

STUBBORN RESISTANCE HALTS VON HINDENBURG

Estimated Loss of Germans 500,000 Men and Still Muscovites Bar Way to Polish Capital.

HARDET FIGHTING ON NAREW AND LUBLIN

Teuton Victory on Either of These Fronts Would Doubtless Mean the Fall of Warsaw.

London, July 28.—Though the Germans are now holding a great line from the Gulf of Riga, sweeping southwest around Warsaw, and encircling the city and stretching away to the Galician frontier near Sokal, it is estimated they have lost 500,000 men and the Russian front is not yet broken. On the Narew, north of the Polish capital, the stubborn resistance of the Russians is holding Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in check, while to the south the combined Austro-German forces are struggling to seize the Lublin-Chelm railroad, where for many days they have been on the threshold of success without achieving it. The fighting at the latter point has been renewed with great intensity and the Teutons seem to have gained important positions, on the extreme right resting on the River Bug.

Immediately west of Warsaw there is comparative quiet, but it is in the Lublin-Chelm sector and in the Narew river region that it is believed that a crisis will be reached. Whether it will be on one of these fronts or on one of greater strategic importance, the critics here do not agree, but a German victory in either would doubtless mean the fall of Warsaw.

DETAILS OF DEFENSE PLANS ARE WITHHELD

Washington, July 28.—Details of the administration's program for national defense will not be given out until completed. This was made clear today in a statement issued by Secretary Garrison for publication in which he urged that he be not pressed for details of the program under consideration until the new military policy was ready to be made public. He said he feared adverse criticism of parts of the idea might endanger the whole plan and therefore felt that premature discussion of the subject would do more harm than good. The plans for the reorganization of the army will be laid before the president next week.

BOMB THROWN INTO TEXAS MAN'S HOME

Dallas, Tex., July 28.—The bomb which was thrown into the home of W. T. Moore, a saddlery factory foreman early today was included in a suit case bearing the name of "H. L. Cloud" of Monroe, La. Police are investigating the theory that the attack might be accounted for by the saddlery business for which Moore works, furnishing large orders to belligerents. A personal grievance clue also developed, officers announced, and a near relative of the Moore was taken into custody for examination, but no warrant was issued for his arrest.

LEE HAMLET HELD UNDER HEAVY BONDS

Lee Hamlet, arrested Monday by members of the sheriff's office on charges of housebreaking and larceny in the Leicester section, pleaded guilty this morning before Magistrate B. L. Lyda and was held to Superior court under bonds aggregating \$1500. In default of the bonds he was taken to the county jail to await trial. The cases against Reynolds Morris and J. H. Sims, charged with violating the liquor laws, were continued until Thursday, August 5, when called before Magistrate B. L. Lyda this morning.

Receiver Is Named for Nashville Municipality

City Commissioner Removed Under Ouster Proceedings—Various Officials Had Been Charged With Bad Management and Irregularities in Office.

Nashville, Tenn., July 27.—Chancellor Allison today appointed Master in Chancery Robert Vaughn receiver for the municipality of Nashville. A few minutes later Judge Matthews in the first circuit court, in response to proceedings brought under the new Tennessee ouster law, suspended from office Mayor Hillary A. E. Howes and Commissioners Robert Elliott and Lyle Andrews. J. M. Wilkerson, recently resigned, and the city commissioner of light and finance was dismissed from office by a vote of the commission but the legality of the act was questioned and he was included in the ouster proceedings. He with City Comptroller Miles Burns, City Treasurer Charles Meyers and Assistant City Treasurer W. H. West were under indictment in connection with the disappearance of city books and records from the office of comptroller. The whereabouts of West are unknown. An audit and survey of the books was conducted and resulted in various charges of bad management and irregularity out of which charges developed the petition for receiver and ouster proceedings. In the hearing of evidence before the commissioner in chancery on the receivership much was brought to light on the conduct of city financial affairs, the issue of bonds and the letting of city contracts, and many charges of petty graft were heard. Commissioner Park Marshall, who succeeded Commissioner Andrews, and J. D. Alexander, commissioner of the fire department, against whom no charges were made, are the only members of the city commission that remain. It is asserted that the city credit and financial standing are not involved, the movement being against the officials for alleged objectionable conduct of their trust. The defendants in the ouster proceedings announced that they would appeal, but under the provision of the statute, they are barred from office until the supreme court of the state finally acts on the case.

Cause of Grievances of Gen. Huerta Is Disclosed

Complains That Department of Justice Agents Searched His House Before His Visit to Family and Remained For His Conference With Wife and Children.

El Paso, July 28.—The cause of the complaint which General Huerta, now awaiting trial here on charge of conspiracy to violate American neutrality, telegraphed to Chief Justice White, of the United States supreme court, became known today. General Huerta charged that his home had been violated by two agents of the department of justice without scruple and he demanded guarantees of protection for his family. After General Huerta had been taken for a visit to his family he protested that the agents of the department of justice, Clifford Beckham and E. P. Stone had gone through his home before his arrival in order to ascertain if there were any men, other than those belonging to his family establishment in the house and the agents remained in the room, during the prisoner's conference with his family. Huerta received his wife and children at Fort Bliss on their arrival from New York recently, but this was his first opportunity to see them in their new home. Huerta protested earnestly to Beckham and Stone against the search and claimed that his children had been unduly frightened. "Shoot me if you like; I am a prisoner and you may do what you like with me," stormed the Mexican, "but do not molest my wife and children." The general declared that the entrance of the officers into his home had greatly humiliated him and had hurt his feelings.

Statement on Military Preparedness to be Made

Washington, July 28.—Secretary Garrison has returned from a brief holiday and he has begun the preparation of a statement for President Wilson on the military preparedness of the country. "There is no hurry in the program of preparation," said Secretary Garrison. "We are proceeding with calmness and deliberation which we hope will insure good results. I expect to confer with the president as soon as he returns from Cornish and right now I am getting my plans for the program in shape to report. I hope to submit a general outline for reorganization. There is no rush, but I will bring reports on work which I have been doing for some time." The general board of the navy was in session today working on reports of naval plans for Secretary Daniels, who will also confer with President Wilson when he returns. The naval board expects to meet daily.

STANDARD OIL STRIKE IS COMPLETELY ENDED

Virtually Every Striker at Work in Standard and Tidewater Plants.

New York, July 28.—The strike at Bayonne, N. J., in the plants of the Standard Oil company and the Tidewater Oil company ended today with the return to work of virtually every man who walked out ten days ago. The plants of the Vacuum Oil company and the General Oil company, which closed on account of the riots in which three men were killed, have also resumed operations. Jeremiah J. Daly, who led the strike until he was arrested, sat in an automobile with the sheriff and watched the men return to work. He will be released today. Sheriff Kinkhead said he would also release Frank Tannenbaum, the I. W. W. leader who was arrested last week.

BEGIN RAISING THE EASTLAND

Meanwhile Various Investigations Proceed and 40 Divers Continue Efforts to Locate Bodies.

REDFIELD DEFENDS FEDERAL INSPECTORS

Says No One in His Department Has Power to Sit in Judgment on Stability of Ship.

Chicago, July 28.—While the various investigations being held to establish the causes and fix the responsibility for the Eastland disaster proceeded today, the work of raising the vessel began. Federal officers have replaced police in charge of the work. It will take about ten days to raise the wreck. Meanwhile forty divers are searching the bottom of the river, covering a radius of two blocks, for other bodies. Secretary Redfield declared that responsibility for ignoring alleged faulty construction of the vessel could not be placed on federal inspectors. "There is no commission, body or department in the service which has the power to sit in judgment on the stability of a vessel," Mr. Redfield declared. Over-loading, under ballasting and grounding on the river bottom were cited in testimony at the coroner's inquest as reasons why the steamer Eastland toppled over Saturday at its wharf here and drowned hundreds of excursionists. Adam P. Weckler, harbor master, and Joseph R. Lynn, assistant harbor master, both of whom were present when the steamer capsized with its licensed capacity of 2,500 persons aboard, in ascribing the accident to these causes, told the coroner's jury that the boat was "cranky" and should never have been permitted by government inspectors to carry more than 1,300 persons. While the coroner's jury was hearing this and other testimony, Secretary of Commerce Redfield inspected the Eastland and watched divers, coming to the wreck and surrounding area, recover three more bodies. He stated formally that government supervision had not been lax and that the Eastland had safely carried many more passengers than were aboard when she rolled over. He said that federal officers would do everything possible to fix the blame, if there was any. Harbor Master Weckler testified that he arrived at the Eastland's wharf twenty minutes before the steamer was due to start and saw that the boat was listing to port. He said he called to Captain Pederson, of the Eastland, to trim the vessel, shouting that he would not open the Clark street bridge until the vessel was righted. Mr. Weckler said the captain tried to right the ship but seemed unable to take water into the ballast tanks fast enough. "I never saw the Eastland loaded so heavily as it was Saturday morning," said Mr. Weckler, "and I have seen her depart many times. The boat first listed about seven degrees, then came back slightly and again started over and kept on going. "I don't think that the Eastland should have been allowed to carry more than 1,200 passengers, because it did not have enough draft and stability to carry a larger load. Only last Tuesday I told Captain Pederson that his boat heeded trimming as it was constantly traveling on its ears. He said that the twin-crews kept the Eastland on a seven keel while underway. "After his arrest I heard Captain Pederson say that he tried for seventeen minutes to trim the steamer, but could not get water into the ballast tanks fast enough. I don't believe Captain Pederson realized the danger until the final plunge came." Mr. Lynn, assistant harbor master, testified that when he saw the dangerous list of the steamer he called the police and fire departments. Returning to the wharf, he saw passengers leaping from the decks into the river. "I believe," said Mr. Lynn, "that the ship was on the bottom aft or mid-ship. If the captain tried for seventeen minutes to right the boat without attempting to go off those on board, there was negligence." Mr. Lynn said that he saw many of the crew leap on the wharf while the ship was careening.

Always Listed. Captain John H. O'Meara, of the tug Kenosha, which was to tow the Eastland out of the river, testified he had towed the Eastland four times and she always listed. L. C. Wheeler, assistant division superintendent of the department of justice, submitted government inspection certificates, including the latest one issued by Robert Reid, July 2, 1915, at the request of Captain Pederson that the carrying capacity be increased. This certificate allowed the Eastland to take on 2,570 passengers, an increase of 80 over previous permits.

JUSTICE FORD WILL PASS ON RESPITE FOR BECKER

Decision Expected Late Today or Early Tomorrow—May Call Becker.

New York, July 28.—Whether Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, twice convicted of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, will die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison Friday morning, or appear now to rest with Supreme Court Justice John Ford, who after receiving briefs for and against a motion for a new trial, studied them until a late hour. He promised to announce his decision as quickly as possible, and it is expected to be handed down late today or Thursday morning. W. Bourke Cockran, chief counsel for the condemned man, also filed a supplemental brief covering points raised by District Attorney Perkins. Should Justice Ford exercise his right to call for witnesses, it is believed that Mr. Cockran would ask that Becker be brought from Ossining to testify in his own behalf. Mr. Cockran argued in his appeal that the judgment of death against Becker was obtained by the suppression of vital facts and the misrepresentation of other facts by the chief witness for the prosecution. It is declared in the brief that the affidavits of Hartford T. Marshall, former counsel for "Bridge" Webber should in itself be sufficient to grant a new trial.

UNCHANGED AT BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport, Conn., July 27.—The strike situation is unchanged at the Remington Arms and Ammunition company plant and at several subcontracting plants where the machinists, millwrights and structural iron workers resumed their strike because all the men that had engaged in the strike were not put back to work. Labor leaders were in New York, attending, it was said, a conference in regard to a proposed general strike in munitions making factories in various parts of the country.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

London, July 28.—The casualties in the British army and navy have reached a total of 350,995, according to a printed statement by Premier Asquith. The total casualties in the navy up to July 29 was 9,106, and in the military branch up to July 29, 321,889.

LEELANAW MEN LAUD GERMANS

Decline Submarine Crew Could Not Have Treated Them Better, After Torpedoing Their Ship.

OFFICER APOLOGIZED FOR NECESSITY OF ACT

Leelanaw Crew Carried 60 Miles on Deck of Submarine and Told How to Reach Kirkwall.

Aberdeen, Eng., July 28.—"They could not have treated us more courteously than they did," said Captain Eugene Belk and the members of the crew of the American steamer Leelanaw, when questioned last night in regard to their encounter with a German submarine. The men of the Leelanaw traveled about 60 miles on the deck of the submarine. A messboy remained aboard the submarine at his own request, being of German nationality. Near Kirkwall another of the Leelanaw's messboys was found to be a German and was detained. "We stopped when a shot was fired behind us and then we had to leave, and our ship was shelled, bombed and torpedoed," said Captain Belk, "but it took about an hour and a half to sink her. The Germans took us aboard and carried us about 60 miles. Then they gave us directions for reaching Kirkwall." The thirty-two members of the crew of the Leelanaw explained that the German commander apologized at the necessity for sinking the steamer but said he was forced to do it by the fact that the Leelanaw was carrying contraband. The crew of the German boat conversed affably with the men from the Leelanaw in good English. The sailors were cold and wet after their row of 12 hours. They will leave today for Dundee.

HAITIENS QUIET BUT MENACING

MR. EDGE'S LEG TERRIBLY CRUSHED BY AUTOMOBILE

Mars Hill Man Run Down by Car at Weaverville Yesterday Afternoon.

A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon at Weaverville, when Tom Edge, a blacksmith of Mars Hill, was run down by the automobile of Mr. Harren of Lenoir and had his leg terribly crushed about and above the ankle. The injured man was at once given attention by Dr. W. M. Fresh, of Weaverville, who notified the Mission hospital, and an automobile sent out to Weaverville, brought Mr. Edge into Asheville. Those who saw the accident consider that no blame was attached to the driver of the car which ran over Mr. Edge, and that the accident was almost unavoidable. Mr. Edge was a passenger in one of the automobiles which ply between Mars Hill and Weaverville. This machine had stopped and Mr. Edge had alighted to pick up some article that had been dropped. The car of Mr. Harren, was just behind the Mars Hill car, it appears, though Mr. Edge was not aware of it. Alighting, he stepped directly in front of the other car, and being knocked down, the wheel passed over his leg, the flesh of which was terribly mangled, while the bones of the lower leg, crushed to pieces, were mashed through the flesh. The wounded man screamed in agony and his cries could be heard several hundred yards, even after he had been carried to a nearby shop where aid could be given. After Dr. Fresh had bound up the limb for the trip to the hospital, a telephone message was sent to Dr. John Baird of Mars Hill, the family physician of Mr. Edge, who followed him into Asheville. Mr. Edge is a well known and respected citizen of Mars Hill, with a wife and children. It is said that his wife is very ill, as is also one of the children. It was feared that knowledge of the accident would prove a dangerous shock to Mrs. Edge.

Generally Feared Calmness Will Disappear in Growing Indignation of Massacre of 160 Men.

MAY RENEW ATTEMPT TO SEIZE PRESIDENT

Executive Has Refuge at French Legation Which Is Threatened With Attack—Cruiser Sent.

Port-au-Prince, July 28.—A mob of infuriated Haitians today removed President Guillaume of Haiti from the French legation, where he had taken refuge, and shot him down in front of the building.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 28.—The night passed quietly here at Port-au-Prince. The population, however, are highly indignant over the massacre of the 160 political prisoners, including ex-President Orestes Zamor of Haiti, who was executed by order of Governor General Oscar, of Port-au-Prince when the rebels attacked the presidential palace, and today there is threat of another attack on the French legation to seize President Zilburn Guillaume. The president, together with members of his family, yesterday took refuge under the French flag, after he had been driven from the palace by the rebels, who in an attack lasting several hours, partly destroyed the executive mansion. The attempt yesterday to seize the president failed because of the protestations of the French minister. It is generally feared that the calm which prevails among the inhabitants is a condition created by consternation over the reign of terror which has prevailed for several days and which culminated in the assassination of the political opponents of Gen. Guillaume and that it will be succeeded by an outburst of fury when reaction sets in. The body of Governor Oscar today remained unburied before the consulate of the Dominican republic, where it fell after he had faced a firing squad.

The governor general took refuge at the Santo Domingo consulate after an unsuccessful attempt to defend the president's palace, but a mob seized him, dragged him through the streets and executed him.

CRUISER SAILS

Washington, July 28.—The cruiser Washington with Rear Admiral Caperton, seven hundred bluejackets and an expeditionary force of 100 marines, sailed from Cape Haitien last night for Port-au-Prince.

WESTERN POTATO GROWERS MEET

San Francisco, July 28.—The leading potato growers of the west are attending the annual convention of the West Coast Potato Association, at Leland Stanford, Jr. University. The potato men have many problems to discuss, in view of the growth of their acreage during the past few years. The convention will occupy a full week.

WHITE WAY LIGHTS FOR PENLAND STREET

Property Owners Are Considering Plans For Extension of Lighting System.

Following the announcement, reported in The Gazette-News yesterday, that the white way lights will be extended through West College street and probably down Government street, a number of citizens owning property on Penland and Walnut streets met for discussion of similar lights for Penland street. It is stated that only eight to ten lights will be necessary for the block extending from College street to the corner of Penland and Walnut streets. Those interested in the proposition are the Asheville Telegraph and Telephone company, P. J. Johnson, J. K. Chambers, J. H. Creaman, the Asheville Laundry, Poole Brothers, John O'Donnell and Gay Green. It is stated that definite action in this matter will probably be taken in the near future.

President Wilson Said--

"If you have to buy anything, buy it now; thus you will become seller as well as buyer—" The big interests of the country responded—and the wheels of industry are moving faster. You respond and you will help stimulate trade in all its branches in North Carolina—and you will benefit along with the rest.

BUY - IT - NOW BUY AT HOME

This is the time of all times for the U. S. A. to make vast strides. Let's all get busy. Let your dollars be home earned home spent dollars. See business talk on page 4.