

RUSSIAN AND GERMAN WARSHIPS ENGAGE IN BATTLE IN BALTIC SEA

Petrograd Report Conflicts With Unofficial Accounts of Result of the Battle.

DAMAGE TO RUSSIANS INSIGNIFICANT, IS CLAIM

Five German Cruisers and Flotilla of Torpedo Boats Engaged—Fog Covered Zone of Battle.

Petrograd, July 3.—When the Russian naval squadron in the Baltic gave battle to five German cruisers and a flotilla of torpedo boats off the east coast of Gotthland yesterday, one German cruiser was beached and the other German warships were put to flight, according to an official statement issued by the Russian admiralty. The damage to the Russian ships, the statement adds, was insignificant.

Battle in Bosphorus.
Rass Petrograd, July 3.—A Russian submarine in the Black sea, says an admiralty statement, has sunk two Turkish steamers and one sailing ship with cargoes of coal and provisions, and exchanged shots with three armed schooners off the mouth of the Bosphorus, driving them ashore.

Belgian Steamer Sunk.
London, July 3.—The Belgian steamship Boduquet has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The crew were landed at Falmouth.

London, July 3.—Details of the naval engagement between Russian and German cruisers in the Baltic yesterday apparently were lost in the fog which enshrouded the one of the conflict.

Petrograd claims officially that the Russian cruiser squadron drove a German cruiser ashore, but all unofficial accounts agree that the vessel that met disaster was the nine-layer Albatross. Petrograd also says the German warships were forced to retire, while unofficial reports declare the Russian ships had to retire before superior numbers after a battle of half a day.

The submarines of the entents powers are now having their innings. Yesterday there came a report from Athens that a Turkish troop ship had been sunk in the sea of Marmora by a British submersible, while Petrograd claims that a Russian submarine obtained a heavy bag of merchant ships in the Black sea.

London is encouraged by the report from General Hamilton at the Dardanelles, which says that the French troops have also advanced until the Anglo-French lines on the Gallipoli peninsula are almost safe. This report is countered by the Constantinople claim that the British forces have been driven back to their original positions.

Shepps Declares He Has Secret of Becker Case

New York, July 3.—Sam Shepps, on whom the state relied in the trial of Charles Becker to corroborate the testimony of Jack Rose, Harry Vallon and Bridgie Webber, three informers, is quoted as saying that he held the secret of the Becker case and that he was willing to tell it to Governor Whitman. Becker faces death on July 26 for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, unless the federal courts intervene.

Thinks Thaw Was Under Illusion While In Cell

New York, July 3.—James M. Barre, a policeman assigned to the tangle station on the night that Harry K. Thaw was taken there after he had killed Stanford White, testified for the state in the jury hearing which is being held to determine Thaw's sanity. His testimony was intended by the state to prove that Thaw, while in his cell that night was under the illusion that he heard the voices of little girls screaming.

Astor Transfers Property In New York to His Son

New York, July 3.—Deeds recording the transfer of \$7,250,000 worth of real estate from William Waldorf Astor of England to his youngest son, Captain John Jacob Astor, on file here are declared to represent the largest gift of real estate other than by bequest ever made in New York. That deeds were filed yesterday by counsel representing the elder Astor here, and include half of the old Astor House, the other half of which was torn down two years ago, and two office buildings in the financial district.

Relief Measures for Mexico City Before the Officials

Washington, July 3.—Relief measures for Mexico City today occupied the attention of the officials of the Washington government. Both President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., and Secretary Lansing, at Washington had under consideration relief plans for the Mexican capital where the latest advices told of famine and anarchy and threats for the safety of foreigners.

MURPHY TO SEND LARGE NUMBER TO ROAD MEET.

Murphy, July 3.—Murphy will send a big delegation to the North Carolina Good Roads association which meets in Asheville July 14-15-16. The matter was discussed at the board of trade meeting last Friday night and a strong and live delegation was appointed, who will go in the interest of, and boost for the Asheville-Murphy scenic highway.

INTEREST IN NEGRO EXPOSITION ASKED

Washington, July 3.—President Wilson's proclamation designating national interest in an exposition commemorating 50 years of achievement by the negro race, which opens at Richmond next week, was issued at the white house today.

CARRANZA FORGES DENY PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Galveston, July 3.—Official denial that peace negotiations are in progress or contemplated between Villa and Obregon has been made at Vera Cruz by General Carranza, according to a cablegram to the Carranza consul here. The defeat of Zapata forces east of Mexico City by General Gonzalez is also reported.

FIRST ORGANIZED CLASS IN AVIATION NAMED

Washington, July 3.—The selection of nine officers to form the first organized class in aviation at the naval aeronautic station at Pensacola, has been announced by the navy department.

BOMB DAMAGES CAPITOL OF U.S.

Public Reception Room on the East Side of Building Wrecked by Powerful Explosion.

EXPLOSIVE PROBABLY PLACED BY CRANK

Official Statement Concerning Incident Will Be Deferred Pending Expert Investigation.

Washington, July 3.—The public reception room in the senate wing of the capitol building was wrecked just before midnight last night by an explosion, probably of a bomb or infernal machine. No one was injured and today there was only one clue to the perpetrator—a letter which was received by the Washington Times, an evening newspaper, bearing a postmark timed shortly before the explosion took place and announcing that it would occur. The letter, although written June 1, was mailed at 10 o'clock last night, about two hours before the explosion. It was signed by "R. Pearce," was typewritten and indicated that the writer had waited some time for an opportunity to carry out his plan, which he said would be the "exclamation point of my career."

520,000 More Russians Now In German Hands

Berlin, July 3 (Via Sayville, L. I.)—Military writers declare that the Russians, from May 2 to June 27, left in the hands of the Germans 1830 officers and 520,000 men as prisoners; and 300 field pieces, 770 machine guns, besides incalculable war material.

DAUBERT REGAINS HIS LEADERSHIP

National League Man Makes Record of .336—Ty Cobb Leads Americans.

Chicago, July 3.—Jake Daubert of Brooklyn has regained batting leadership in the National league, according to averages made public today. In the American league Cobb continues to lead the list, and Magee holds the lead in the Federal league. Leading National league batters who have participated in at least half the games of the season, including Wednesday's, are as follows: Daubert of Brooklyn .336; J. Smith of Boston .323; Merkle of New York .323; Ludogus of Philadelphia .321; Good of Chicago .313; St. Louis and New York are tied for first place in club batting with .269.

HARRY NOLAND, AVIATOR IS AT HOME FOR REST

Asheville Boy Has Completed Course at Thomas Bros' School, Ithaca, N. Y.

Completing a course in the Thomas school of aviation at Ithaca, N. Y., and securing his pilots' license in three months Harry Noland, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Noland of this city returned to Asheville yesterday for a short rest before taking up exhibition flights in the south.

J. P. MORGAN SHOT BUT NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED; ASSAILANT UNKNOWN

Carolina League to Have Split Season: First Season Ends Monday: Locals Win

For the first time since the North Carolina League of Professional Baseball clubs was organized three years ago, there will be a split season the first part of the present season to end next Monday night and the second season to begin Tuesday afternoon. This information was received by The Gazette-News in a message from President Arthur Lyon of High Point at noon today.

Question of Armenian's Charter Not Cleared Up

Washington, July 3.—Ambassador Page at London has cabled Washington that the British steamer Armenian which was torpedoed and sunk Monday by a German submarine had been "requisitioned" by the British government, but that the requisition had been cancelled before the vessel sailed from Newport News. The status of the ship, as heretofore understood, however, is unchanged, as dispatches not yet made public, do not clear up the question of charter.

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Would-Be Assassin, Presumably a Crank, Wounds Financier in Home at Glen Cove, L. I.

SHERIFF SENDS MEN TO INVESTIGATE CASE

Assailant Reported to Have Concealed Himself in Morgan Home Last Night. Official Statement.

New York, July 3.—J. P. Morgan was shot but not seriously wounded by an unknown man at his home at Glen Cove, Long Island, at 9 o'clock this morning. This announcement was issued by J. P. Morgan and company.

GENERAL PORFIRIO DIAZ PASSES AWAY IN PARIS

Former Mexican Dictator Died Last Night—His Health Failed Rapidly.

REV. E. C. CROOK WILL SPEAK AT Y. M. C. A.

Rev. E. C. Crook, secretary of the Lutheran Layman's Missionary movement of Columbia, will be the speaker at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dev. Mr. Crook will speak on "God's One Purpose in Your Life."

RUSSIAN LOAN.

Petrograd, July 3.—The official Journal publishes today an imperial edict authorizing the Russian minister of finance to make two issues of treasury obligations of \$250,000,000 each, to be put out in the shape of five per cent short term notes, free of income tax.