

## RUSSIANS BEAT BIG FLEET OF GERMAN SHIPS

### German Warships Dispersed and Damaged; and Invaders are Checked in Advance on Riga.

Warsaw at which a Russian garrison remains and its fall seems imminent. The attitude of the Poles towards the new German regime is arousing deep interest, for the occupation of Warsaw unites for the first time three branches of the Poles heretofore divided among Russia, Germany and Austria. Under the Russian regime Poland has been a hot-bed of disorder and it remains to be seen whether control of this occupied territory will be as difficult a problem for Germany as it has been for Russia.

### MANY GERMAN VESSELS HAD BEEN ASSEMBLED To Assist Land Forces Attack- ing Riga—Balkan Situation Chaotic—Serbia Again Threatened.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The allied forces have resumed the attack on the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles with great vigor during the last two days and have made sensible progress on the Gallipoli peninsula, according to a Havas dispatch received from Athens. Simultaneously the allied fleet bombarded the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles, inflicting heavy damage on the defense works.

### London, Aug. 10.—Although the military operations in Rus- sian Courland have hardly reached a decisive stage, the German troops which have been smashing their way toward Riga, have been checked. Al- most simultaneously the Ger- man warships which had been attempting to seize the gulf of Riga and attain a position from which they could assist the land forces have been dispers- ed and damaged.

### The assemblage of German craft was the largest of the war thus far with the exception of the allied fleet in the Darda- nelles. The fact that the Ger- man warships were forced to retreat is a source of great sat- isfaction to the British press. The British advance in the vicinity of Hooe, although not comparable to the tremendous actions in Poland marked the most important engagements in which the British forces have figured since the battle of Fest- ubert in May. The gain was small and has to be maintained against counter attacks.

### The Balkan situation is cha- otic. Dispatches from Saloniki say the Austro-German plans to strike again at Serbia have already found expression in the concentration of Teuton troops along the Serbian frontier. It is said that 100,000 Trutons have been massed near Orsova, Hungary, which may be the forerunner of a movement through Serbia for the relief of Turkey.

### The occupation of Praga, reported by Berlin, brings to a climax the first phase of the German drive eastward from Warsaw. Praga is essentially a part of the capital, with great railway stations on the roads running to Petrograd and Moscow. Few details have been received of the final Russian stand at Praga, but indications are that withdrawal became imperative to escape from the German lines gradually drawing together in the rear.

### Warsaw now is the apex of a vast letter V, the arms of which are the river Narw on the north and the Vistula on the south. The German lines spread along these rivers are contracting gradually as the armies in the north and those in the south approach each other. The strip of territory across which the Russians may withdraw to safer position now is hardly more than thirty miles across.

## SOU. RY AGENTS CONVENE HERE

### Agency Department Well Rep- resented at Opening Session at Grove Park Inn This Morning.

### PROMINENT OFFICERS OF COMPANY PRESENT

### Three Days Will Be Spent in Considering Matters of In- terest in Railway Circles.

With about 100 members present for the opening session the seventeenth annual meeting of the Southern Railway Agents' association convened this morning at 10 o'clock in the hotel assembly room of Grove Park Inn. The sessions of the three days' gathering will be devoted to discussions of topics of interest to those who are engaged in agency departments of the freight and passenger traffic divisions of the company.

### The Officers.

The officers of the association are E. J. CORRE of East St. Louis, Ill., president; J. M. Fugate of Savannah, vice president; W. J. Townsend of Augusta, secretary; E. H. Marsh of Spencer, Transfer, treasurer and W. D. Post of Atlanta, chairman of the executive committee.

### Each year the agents meet in some place designated by the executive committee for an interchange of ideas and opinions and for practical discus- sions in regard to the handling of freight and passenger traffic at ports, terminals and junctions of the South- ern railway system. In this way the men who handle the immense volumes of traffic from month to month be- come familiar with conditions at all points of the road and the result is increased dispatch in transportation.

### Although the reports of the various committees and the general discus- sion of special questions will occupy much of the time of those in attend- ance on the meeting, pleasure is by no means lost sight of in the plans for this annual assembly. In the af- ternoons it is stated that many of the railway men may be found on the eolf links that stretch invitingly in front of the inn or may be seen rid- ing or walking over the automobile or mountain paths that aid the visit- or in making closer acquaintance with playground region of North Carolina.

### Not on Good Terms.

It is said by Carranza agents here that neither of the diplomats had been on good terms with Carranza and that Carranza intended to hand the Brazilian minister his passports. The participation of the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers in the peace conference, they say, brought Carranza's resentment to a climax. It is recalled that Castro, while dictator of Venezuela, took much the same course when offended by foreign nations which were pressing for a settlement of Venezuelan affairs.

## ALL BUT ONE OF THE BODIES ARE RECOVERED

### Wilmington, Aug. 9.—Up till noon today all but one of the bodies of the four victims of the Cape Fear river tragedy early Sunday morning, when Dr. Morris Caldwell of Wilmington, Pleil Caldwell of Cabarrus county, Dr. J. H. Bonnerman of Wilmington and chief Engineer Warbell of the interned German steamer Micaria were drowned, had been recovered.

### Bethel Baptist Church Has Revival

A revival starts at Bethel Baptist church this evening, Rev. E. Askew, evangelist, being in charge. Rev. Mr. Askew is a Tar Heel by birth, having been reared in Elizabeth City, N. C.; but has spent the last 29 years of his life in the north, east and west, making Washington headquarters.

## MEXICAN PEACE PLAN IS READY TO BE RATIFIED

### Administration Officials Op- timistic Over Outlook for Restoration of Peace in Mexico.

### PAN-AMERICANS TO MEET AGAIN TOMORROW

### Conference Will Probably Ap- peal to All Leaders to Meet and Form Provisional Government.

Washington, Aug. 10.—With a definite program for the pacification of Mexico agreed upon, administration officials were ready for the resumption of the Pan-American conference in New York tomorrow. At that time the plan will be formally ratified and considered with special regard to the nature of the plan. Secretary Lansing declined to disclose the character of the plan.

### There is a feeling of optimism pre- vailing in official circles over the out- look for restoration of peace in Mex- ico. This is based on the belief that the majority of Mexicans are worn and tired of war and will welcome a movement to end the fighting.

### The Pan-American conference are understood to have determined to pre- sent the situation to all of the el- ements in Mexico, appealing directly not only to Carranza, Villa and Za- pata, but to the governors of states, all military leaders with considerable followings, and other influential men, to come together for a conference at which a substantial provisional gov- ernment might be framed.

### A government so set up would have the support of the United States and other American republics. Officials here believe it would be able to sup- press promptly any dissatisfied groups which might attempt to continue civil strife.

### There has been talk of joint armed intervention by the powers represent- ed in the conference to quiet any lead- er who insists on remaining in the field with military forces. Some of the conferees, however, are said to be- lieve that the moral influence of the powers behind the conference, to- gether with a strict embargo against shipment of war munitions to any one in Mexico, except the recognized gov- ernment, would quickly accomplish the desired result.

### Washington, Aug. 10.—Carranza of- ficials yesterday said that the Brazil- ian minister at Mexico City, the only diplomatic representative of the United States has in Mexico, had been with- drawn by his government because General Carranza was prepared to ex- pel him from the country as he did Ortega, the Guatemalan minister.

### The Brazilian minister has reported to the state department that no reason was given for the expulsion of Senor Ortega and that he himself intended to sail Wednesday from Vera Cruz for the United States.

### The participation of Brazil and Guatemala in the Pan-American peace conference at Washington, which is considering action in Mexican affairs had something to do with this re- sult, it is believed here. Officials who hoped that Carranza would join in a peace conference with his adversaries and meet the efforts of the Pan-Americans to effect a settle- ment of factional strife express dis- appointment.

### To Move Capital.

The state department has advised saying that Carranza is making hurried preparations to move his capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. The impression in Mexican circles here is that Carranza proposes to establish his government in Mexico City and then will probably proclaim himself provisional president.

## REVIEW OF THE YEARS' BUSINESS

### Showing of Wood C... and Textile Business...icates a Very Opt... Spirit Among... Men.

### 30 TO 40 NEW PLANTS PUT INTO OPERATION

### Marked Improvement During the Year Along Lines of Farm Development—New Creameries Built.

The chief industry in North Carolina may be said to be that of wood-working, followed closely by the textile business, and the showing made by these two branches of endeavor during the past year would seem to indicate a very optimistic spirit among business men of the state. The past year has been an abnormal one, enterprise being sadly handicapped by the limitations of capital resulting from a world wide strife, the end of which is not yet in sight, but confidence has been manifested in the two branches of industry referred to, to an extent probably never before paralleled in the history of the state.

### In the woodworking enterprise be- tween 30 and 40 new plants have been put into operation, representing a cap- italization running considerably over half a million, and the number of fail- ures, if any, were very few. Recently there has developed an active inquiry for timber lands throughout the tim- ber section, probably in anticipation of the cessation of hostilities in the warring districts, resulting in a de- mand for lumber materials that will probably tax the resources for a time, of those sections suited to the growth of this essential to re-building opera- tions.

### The Textile Field.

In the textile field, notwithstanding the statewide campaign for crop diversification, resulting in the limitation of cotton areas, and consequently diminished crop this year, considerably over a million dollars has been invested in new enterprises, and the enlargement of existing plants. It is true that some of these concerns appear to be marking time, just giving enough work to their employees to insure the maintenance of their organization, but others are working to their full capacity, and all are invested with a strong spirit of optimism which indicates the resumption of full time, and more in the near future.

### The milling interest has been par- ticularly active during the year, and as a result plants are now in operation for the handling of corn and other grains that hitherto were shipped for milling purposes, and some large de- velopments along this line are under consideration, with every prospect of being brought to a favorable conclu- sion in the near future.

### The wealth and variety of clays and mineral deposits of this particular section of the state have not been over- looked in the general trend of devel- opment and several brick and tile plants have been put into operation, with big promise in this direction in the future, while there has been lib- eral expenditure in prospecting along purely mining lines, and some old, and temporarily abandoned, fields of operation have been put in commis- sion again. The output of gold se- cured through placer mining in the state of North Carolina alone during the year, amounted to \$131,141, prob- ably the largest contributing state to the gold wealth of the nation during the year. Asheville interests are mak- ing inquiry, with strong promise of early development, along this line, and there is probably no stronger evi- dence of the spirit of optimism than a willingness to use capital for the development of an enterprise so hedged around with the element of chance.

### Marked Improvement.

There has been a marked improvement during the year along lines of farm development. Creameries have sprung up, and cream routes established with a spontaneity that would indicate careful forethought, and a campaign of education along closer economic lines, and the production of butter in North Carolina during the month of June from creameries al-  
ready established alone, amounted to over 150,000 pounds; the butter being of an uniform, and better quality than could be produced by the individual farmer, while the price obtained by both farmer and creamery has added materially to the wealth of the state, to say nothing of the elimination of the unnecessary and wasteful labor previously devoted to this industry by the individual on the farm. The creamery movement is growing by leaps and bounds; it is a co-operative movement, and where creameries are established it means that the farmer gets the best price for his cream, with the elimination of the hard work, proportionately given to the production of butter in small quantities.

### The Motor Power.

Water power development in the state has been very marked. There is probably no state in the union possessing more undeveloped resources in abundance is now available for the

## ASKS WARSHIPS FOR VERA CRUZ; TROUBLE BREWS

### Commander McNamee Asks Navy Department to Send Squadron to Protect Foreign Residents.

### FEARS DEMONSTRATION AGAINST U. S. PEOPLE

### Anti-American Feeling Believed to Be Outgrowth of Carran- za's Displeasure at Stand of U. S.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Commander McNamee, senior naval officer of the United States at Vera Cruz, has asked the navy department to send a battleship squadron to guard against anti-American demonstration which he fears. The battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana, now at Newport with the Atlantic fleet have been ordered to prepare at once to sail for Vera Cruz, but if emergency presses the battleship Connecticut, now in Haitian waters, and about two days sail across the gulf from Vera Cruz, will be ordered to join Commander McNamee. The Connecticut could reach Vera Cruz about two days ahead of the New Hampshire and the Louisiana.

### Writ of Habeas Corpus Signed

### Attorneys for Girl Tried to Get Bail Reduced— Hearings Today.

Attorneys for Miss Myrtle Pressley, the young Arden girl arrested last week in connection with the alleged blackmailing scheme to get Dr. P. Lance to depart with \$400, yesterday afternoon instituted habeas corpus proceedings before Judge B. F. Long in Superior court to get the girl's bond reduced. She is now held under a bond of \$5,000 on charges of being implicated in the burning of Mr. Lance's warehouse and writing him blackmail letters.

### Complaint Against Carranza.

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 10.—According to advices from Nogales, Ariz., complaints are being made to the United States authorities of action by agents of the Carranza government who are said to have made their headquarters on the American side of the international boundary line, across from Nogales, Sonora, in Mexico. The complaints assert that the Carranza agents are trying to stir up trouble among the forces of General Jose Maytorena, who is defending the Sonora town against Carranza troops under General P. Elias.

### Secretary Daniels a Spectator in Court

### Visited Lawyer Friends in Su- perior Court—Cases Before the Court.

### U. S. DISTRICT COURT HEARS DAMAGE SUIT

### Mountain Retreat Association Asks for \$500 Compen- sation for Forest Fires

The case of the Mountain Retreat association against Perley and Crockett and others was begun in the United States District court yesterday, with Judge James E. Boyd presiding. The plaintiffs own a boundary of forest land in the Black Mountain section and through their attorneys, Judge J. D. Murphy and Garland Thomason, are asking for \$5,000 damages on account of fires alleged to have been started by an engine on a logging railroad operated by the defendants.

### Raising Eastland.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The work of raising the Eastland started today. Officials say the 3,000 tons of water in the hull will probably be pumped out tomorrow.

### When court recessed for noon the case of Henry Austin and others against Nimon Austin Welch and others was being tried. Two cases were consolidated for trial.