS HE SAW TORPEDO'S WAKE NEAR STEAMER

Chief Engineer of Nebraskan, Disabled Off Ireland, Believes Submarine Attacked U. S. Ship.

SHOCK SO STRONG AS TO STOP STEAMER

Perceptible Interval Between Shock and Explosion—Terrible Damage Done by the Heavy Blast.

Liverpool, May 28.—While none of the crew of the American steamer Nebraskan, disabled Tuesday by an explosion off the coast of Ireland, saw a submarine, the chief engineer of the vessel believes he saw the wake of a torpedo, according to Captain Green, master of the Nebraskan. The captain in reply to questions said:

"There is a hole about 20 feet square in the forecastle below the water line. We were in the boats about an hour.

"The ship seemed to settle by the head and we decided to stand close until the help which we had summoned by wireless arrived.

"While none of the men saw a submarine, the chief engineer believes he saw the wake of a torpedo to starboard.

"The effect of the shock when the torpedo struck the ship was to stop her suddenly. There was a perceptible interval between the shock and the explosion.

"We started to return to Liverpool about 10:30 o'clock and travelled about 8 knots an hour. The vessel was about 12 feet lower by the head than normal, owing to the water in the holds. The damage to the upper structure was so severe that evidently the shock was terrific.

"Great derricks were torn away and thrown across the deck smashing part of the deck rail. Strong steel girders were blown out and some cast overboard. In the deck flooring near the hatches there are two large holes showing the naked girders, two of which were torn in two by the blast.

"The bunks occupied by the boat-swain and two quartermasters—all injured—are a mass of wreckage and the wonder is how they escaped more serious injury."

Washington, May 28.—Secretary Bryan said today that only incomplete reports in the damage to the Nebraskan had been received and that nothing would be made public until experts who were examining the ship reported. Department officials said there would be no unnecessary delay in getting the facts.

Washington, May 28.—An American naval attaché from London has been sent to Liverpool to examine the hull of the American steamer Nebraskan which was damaged off the coast of Ireland.

Consul General Skinner has sent the following statement to the state department:

"Green, master of the American steamer Nebraskan, in wireless to me via London report: 'The Nebraskan passed Fastnet rock Tuesday at 4:23 p. m. from Liverpool bound for Delaware breakwater in Ballast.

"At 8:24 p. m. when the steamer was about 42 miles west, half-south of Fastnet, we experienced a violent shock, followed by a terrific explosion which burst the hatches, throwing 4 inch beams, cargo derricks and twisted iron into the air, filling the lower holds forward with water.

"We immediately took to the boats. After standing by for an hour we returned aboard at 10:30 and started back to Liverpool. About 1:25 a. m. we met two vessels which had been sent by the British admiralty in answer to our wireless calls. One has been in attendance ever since.

"It was dusk when the explosion occurred. The American flag was taken down five minutes before the explosion but the name of the vessel was painted on her sides in letters six feet high.

"There was no warning and I saw nothing."

Ambassador Page sent the following:

"The admiralty has received a report from Queenstown that the Nebraskan is now on her way to Liverpool under her own steam and under escort. I am sending a naval attaché to Liverpool to examine the ship, which it now appears was bound from Liverpool to Delaware breakwater, when she was torpedoed."

A message from Consul Frost at Queenstown said that the ship was struck by a mine or torpedo, but he gave no details.

As soon as the dispatches were received at the state department they were forwarded to the white house and immediately placed before the president. Pending receipt of clearer information no action will be taken.

FRENCH ARMENIAN FIRE FACTORIES

Squadron of 18 Machines Attack German Town Where High Explosives Are Manufactured.

ANSWER TO GERMAN ATTEMPT ON PARIS

Aviators Were in Air Six Hours and Covered 250 Miles, Says French Official Report.

Paris, May 27.—A French aeroplane squadron consisting of 18 machines each carrying 110 pounds of projectiles this morning bombarded chemical factories at Ludwigshafen on the Rhine, opposite Mannheim.

Fire broke out in several factories as the result of the bombardment. One factory is one of the most important manufacturers of explosives in all Germany.

The French aviators were in the air six hours and covered about 250 miles.

The expedition is of importance in the general military situation as a French reply to the attempt of the Germans to bombard the city of Paris.

This information was given out in a statement from the war office this afternoon.

Fifty Killed.

Amsterdam, May 27.—Fifty German soldiers, passengers on a street car in Ostend, were killed by bombs dropped by allied airmen, according to a dispatch to the Telegram, in describing a series of air raids by the allies.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO VETERANS' REUNION

Southern's Special Train to Richmond Reunion to Leave Asheville Monday.

In order to accommodate the veterans and their friends in Asheville and western North Carolina, who will attend the annual reunion of the United Confederate veterans which will be held in Richmond during the first three days of June the Southern railway some days ago announced that a special train of Pullman cars and day coaches would be operated by the company from this city to Richmond.

Announcement is made today that this train will leave Asheville Monday, May 31, at 2:35 in the afternoon arriving in the convention city the next morning. Returning the visitors from this section will have a choice of several trains, no announcement of a special train for the return trip being made.

One of the largest reunions of the veterans ever held is expected to convene in the city that the wearers of the gray so long and vigorously defended. The Southern Railway company began preparations some months ago for handling with convenience and dispatch the large crowds that are expected to take up the cry "On to Richmond," with a slightly different meaning than that first given to it.

General Julian S. Carr some weeks ago notified the veterans of the local camp that North Carolina survivors of those who fought for the "lost cause" are expected to be present in large numbers and the indications are that the delegation that leaves on the special train on Monday will be the largest that has ever gone from this section to a reunion.

A large delegation of confederate veterans from various cities in Oklahoma on their way to the reunion in Richmond, June 1-3, will arrive in Asheville Sunday afternoon, May 30, at 4 o'clock, and will make a stop of three hours here. The veterans are traveling in a special train of eight cars; the train makes no stops between Memphis and Asheville.

After enjoying Asheville's air and scenery for a short time the party will leave at 7 o'clock for Richmond.

WEATHER REPORT

PROBABLY SHOWERS.