

ONLY GERMAN PROGRESS NOW IS TOWARDS RIGA

Invaders Apparently Stopped Northwest of Capital and Von Mackensen Is Battered to South.

GERMAN PAPERS DO NOT IGNORE DELAY

Triumphal Entry of Kaiser Is Postponed—Warsaw's Hop of Avoiding Evacuation Is Increasing.

London, Aug. 4.—Rear guard fighting by the Russians northwest of Warsaw has been so effective that the German attackers seem to have been held up. While to the south Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces pushing northward from Lublin are being badly battered. The only Austro-German progress on the east front now is toward Riga in the extreme north and below Ivangorod. Warsaw is still holding out and the hope that the Polish capital may yet be saved is growing stronger among the entente allies.

The Garman press explains that with the delay lengthening of communications, the problem of transport and reinforcement have become more complicated and thus account for the delay of the invaders. The efficiency of the Russian rear guard action is not ignored by the German press, however. The German emperor and his consort, on the way to Poland for a triumphal entry into Warsaw, have perforce had to postpone the completion of their trip.

From Warsaw itself come optimistic predictions that if the city can hold out a week longer—and the dispatches were dated four days ago, evacuation might be avoided. Although thousands of civilians have fled from the capital conditions there are pictured as fairly normal.

LONDON REJECTS U.S. CONTENTION

Washington, August 4.—Great Britain replies to the latest American representations against interferences with neutral commerce reject entirely the contention that the orders in council are illegal and justify the British course as being wholly within international law. "Unsustainable, either in point of law or upon principles of international equity" is the British reply to the American protest against the blockade of neutral ports, with an invitation to submit to international arbitration any case in which the allied States is dissatisfied with the action of British prize courts.

Great Britain's reply, in two notes was made public here tonight and in London simultaneously by agreement between the governments. With the note was made public also the correspondence over the American steamer Neches, seized by the British while in route from Rotterdam to the United States, with goods of German origin.

NATIONAL REGISTER WILL BE IN AUGUST

London, Aug. 4.—The government has asked local authorities throughout the kingdom to be ready to take the National Register during the second week of August. During the intervening period they are expected to arrange their respective voluntary workers, map out their districts, and prepare for indexing the names as it comes in.

Maj. William E. Breese Paroled by Mr. Gregory

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Washington, Aug. 4.
Before leaving the city today Attorney General Gregory signed the parole of Major W. E. Breese now serving a term in the Atlanta penitentiary. Major Breese will be allowed to return to Asheville as soon as his parole reaches Atlanta.

Reserve Board Prepares For Fall Crop Movement

Washington, Aug. 4.—Preliminary plans designed to make available resources of the federal reserve system in the annual fall crop movement have been worked out by the federal reserve board. In letters to regional banks it is pointed out how the crops movement can be financed. The letters call special attention to the marketing of the cotton crop because it is clearly to the common interest that credits based on crops be protected as far as possible from danger of demoralization.

Tests Prepared for Excursion Steamers

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The board named by the city council and harbor committee has begun preparing for tests of the stability of excursion steamers sailing from this port. Sand bags, equivalent in weight to an average consignment of passengers, will be placed on one side of the steamer Christopher Columbus on Thursday as a means of ascertaining whether the vessel is seaworthy. The federal grand jury continued.

M'Adoo Is Confident of Getting Merchant Marine

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 4.—Secretary McAdoo who arrived yesterday for a brief visit to President Wilson, on his way with Mrs. McAdoo to their summer home at North Haven, Me., said he was devoting much time to the study of the shipping question and said he was confident it would be pushed by the administration at the next session of congress. "The democratic party is pledged,"

Russian Duma Favors War to Entire Victory

Petrograd, Aug. 4.—Michael V. Rodziawko of Ekaterinopol has been re-elected president of the Russian duma by a vote of 296 to 245. After debate on the war situation the duma adopted unanimously a resolution declaring it to be the empire's unshakable purpose not to conclude peace before Russian victory was achieved.

Mediation Proposals In Haiti Have Failed

Cape Haitien, Aug. 4.—Mediation proposals by delegates from Port-au-Prince who arrived yesterday have been rejected by Cape Haitien authorities. Fighting continues in the Morin

JAPANESE CABINET ASKED TO REMAIN

Tokyo, Aug. 4.—The elder statesman have recommended to Emperor Yoshitoh that the cabinet headed by Count Okuma as premier be requested to remain in office unconditionally. The decision of the body was communicated by Prince Oyama and Field Marshal Yamagata to Count Okuma, who said he would take up with his colleagues the question of withdrawing their resignations.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson of Bryson City are spending a short time in Asheville.

U. S. MAY HAVE TO INTERVENE

Senator Lewis Says Gov't May Take Same Course for Peace In Mexico Pursued In Cuba.

REGRETS ATTITUDE OF ENGLAND AS TO TRADE

Illinois Man Thinks Germany and U. S. Will Reach Understanding on Questions In Controversy.

That there is no prospect of war with Mexico, but that intervention by the United States to restore peace in that country is inevitable unless there is a speedy improvement of conditions there, was the statement of Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois yesterday to deliver the principal address last evening before the North Carolina Bar association.

"Having recently come from a conference with President Wilson it must be understood that I speak my own opinions and not the president's in regard to our relations with the unhappy country that is one of our southern neighbors," said the democratic whip of the United States senate. "Unless the warring factions in that revolution-torn country are able to compose their differences and put an end to the destruction of life and property that has been going on for months along our border I believe that the United States government will pursue the same course in Mexico that it has pursued in Cuba with a view to the possession of that island by conquest."

"I can say for the president that he is unalterably opposed to war with Mexico and that he will make every honorable concession in order to put an end to bloodshed there without using military force. In this respect President Wilson has taken the same position with regard to Mexico and Germany and I am glad to be able to say that the misunderstandings between this country and Germany seem to have passed the critical stage.

"What is especially regrettable to me in the events of the last few weeks is the assumption of England here to take the United States government as an enemy of the Teuton government and that therefore we will allow any interference with our export trade that Great Britain may see fit to adopt as a war measure to cripple her adversary, regardless of the principles of international law that may apply. It is a mistake to say that we are enemies of the German nation. We are not enemies of any of the belligerents and it is our duty in this terrible international crisis to see that the fundamentals of the law of nations are not trampled under foot by either side."

Senator Lewis said that he remembered with pleasure his former visit to Asheville last winter when he came here to rest and recuperate, coming to this city at the same time that Senator Overman was a guest in the mountain metropolis. This evening Senator Lewis will address the convention of lawyers now gathered here on "America as the International Lawgiver of the World Tomorrow." The senator has the reputation of being one of the most brilliant and versatile members of the most distinguished deliberative body in the United States and his appearance here tonight promises to be an occasion long to be remembered.

NEW SYSTEM TO SAVE COUNTY TIME AND MONEY

All Bills Must Be Accompanied by Original Order Before They Are Paid.

Just before adjourning yesterday in order that the members could attend the meeting of the boys' corn club and girls' canning clubs being held on the Billmore estate, the county commissioners ordered that all bills which are presented to the county for payment from August 2 must be accompanied by the original order. In this way the commissioners figure that they will be able to save the county auditor about four days work each month in tracing up the bills that are brought in against the county and the new system will also do away with the much complicated duplicate system which is now in use by the county authorities along these lines. It will also make it impossible to pay the same bill twice.

LAST DAY OF BAR MEETING

William R. Vance Spoke; Important Resolutions Adopted—Sec'y Daniels to Attend Bar Meeting Tonight.

NOT AN ADDRESS WAS HEARD LAST NIGHT

Large Audience at the Battery Park Hotel Hears Senator Lewis Discuss International Relations.

The morning session of the North Carolina Bar association began at 10:30 o'clock today with the consideration of a number of important resolutions. Representing the Asheville Bar association President Louis M. Bourne presented to the state organization a resolution asking endorsement of the movement inaugurated by the local attorneys last Monday to secure the regular meetings here for the Circuit Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit. The resolutions were unanimously adopted and a committee will be named to co-operate with the South Carolina Bar association to accomplish the purpose of the measure endorsed.

Justice W. A. Hoke read the report of the committee which had charge of the work of placing a bust of the late Judge W. P. Byrum in the capitol at Raleigh. Justice Hoke reported the completion of a satisfactory bust and its presentation to the state. Attorney A. L. Brooks of Greensboro submitted a resolution endorsing the plan of increasing the number of state supreme court judges from five to seven with the provision that only five shall sit at one time. Mr. Brooks stated that the enormous amount of work incident to the preparation of the court's opinions made such a reform imperative. General Theodore Davidson opposed the resolution declaring that the remedy for the conditions described was to put an end to practice of requiring the court to give reasons for its decisions. This custom had transformed the Supreme court into a school to lecture on the law, he said.

Mr. Brooks read a letter from Senator Root outlining the satisfactory workings of this method in New York state. His resolution was adopted and President Biggs appointed the following committee to take the necessary action in the matter: A. L. Brooks, H. F. Sewell and Louis M. Bourne. Attorney McClean submitted the recommendations of the committee on legislation and reform. The association adopted the recommendation of the committee endorsing the principles of the workmen's compensation act.

Mr. Vance Heard. William R. Vance, dean of the law school in the University of Minnesota, was introduced to the association and delivered an able address on "The Political Party and Primary Laws." Mr. Vance is a southern man, the author of a well known work on insurance law, and his discussion of the effect of primary laws on the character and accomplishments of political parties was given closer attention by the large number of barristers present.

"There will be no afternoon session of the association. The members of the association and the ladies accompanying the party to Asheville were entertained at luncheon by the management of Grove Park Inn. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Seely will give a reception in honor of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, and Mrs. Daniels, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seely at the Inn. Mrs. Daniels and Josephus Daniels, Jr. arrived last night and the secretary arrived this afternoon for a stay of about ten days in Asheville.

The sessions of the Bar association will close tonight with a brilliant banquet at the Battery Park hotel. Delaney Nicoll of New York, Judge James E. Boyd of Greensboro, and Secretary Daniels are on the program for addresses this evening. Speaking to lawyers on a subject not only of legal interest but of vital importance to the future history of the governments in North and South America, Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois last night delivered a notable address before the North Carolina Bar association, in session at the Battery Park hotel. A distinguished member of a distinguished body, Senator Lewis was followed closely by the largest audience that has yet attended the sessions of the convention. Among the members of the national congress who were present to hear the address were Senator Lee S. Overman, Congressman Bartlett of Georgia and Congressman James J. Britt of North Carolina.

HEAVY RAINS DELUGE EAST

Streets of New York and Suburbs Turned Into Yellow Rivers, While Gale Sweeps Seaboard.

DAMAGE HEAVY BUT DIFFICULT TO FIGURE

Schooner Lost with Two Lives—Several Fatalities Are Reported—Floods In Richmond.

Eric, Pa., Aug. 4.—Daylight broke over a flood-stricken city with business streets running rivers of water. Probably 50 lives had been lost; property damage is estimated at three millions; scores of homes and dozens of factories have been swept away and there are hundreds of distressed homeless, as the result of the unprecedented storm of last night.

New York, Aug. 4.—Streets in New York and suburbs were turned into yellow rivers, surface and elevated traffic were crippled, wires were in a tangled net, trees were uprooted and hundreds of cellars were flooded by the torrential downpour in the metropolitan district this forenoon, accompanied by a 50 miles gale. Nearly three inches of rain fell in four hours at Sandy Hook where a southeasterly lashed the ocean to fury. Vessels were held at the harbor entrance and at the height of the gale a small schooner, the M. V. B. Case from Cheverle, N. S., went to the bottom. The captain and a sailor were drowned in a small boat, while the others of the crew were rescued by the coast guard.

On the north coast of New Jersey the gale's damage is difficult to estimate. Seabright, swept away the third time in 17 months, was again battered. In a dozen parts of New York and Brooklyn the streets were under water two to three feet. From Coney Island and Seagale come reports of a general tie-up of transportation facilities; but no fatalities are reported from any section. New York had been water-soaked for more than 30 hours when the heavy rain began falling this morning about 5 o'clock. Within four hours a total of one and a half inches of rain had fallen; at Sandy Hook a total of 2.72.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the rain ceased and a steady drizzle began. millions it must entail, sufficient to defend us against invasion and to protect our possessions—a force sufficient to defeat all adversaries who might reasonably be anticipated to come against invasion and to protect our possessions—a force sufficient to defeat all adversaries who might reasonably be anticipated to come against us, as a penalty for the departure we entered upon. This latter undertaking is too stupendous in expense and sacrifice to be entered upon, if there is a nobler and more consistent course for the republic of the United States to take. I propose an alternative. I propose it in the seriousness of one who beholds the serious situations surrounding us. I propose it as the only sure remedy of the present and the most compensating from all points of view we may contemplate from our present advantageous situation. I propose that we return to the western hemisphere and return the government of the United States to her own borders, within her own seas, by taking such steps as will legitimately secure the continuance of coaling stations and canal bases in the oriental seas for our necessary use. Then provide for compensations to the United States from such government as may control our Asiatic possessions in such manner as in proper time will return to us our expenditure, and in conjunction with this promptly let us call to council all the governments of South America and their sisters of the southern seas.

U. S. COURT ADJOURNS AFTER BRIEF SESSION
Thomas C. McCoy Case Continued Until Tomorrow Morning at 10:30 O'clock.

United States District court convened this morning at 10:30 o'clock with Judge James E. Boyd of Greensboro presiding. The case of the government against Thomas C. McCoy was called and there was some discussion as to the introduction in court of certain records of the Western Union Telegraph company which are desired as evidence in the case. The hearing was postponed until tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and the court was adjourned until that time.