

TEUTONS ARE PUSHING ENVELOPING MOVEMENT; ITALIANS WIN VICTORY

British Press Inclined to View That Grand Duke Has Withdrawn His Armies Virtually Intact.

REALIZATION OF GRAVE SITUATION GROWING

Sweden's Hostility to Russia Growing—Fall of Austrian City of Gorizia Believed Imminent.

London, Aug. 7.—Holding the bridgeheads at Warsaw over the Vistula river, the most formidable obstacles in eastern Europe, the German and Austro-Hungarian troops, having conquered the river line and with it invaded Russian territory on an average of 100 miles along a front from the Baltic sea to Bukovina, are now being thrown forward in an endeavor to accomplish what the allies of Russia have so feared—the complete envelopment of the Russian armies.

The British press, basing opinion on Petrograd dispatches and lacking reports to the contrary, are inclined to the view that the forces of the Russian grand duke have retired from Warsaw virtually intact, but there is an increasing disposition not to minimize the seriousness of the situation and there is apparent an anxiety which seems to be manifested in renewed pressure to bring the Balkan powers into line.

Quiescent Sweden is now restless, and even so conservative a newspaper as the London Post find cause to comment on the growing hostility of Sweden toward Russia as stimulated by the German successes in Poland.

Italian Success.

Paris, Aug. 7.—After a desperate battle the Italians have stormed and taken the summit of Monte San Michel which dominates Gorizia, says a Petit Journal dispatch from Turin. The fall of Gorizia, 22 miles northwest of Trieste on the Isonzo is now believed to be imminent.

Four Fishing Smacks Sunk. London, Aug. 7.—The British fishing smacks Hesperus, Ivan, Cas and Fisherman have been sunk, presumably by German submarines. The crews of the fishing vessels were landed today.

Heads Warsaw Police. Berlin, Aug. 7.—Chief of Police Glasenat of Cologne, Prussia has been appointed as head of the police department of the conquered city of Warsaw.

ELMORE CASE IS RETURNED TO TEXAS

Matters of a routine nature occupied the attention of the District court at the morning session today. Judge Boyd signed an order in some old cases where judgment had been entered against bondsmen for forfeited bonds. The judgments were ordered stricken from the records.

The case of J. Archer Elmore indicted for using the mails for fraudulent purposes will not be tried here, arrangements having been made for returning the case to Texas.

Court remained in session throughout the morning for the hearing of any motions or petitions that might be presented. It is thought that the court will be in session all of next week.

Looting in Erie Flood Section Engages Police

Erie, Pa., Aug. 6.—Rumors of looting in the flooded sections of the city kept the police busy during the night and today it became known that Guy Fowler, a reporter had shot a man alleged to have been seen taking articles from an abandoned house. He was taken to a hospital where it was said he was shot in the shoulder, but that the wound is not serious. Troopers of the state constabulary patrolled the flooded sections while increased forces of workers searched for bodies in the wreckage. Three hundred additional workers were placed on the streets and the piles of demolished buildings were attacked vigorously.

Victories Taken Soberly By Berlin Newspapers

Amsterdam, Aug. 7.—"A lasting Russian offensive is no longer to be expected in the near future," says Major Morath, military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt, in a review of the situation in Poland. "Henceforth as soon as our attacks begin the Russian defense must crumble, because the Russians are no longer adequately supplied with rifles and machine guns."

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The Berlin morning newspapers publish no additional details of the fighting which preceded the fall of the fortresses of Warsaw and Ivangorod. The fall of Warsaw was discounted in advance and the news of its capture evoked no demonstration. When the report of the fall of Ivangorod was received, however, an impromptu procession was formed in Unter den Linden. One considerable body marched before the palace of the crown prince, Frederick William and the crowd was addressed by extemporaneous speakers.

Russians Still Hold One Fortress on the Vistula

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—Russian papers are still unanimous in stating that Russia's determination to pursue the war to a victorious end has been strengthened by the enforced evacuation of Warsaw.

The Reich says: "As long as the armies are intact we can confidently face the future."

Another Revolutionary Disturbance by Haitians

Washington, Aug. 7.—A new revolutionary disturbance at Gonaves on the west coast of Haiti is reported by Rear Admiral Caperton, and he has dispatched the naval tug Osceola with forces to protect the customs house. The admiral has reported the occupation of Fort Nationale, Port-au-Prince by American forces, without resistance. American marines are quartered in the barracks. Col. Cole is in command of the marines who were landed from the battleship Connecticut, and is in military charge of the town. Capt. Beach has been assigned to have charge of civil affairs.

REV. DR. F. J. PRETTYMAN TO PREACH AT CENTRAL

Rev. Dr. Forrest J. Prettyman, who delivered his Travel Talk lecture on the Holy land at the closing service of the ten days' Sunday school program in charge of Rev. Dr. Charles D. Bulla at Lake Lanalska arrived in Asheville yesterday, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Buckner at No. 7 Aston place.

Rev. Dr. Prettyman was a member of an American party of tourists that were among the last to get out of Europe at the beginning of the great war, experiencing considerable trouble and difficulty in getting passage to America. The pictures in Constantinople which he shows in his lecture were made while the city was all astir with war talk and are the latest pictures shown in this country of the customs of that peculiar city.

FRADY HELD AS A BLACKMAILER

Young Arden Man Arrested by Deputy Sheriff Revis, in A Trap the Officers Had Arranged

D. P. LANCE SAID TO BE THE VICTIM

Two Posses Hid in Woods Near Arden All Night—Mr. Lance Followed Instructions. In the Letters.

According to the information secured from the officers Mr. Lance, who is a storekeeper and farmer of the Arden section, received a letter about three or four weeks ago demanding that he leave \$300 at a certain spot or suffer the consequences. Mr. Lance refused to leave the money but turned the letter over to the county officers who in turn gave it to the United States postoffice inspectors.

Following this, on Sunday, July 25, a large warehouse belonging to Mr. Lance was totally destroyed by fire of an unknown origin, with the loss estimated at about \$2000.

Shortly after this fire another letter was sent to Mr. Lance demanding that he leave \$400 at noon yesterday near Old Salem church, in the Arden section. In a quiet way this information was conveyed to Sheriff E. M. Mitchell and he at once set to work to arrange a trap for the alleged blackmailer.

Two posses of men, one under Gus Garren and one under Jesse H. Sumner were organized Thursday. Mr. Garren's posse, composed of C. G. Lanning, L. E. Revis, Detective Ponds, George Lytle, Claud Jordan, James Landford, Joe Johnson, Fleet Revis and Ed. Williams, took a route by Mine Hole gap and then down to Arden, arriving near the spot where Mr. Lance was to leave the money, just before daylight next morning. They hid in the woods.

The second posse composed of Jesse H. Sumner, Frances Sumner, Lee Alexander, W. B. Wright, Paul Wright, Will Joyner, Andy Bishop, Ellis Cowan, Elmer Penland and Mr. Kiser took another route and arrived just before daylight on the opposite side of the road from the first posse.

The men were instructed to keep back in the woods until about 11 o'clock in the morning and then to come as near the road as possible. This was done.

Just a little before the appointed hour, 12 o'clock noon, Mr. Lance, who was told by the sheriff to follow instructions, marched down the road towards the Old Salem church and started back. The last letter sent to Mr. Lance by the alleged blackmailer stated that Mr. Lance was to walk down the road at 12 o'clock noon with \$400 and when he heard five sharp whistles he was to drop the money and leave at once without looking back.

Now Mr. Lance was walking back by the spot where he was to leave the money when he heard a noise in the woods to his side and turning saw Deputy Sheriff Revis racing after Frady, who was caught a moment later.

Claims Innocence. Frady maintained that he knew nothing whatever about the affair; that he had started to a neighbor's house.

Following instructions from Sheriff Mitchell, Mr. Lance Thursday had a check for \$400 cashed at Arden and let it be known around the section that he had to raise some money that day. It was planned in this way to let the alleged blackmailer know that his plans were being carried out.

ANNIVERSARY SALE AT BON MARCHE TUESDAY

Sale Opens at 9:15 O'Clock and Continues Until Saturday August 21

Beginning next Tuesday at 9:15 o'clock the twenty-sixth anniversary sale will be held at the Bon Marche, the sale to continue until Saturday, August 21.

COLONEL HARRIS STIPS RALEIGH

Editorializes on Disposition of Officials to Perpetuate Their Tenure in Office in Capitol.

RALEIGH CONSIDERS THE ARTICLE "UNNICE"

Observer Editor Thinks Revival of Talk of Long Tenure in State Offices May be Expected.

(By W. T. Bost.) Raleigh, Aug. 7.—The Charlotte Observer's "hog" editorial of Thursday morning has put officialdom to guessing and after soaking in for 24 hours the capital has voted by a large majority that the editorial was what the old Observer's beautiful spirit, Avery, would have called—"un-nice."

Colonel Wade Harris allowed ambiguity to intrude itself in but a single line. He did not furnish a bill of particulars but evidently was averse to supplying a democratic ready reference to every point on the road and signboards at every crossing. He called the whole Dan-Taylor "Raleigh Greed," and neither Frady nor those who hold places in the administration like the colonel for it.

Perhaps a bigger majority of the people do. The fellows who travel on the trains and like to berate the town verbally, have made it hot for the Raleigh resident. They like Colonel Harris because he has said what they have so long wished to say. But local Raleigh people and those resident here as officials aren't today bragging on how they feel.

Some of them talk but they do not allow one to swing a story on what they openly say. No member of the governing body here would call it an "absolutely willful and malicious attack on Raleigh." The feeling isn't that kind. It hurts because it is the sting of a friend. Quite a few members of the official party here look upon the Observer as the undisputed democratic champion. They say so and tell their friends so. The stab of the Observer is the wound of a friend.

AMERICAN LEAGUE VETFRANS IN LEAD

Chicago, Aug. 7.—American league veterans led by Cobb are in the big majority as to batting honors, according to latest averages. Cobb still leads with an average of .401; Jackson of Cleveland is second with .339 and Eddie Collins of Chicago is third with .331.

Cobb has scored the greatest number of runs, having 98. He is tied with Crawford in total number of bases made with 183. He also leads in stolen bases with 52. Hartselt of New York, with five home runs, leads in circuit drives.

Detroit leads in American league club batting with .268. Foster of Boston with 14 won and four games lost leads the American league pitchers.

National League. Larry Doyle, captain of the Giants, has hammered his way to the front in the National league of which the leading batters are Doyle of New York with .350; Daubert of Brooklyn with .322; and Sauter of St. Louis with .327.

Leading in run-getting is Cravath of Philadelphia who has scored 57. Siler of Chicago, who leads in total bases, also leads the league base stealers with 23 pilfered sacks. Cravath also leads in home runs with 15 capital drives.

Cincinnati leads the National league in club batting with .254. Pierce of Chicago leads the National league pitchers with nine games won and two lost.

FIRE DESTROYS MOODY HOME NEAR FRANKLIN

Special to The Gazette-News. Franklin, N. C., Aug. 7.—The large country home of Frank Moody about four miles from this place was destroyed by fire Thursday night. The house was located on the well known Barnard farm, one of the largest and most valuable in this part of the state, which was recently purchased by Moody and Howell of Waynesville. The loss is estimated at \$3,000 with the amount of insurance unknown. About \$2,000 worth of jewelry was destroyed in the flames.

GEN. CARRANZA HAS ASKED TO BE RECOGNIZED

JUDGE BOYD RULES BILL INCOMPLETE

Court Holds Copy of Indictment Against McCoy Improper In Substance.

There is much speculation today as to what course the United States government will pursue in the Thomas C. McCoy case following the unsuccessful efforts to remove the defendant to Fort Smith for trial on conspiracy charges to defraud without conducting a preliminary hearing in the District court here. After two days' arguments before Judge James E. Boyd the court ruled yesterday afternoon that the copy of the bill of indictment drawn at Fort Smith was an incomplete record and that therefore there was not sufficient evidence before the court to warrant the removal of the case to another jurisdiction.

The United States attorneys have made no statement as to the probable course of action further than to say that McCoy can be rearrested at any time on the original charge. The government could have introduced evidence here in a preliminary hearing but they refused to give the defense this opportunity of hearing the prosecution outline its case. In the meantime McCoy is at liberty without bond.

While the federal representatives were conferring yesterday on the McCoy case Judge Boyd heard arguments by attorneys in the receivership proceedings for the Grandin Lumber company and the Watana and Yadin River Railroad company. W. J. Grandin, the receiver for the two companies, is resisting a motion for the sale of the property on the ground that at this time the property would not bring its real value. The Central Trust company of Illinois and others contend that the timber and railroad holdings of the companies could be sold at more than enough to pay the indebtedness that is overdue. Judge Boyd took the motion under consideration.

ARDEN BOYS WILL BE TRIED MONDAY

Martin Rickman Also Arrested —Bonds \$10,000 for Each Man—In Jail.

That other developments of a startling nature are likely to occur shortly in the alleged blackmailing conspiracy which was unearthed near Arden at noon yesterday, is the statement of a county officer made this morning, although no details of the developments will be given out.

Following the arrest of Edward Frady on the road near Arden yesterday shortly after noon by Deputy Sheriff Luther Revis, Martin Rickman, telegraph operator at Arden was taken in custody yesterday afternoon late by Sheriff E. M. Mitchell and Deputy Revis, on charges of arson and blackmail.

Rickman and Frady were both placed in the county jail and bonds in the sum of \$5000 in each of the two cases against the young men were named by Magistrate B. L. Lyda. Both men are charged with arson and blackmail.

Preliminary hearings in the cases are set for next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock before Magistrate B. L. Lyda and it is expected that many other startling developments will take place at that time.

Rickman has retained A. Hall Johnson as his attorney but at noon today Frady had not secured counsel.

LITTLE M'KAMEY GIRL IS REPORTED IMPROVED

The case against Willie Johnson, colored, who delivers packages for a firm in the City market, in which he is charged with riding a bicycle over little Enfield McKamey last night, was continued when called in Police court this morning. The case will be tried, it was stated, when the condition of the wounds on the little girl's head can be known.

Files Brief Practically Asking U. S. Recognition and Proposing Peace Meeting of Agents.

PAN-AMERICANS RECESS WITHOUT DECISION

Conference on Mexico Develops Divergence of Opinion on General Purposes—Meet Next Week.

Washington, Aug. 7.—In the Mexican situation today there were two important developments. General Carranza signifies his willingness to enter a peace conference and an authoritative announcement of the views of the United States was given out. The position of this government is officially stated as follows:

That neither Carranza nor the leader of any other military faction is in control of the country or can be considered triumphant in the republic. That the real purpose of the revolution was accomplished a year ago with the overthrow of Huerta, and that the fighting since that time has been over factional differences and was not in reality a revolution.

That Villa, while financially weakened is still an active element and must be reckoned with in adjusting Mexican affairs.

That the so-called Cientificos are not entitled to be considered because their cause was overthrown with Huerta, thus disposing of that element.

That the greater part of Mexico is not at peace as General Carranza claims because the fighting continues in many sections from Tehuantepec to the Rio Grande and from Vera Cruz to Mazatlan.

That the first problem to be solved in restoring peace in Mexico is to find for a provisional president a man who represents the cause of the original revolutions against Huerta but not necessarily the representative of any faction now at war.

The Carranza brief was filed with the state department by his American counsel Charles A. Douglas. It not only proposes a peace conference with his adversaries but practically asks for recognition by the United States.

Washington, Aug. 7.—On behalf of Carranza a formal brief on the Mexican situation has been filed with Secretary Lansing practically asking for recognition and proposing that Carranza's Washington meet the representatives of any other faction in a peace conference.

The Pan-American conference considering means to restore peace to Mexico adjourned after having developed to divergence of opinion as to its general purposes, but leaving undecided the exact course to be pursued. It will reassemble in New York probably early next week.

Meanwhile the Latin-American diplomats will communicate with their governments and Secretary Lansing will confer with President Wilson.

Two days of conferences and hearing reports have brought all the participants in accord with President Wilson's general plan which is based on the fact that the great majority of the people of Mexico desire peace. The conferees were impressed that while the armed forces are in position to keep the country in a state of turmoil they are, nevertheless, only a small proportion of the people of Mexico.

While all the participants have signified their willingness to co-operate with the president's plan, to include the military factions to enter another peace conference, the South Americans are not sanguine of success unless some way can be found for the elimination of the military leaders and the recognition of all classes in Mexico.

It is realized that there are questions of vast moment when considered in the light of Mexico's international obligations and the responsibilities of the nations which are preparing to sponsor her rehabilitation, that cannot be determined in any brief conference, but must be the subject of deliberation.

Foremost is the extent to which the claims of the military chiefs shall be considered and that concessions between them can be arranged. One development which emphasized this feature was the dispatch of Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, to the Mexican border to confer with General Villa.

The war department refused to comment on General Scott's mission. After a conference between General Scott and Secretary Breckinridge of the war department it was said the general was going to readjust the American forces in the light of recent developments which have threatened attacks on border towns. It was generally believed, however, that General Scott in whom General Villa has expressed confidence, and to whom he often has turned for advice, will outline to the northern chieftain the use of some

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