

GERMANS VICTORIOUS

Teutons Take Important City of Lublin Thus Cutting One Line of Russian Retreat

LUBLIN FALLS TO CAVALRY OF THE AUSTRIANS

Important Point on Lublin-Chelm Railway Falls After Weeks of Desperate Russian Defense.

VISTULA IS CROSSED AT SEVERAL PLACES

Teutons Are Now Near Kovno, Stronghold on Prospective New Line of Russian Army.

Vienna, July 30, via London, July 31.—Austrian cavalry entered Lublin Friday afternoon, according to a statement issued by the Austrian war office.

With Warsaw captured a great wave of enthusiasm will sweep over Germany and Austria and it is predicted that the armies of the central powers will seek to force a period of trench warfare in the east, meanwhile throwing a great weight of men and guns to the western front with the idea of resuming the drives toward Calais and perhaps Paris.

In the west there is little worthy of note to break the monotony of mining and bombing from the North sea to the Swiss frontier.

The British public is so little impressed with the events in the east that David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, in his speech yesterday, apparently thought it necessary to drive home the gravity of the situation in the minds of those who are inclined to be optimistic, reminding them that reverses to Russia will mean increased pressure on the western allies. He summed up his opinion with the admission that the situation was serious if not perilous.

Crossing Vistula.
Petrograd, July 30, by way of London, July 31.—The crossing of the Vistula river at several points on pontoons and the efforts of the Teutonic allies to construct bridges across the river, curiously enough has elicited less discussion from the Russian military critics than the crossing of the Zlota, near Trzaski, and the advance of the Teutons southward from Bousk, which lies between Riga and Poneviesch and Kovno.

The operations against Kovno are naturally regarded with interest because of its importance as one of the strongholds of the prospective new Russian line. The Germans proceeding from the southwest have reached an advanced position near Kovno and have also pushed northeast from Bousk.

Meanwhile the Russians are defending gallantly the positions on the New river between the Vistula and the Dnieper and the Dniestr. They claim notable success in the sectors of Chmiel and Plaski, where they caused the Austrians heavy losses and they took 1,500 Austrian prisoners in the Sokal sector.

One of the most thrilling minor scenes of the war in this theater was the capture of an Austrian aeroplane, July 29, by Lieutenant Pakowski and

Cornet Plonski, east of the Zlota Lipsa river. Firing constantly at the Austrian machine from a higher altitude, the Russian machine forced the enemy to descend. The Russian aviators followed and an Austrian lieutenant surrendered with a non-commissioned officer. The Austrian aeroplane, which was not damaged, was a new machine of 120 horse power.

COMMISSIONERS WILL APPRAISE GOV'T LAND

Men Named For Macon Co. Work—Federal Aid For Roads.

Judge James E. Boyd has named the appraisers who will estimate the value of two tracts of land in Macon county condemned by the federal government to form part of the national forest reserve. George H. Dalrymple, W. L. Digdon and W. B. McGuire are the commissioners named for one boundary. W. H. Dalrymple, W. L. Higdon and Arch Siler will decide on the value of the other tract. Notices of appointment were mailed to the commissioners yesterday afternoon from the office of the District court clerk in this city.

It is stated today that some of the land included in the many condemnation proceedings instituted in Macon county within the last few months lie in the territory through which the proposed Asheville-Murphy-Atlanta highway has been surveyed and other roads planned by the county authorities will be within the government forest area. For this reason it is believed that Federal aid may be secured for the road construction in this county. The North Carolina Good Roads association at its recent meeting in Asheville endorsed the idea of national as well as state aid for highways and plans are being made in several counties to secure government assistance in the good roads movement.

CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Announcement is made by Superintendent of the Schools Harry Howell that all of the schools in Asheville will open for the fall terms on Tuesday, September 7. Usually the schools open on the first Monday in September 8 this year the schools will open the seventh.

Extensive preparations have been made for the fall terms in the city schools, only recently the city commissioners elected the members of the various faculties of the schools and ordered various improvements made in many of the schools. Many new teachers will greet the pupils this year and dozens of new pupils will enter the schools here this year for the first time.

TWO BLUEJACKETS KILLED BY HAITIENS

Washington, July 31.—Reports from the American legation at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, say the city is quiet and the disarming of the natives is going on. Recommendations are made for a larger force to patrol the city and for moral effect.

Washington, July 31.—Two American bluejackets were killed Thursday night in an attack by natives on Port-au-Prince, Haiti, held by Rear Admiral Caperton with 40 men from the cruiser Washington. The attacking party was beaten off without having approached closer than the outskirts of the city and order was maintained in the city itself. No sailors were wounded and the loss of the attacking party was not reported. The dead:

William Gompers, seaman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cason B. Whitehurst, ordinary seaman, of Norfolk, Va.

PRESIDENT TO ACT IN MEXICO

Armed Intervention Not Contemplated But Warriors Will Probably Be Told to Stop Fighting.

DATE MAY BE FIXED FOR TERMINATING WARS

Steps Toward Restoration of Peace Will Be Taken on President's Return to Capital Next Week.

Washington, July 31.—Definite steps toward the restoration of peace in Mexico will be taken immediately upon President Wilson's return to Washington next week. The specific action the president may have decided upon has not been disclosed but it was authoritatively stated that preparations were being made to carry out promptly the program determined upon. Only an unexpected move in Mexico itself to end the strife, it is said, would further delay affirmative action by the United States to restore constitutional government in the war-torn republic.

Armed intervention is not regarded as a contemplated in the president's program. Man officials believe no forceful measures will be required. President reports have reached here that the faction leaders are inclined to yield to the demands of this government for a peace conference.

Reports are generally credited that a message will be sent to the opposing leaders fixing a final date for them to cease hostilities, and assemble a conference to settle their differences. Possibilities of another failure to bring this about are being considered by the president, it is declared, in formulating his plan.

Whether in that event a general embargo on arms exportations will be imposed or American troops employed to assure transportation of food to the starving people of the country, cannot be predicted. It is known, however, that the army and navy are ready for any eventuality.

A Red Cross statement last night said conditions around Hermosillo, Sonora, were "getting worse every day. The government is taking all wheat from farmers without asking, and all flour."

A statement signed by forty Mexican residents of Sonora and forwarded to the Red Cross said there was great suffering, many families having only one scant meal a day.

HAW CREEK MAN DIED AT HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT

B. F. Smith Said to Have Shot Himself at His Home Yesterday Afternoon.

After suffering about two hours from what is said to have been a self-inflicted wound, B. F. Smith, aged 25, of Haw Creek, died yesterday evening at 5 o'clock at the Mission hospital. It is stated that Mr. Smith had been suffering a fit of melancholia due from ill health.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock he is said to have gone to a barn at his home and shot himself through the forehead. The shot was heard by members of his family and the wounded man was found lying on the floor or the barn in an unconscious condition. He was rushed to the Mission hospital where an operation was performed in an effort to save his life, but he died about 4 o'clock.

U. S. PROTESTS TO GENERAL ZAPATA

American Attacked; State Department Asks Why—Wants Road Open.

Washington, July 31.—Representations have been sent by the state department to General Zapata by way of Mexico City regarding the reported assault by three Zapata soldiers on Allan Mallory, an American citizen, near Puebla. The communication inquires as to the responsibility for the attack and asks protection in the future.

The message was sent to the Brazilian minister in Mexico City who is asked to forward it to Zapata, believed to be in camp south of the capital. The representations follow close upon the communications sent to Carranza, Zapata and Villa, asking in the name of humanity that railway communication with Mexico City be opened to provision trains.

Secretary Lansing said latest advice indicated fighting along the railroad, but that the report of the occupation of Pachuca by the Carranza forces and also of Villa de Guadalupe, close to Mexico City indicated that it would soon be possible to get provision trains to the capital.

Business Stagnation.
Laredo, Tex., July 30.—In northeast Mexico the food shortage is serious, there is general business stagnation and indications point to a general closing down of the mining industry according to an American who reached the border today.

WEAVERVILLE PEOPLE TO HAVE CHAUTAUQUA

Mr. Reeves Called to Black Mountain and Clyde by Suicide of Wm. Cathey.

Correspondence of The Gazette-News
Weaver ville, July 31.—Several of the leading citizens of Weaver ville have made arrangements with the Radcliffe bureau of Washington to put on a four days chautauqua there August 5, 6, 7, and 8. Those interested in the scheme have arranged with the company to bring a large tent in which the exercises will be held, which will be placed somewhere on main street.

The first day will be called "Agricultural day," and the program will include a lecture and concert. "Educational day" will be largely taken up with entertainment features; the third day will be "Town Boosters' day" and in this a glee club will play an important part. There will be a special program on the fourth day, Sunday.

Edwin Reeves returned yesterday afternoon from Black Mountain and Clyde, having been called to Black Mountain by news of the suicide of his brother-in-law, William Cathey of Clyde, a young man of bright promise. Mrs. Reeves went directly to Clyde, whither Mr. Reeves took the remains of the young man.

It is thought that the act of the young man was induced by bad health, as he had undergone an operation a few weeks ago, though his family had supposed him completely recovered.

Mr. Cathey is said to have committed suicide by hanging himself at the Graham hotel, in Black Mountain. It is stated he fastened a rope to a second story window, placed it around his neck and leaped out.

TWO NEUTRAL VESSELS DETAINED AT KIRKWALE

London, July 31.—(Delayed by Cable)—The Danish steamer Tuborg, from Baltimore for Nykjobing, Denmark, and the Norwegian steamer Olava, from Savannah to Helzigberg, have been detained at Kirkwale.

GOMPERS AGAIN MAKES CHARGES

Reiterates Statement That Foreign Influences Are Working to Cause Strikes in United States.

URGES LABOR MEN TO FROWN ON ATTEMPTS

Denies Saying Officers of International Union Received Money to Cause Muni-cipal Plant Strikes.

Washington, July 31.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has reiterated the statement that foreign influences were working to cause strikes in the United States and called upon the workers to discountenance any such attempts. He made public correspondence with the Central Federated union of New York which made inquiries regarding a statement attributed to Gompers that officers of the International union had received money to pull off strikes at Bridgeport and elsewhere in ammunition factories.

"I never mentioned the International union," said Mr. Gompers, "nor referred to ammunition factories. What I did say was that I had authentic information that efforts were being made to corrupt men for the purpose of inaugurating strikes among the seamen and longshoremen engaged in handling American products and manning ships for European ports; that the corrupting influences were being conducted by agents of a foreign government and I had no doubt but the same agencies and influences were at work elsewhere with the same purpose in view; that we should all enter sympathetic protests and frown upon foreign interference, no matter what motive actuated it, particularly when the motive was ulterior and detrimental to the good name, growth and permanence of the cause.

"That efforts have been made to corrupt some men for such purpose is true but that they have inaugurated strikes is untrue, and untrue because men who give their time and services to the cause of the workers have interposed in time."

HAYNES IS HELD ON FLORIDA CHARGES

Prisoner Will Be Taken to Florida Soon to Stand Trial.

At the hearing before United States Commissioner T. D. Shelton yesterday afternoon Paul Haynes was held for trial in the District court of Florida on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Elfers, Fla. The commissioner fixed the bond at \$5,000, which the defendant was unable to furnish. It is stated that within a few days Haynes will be taken to Florida. Postal Inspector B. E. Webb said after the hearing yesterday that he would ask for warrants against Haynes charging him with the robbery of postoffices at Crystal Beach and Orona, Fla.

The principal witness against Haynes was A. A. Keith, postmaster at Elfers. He swore positively to the identification of the prisoner and to some of the stamps in his possession at the time of his arrest at Alexandria by City Detective O. M. Davenport and special Officer W. R. Thomas of the Southern Railway company.

AMERICANS DIE WHEN STEAMER TRIES TO FLEE

TO GIVE HISTORY OF THE EASTLAND

Federal Grand Jury Seeks Evidence About Stability of the Steamer.

Chicago, July 31.—The federal grand jury, which is investigating the Eastland disaster today sought evidence relating to the stability of the vessel. During the day United States District Attorney Charles F. Cline was expected to present evidence showing the history of the Eastland, reports of her previous "cranky" behavior and the knowledge that the owners of the boat had of these matters.

Mr. Cline announced that the methods of the steamboat inspection service would be gone into independently of any other investigation. The examination of federal inspectors was continued by Secretary Redfield's board.

Labor leaders have issued statements that the department of commerce inquest would be a whitewash for federal inspectors. These labor leaders telegraphed a protest to President Wilson but received no reply. After Thursday's testimony before Secretary Redfield, Mayor Thompson and others said that the examination of witnesses seemed unsatisfactory while Assistant Attorney Sullivan thought the questions put by Secretary Redfield were too leading.

The questioning of witnesses yesterday was turned over to A. L. Thurman, solicitor of the department of commerce, although any one in the room was allowed to put queries. Secretary Redfield said the determination of guilt, if any, lay with the federal grand jury and the federal trial court and that his investigation was only to determine whether steamboat inspectors had acted according to legal requirements.

PETER KERNAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

Funeral arrangements over the body of Peter Kernan, aged 55, who was found dead in his room in the Swananoa-Berkely hotel yesterday afternoon, have not been arranged yet, friends here awaiting information from relatives of the deceased as to the disposition of the body.

After suffering from dropsy for several months, Mr. Kernan arrived in Asheville several days ago from New York where he had been for a short time. Soon after arriving here he was compelled to seek medical aid and had been confined to his bed for several days. Friends of the deceased who visited him Wednesday state that he appeared to be greatly improved and the news of his death was received with a distinct shock.

Yesterday morning a maid at the hotel was in Mr. Kernan's room and talked with him regarding his condition, at which time he appeared to be in good spirits. Returning to the room during the afternoon she found it locked and upon investigation it was found that Mr. Kernan was dead on the floor. He appeared to have been dead for sometime. Physicians and the coroner were summoned. After a thorough examination the coroner issued a certificate of death naming the causes as natural. The body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Noland-Brown company on Church street, where it will be held pending word from relatives.

Mr. Kernan came to Asheville several years ago from New Orleans, where at one time he was publisher and owner of the New Orleans Daily News. He was greatly interested in the politics of New Orleans. Since coming to Asheville he has done some of the largest construction work in this section. He also had business interests in Atlanta and New York.

Four U. S. Citizens Killed By Shells of Germans In Attack on Leyland Liner Iberian.

DISREGARDED ORDER TO STOP; GOES TO BOTTOM

Case of Americans Killed Probably Similar to Those Killed Armenian—Consul Reports.

London, July 31.—The Leyland liner Iberian has been sunk by a German submarine. Five members of the crew were killed and two died in a rescue boat, while 61 were landed safely. Four of the seven dead are said to have been Americans.

The casualties on the liner Iberian were caused by the hell fire of the submarine. The vessel was then torpedoed and the steamer went to the bottom.

Tried to Escape.
Washington, July 31.—Consul Frost at Queenstown, reporting the destruction of the Leyland liner Iberian stated that the steamer disregarded the German submarine's order to stop and was consequently shelled.

The case of the four Americans killed in the shelling of the Iberian turns on whether the ship was warned by the submarine and whether the vessel tried to escape. The state department has no details of the attack other than the consul's report, but has taken steps to secure them at once.

The degree of protection which a neutral government can afford its subjects on such vessels as the Leyland depends on the circumstances. In the case of the steamer Armenian, which was torpedoed with the loss of twenty Americans, the Americans lost the protection of their government when the Armenian attempted to escape after being warned by the submarine to stop.

Dr. Charles D. Bulla, corresponding secretary of the Sunday school board of the M. E. church, south with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker at the men's meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. "Your Life" He is a very strong speaker and will no doubt be heard by a large audience of men.

The musical program arranged for the meeting will consist of selections by a mixed quartet, composed of Mrs. Jessie Larson, Miss Emma Marquardt, B. W. Hammon, and W. E. Moore. Mrs. Larson and Miss Marquardt will furnish vocal and Miss Lucile Perkins will be the accompanist.