

## RUSSIANS CHECK BOTH WINGS OF TEUTON ARMY

### Halt Forces Attempting to Cut Petrograd-Warsaw Railway and Hold Between Bug and Dieprz.

### FORTRESS OF KOVNO STILL HOLDING OUT

German Center Advances, However, and Von Hindenburg May Be Reserving His Strength.

London, Aug. 13.—The Russians are holding in check the Baltic flank of the German forces which are struggling to cut the Warsaw-Petrograd railway line and battling toward the Dvina beyond which lies the road to Petrograd. The Russians accomplished this check with the aid of reinforcements and virtually on counter attack after another. The fortress of Kovno still holds out.

The Germans attacking toward Riga have been repulsed and the railway junction at Dvinsk remains in Russian hands. From Ostrolenka north of Warsaw, to Chelm in the south, the Teutons claim to have made further progress, but between the Dieprz and the Bug they have apparently been thrown back with heavy losses.

Perhaps Field Marshal von Hindenburg has not exerted his full powers but is awaiting events in the south before hammering his hardest toward the Dvina, near the banks of which his cavalry have been for some time.

The fact that the Germans have been able to advance with comparative rapidity due east of Warsaw while they have been checked on the right and left flanks gives rise to the impression in England and Russia that the stout resistance of the Russian wings will insure the safe withdrawal of the main Russian army from the Warsaw salient.

Contrary to many reports the line of communication between the Polish and Russian capitals has not been cut through. It would be cut if the Germans should take Dvinsk.

The approaching meetings of both the Greek and Serbian parliaments give promise of bringing the Balkan situation to a head, though for the moment Greece and Serbia are refusing to make concessions of territory desired by the entente allies.

Efforts for the moment are being concentrated on Sofia for Bulgaria holds the key to the situation. It is said she is being smiled upon and offered territorial concessions by both sides. The German and entente ministers both are declared to be finding their endeavors hindered by their friends. Greece and Serbia are unwilling to concede to Bulgaria the parts of Macedonia which are her prize for joining the allies, while Turkey is opposing concessions which Austria and Germany desire how to make to insure the continued neutrality of the Sofia government.

## Allies Cancel Orders for 2,000,000 Bushels Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Cancellation yesterday by representatives of the allies of wheat contracts aggregating 2,000,000 bushels of grain for September shipment was puzzling to the grain trade today. Some seaboard exporters claimed to have closed out their open contracts, and Canadian exporters were also said to have received some cancellations.

Morgans Deny Cancelling. New York, Aug. 13.—Nobody in authority at the offices of the J. P. Morgan and company was said to know anything about the cancellations of orders for the allies for nearly 2,000,000 bushels of wheat. All the Morgan company's orders for wheat and other supplies for the allies are under supervision of E. R. Stetinius who has charge of the exports department of J. P. Morgan and company. Mr. Stetinius repeated a private statement in which he said that J. P. Morgan and company had not cancelled any orders.

## U.S. Aviator Killed and Aide Injured In Fall

Fort Sill, Ark., Aug. 13.—Quartermaster Captain George H. Knox, of the first aerial squadron of the United States army was killed and Lieutenant R. B. Sutton, his aide, was probably fatally injured yesterday when an aeroplane in which they were flying fell 500 feet.

about 9 o'clock in the morning. The officers had been aloft but a few minutes when the aeroplane was observed to be falling. Knox and his aide made desperate efforts to regain control of the machine. Captain Knox was killed instantly. Lieutenant Sutton was taken to the army hospital for an operation in an attempt to save his life. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

## Evidences of Conspiracy Along Mexican Frontier

Washington, Aug. 13.—War department officials would not discuss the report that secret organizers in Texas were aligning Mexicans under the plan of San Diego. Whether General Funston communicated this report has not been disclosed. Apparently, however, it has been decided to concentrate considerable forces in the Brownsville district.

reading: "Mexicans today are to accomplish a sacred debt. The revolution within a few days has acquired gigantic proportions. We unite as brothers to expedite this fortune of ours. In this solemn moment there is victory for right and justice for all time." "May the light shine upon us in all our undertakings." The contemplated movement is initiated in Texas which is of such consequence as to bring about peace and justice which have long forsaken us."

## Labor Troubles Still Unsettled at Bridgeport

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 13.—Labor troubles in this and nearby towns, which recently gave promise of being adjusted, have assumed a more serious aspect. The walk-out of 70 machinists and their helpers at the plant of the Lake Torpedo Boat company and the threatened strike of about 500

machinists at the Farrell Foundry and Machine company's plant at Ansonia were disturbing features. Employees at the American and British company plant and the plant of the Standard Manufacturing company have voted to present demands which if refused, it is said, will mean a strike.

## Gen. Villa Is Willing To Sign Three Months' Truce

Washington, Aug. 13.—General Villa has informed the United States government that he is willing to sign a truce of three months or more with his opponents, during which time a peace conference might be held.

General Hugh L. Scott and American consuls, expressed in a definite way his willingness to do anything that might bring about an early peace. Villa, it is understood to have ordered his commanders to avoid fighting, evacuating places that are threatened with attack, as evidence of his sincere desire for peace.

apparently will be able to make good their retreat, only, however, to be called upon to oppose a German attempt to outflank them at Kovno and further north. The strength of the German offensive in the latter region has led to the assumption by some military observers here that the Germans are now aiming at Petrograd. It is pointed out, however, that there is a great stretch of marshy country between the present battlefields and the capital. Besides, the Germans first would have to capture Vilna, Dvinsk and Riga, all of which the Russians are defending with strong forces which at times are able to take the offensive. The Germans claim the capture of a group of French fortifications in the Agonne forest in France, where the French say that all the German attacks were repulsed. Otherwise there have been no events of importance on the western battle front.

## NEW UPRISING BREAKS OUT AT CAPE HAITIEN

Washington, Aug. 13.—A new uprising under Dr. Rosendo Bobo and General Zamor has broken out at Cape Haitien, and the forces of Rear Admiral Caperton have established military camps in the city.

General George Joseph Smith, triple murderer, hanged. Bodies of Three Wives Found in Bath Tubs—Robbed Two Others.

London, Aug. 13.—George Joseph Smith, wife murderer, was hanged today at Maidstone. Smith was found guilty by a jury on July 1 on the accusation of murdering three wives in order to collect insurance money on their lives. Each wife was found drowned in a bath tub shortly after the marriage ceremony. After sentencing the defendant to death, the court in complimenting the jury on the verdict declared the prisoner had gone through the ceremony of marriage with two other women whom he robbed of considerable sums of money. Funeral services over the body of A. W. Lanning, aged 42, who died yesterday at his home in the Fairview section, will be held this afternoon and the interment will follow at the Fairview cemetery.

## NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

### Movement on Foot to Organize Eastern Strawberry Growers to Get Better Shipping Facilities.

### 25,000 BUSHELS WHEAT ON N. C. PRISON FARM

### Convict Camps in West Found in Good Condition—Convict Sykes Killed Trying to Make Escape.

(By W. T. Bost). Raleigh, Aug. 13.—Hiram Sykes, a Charlotte white man who was one of the four who took part in the dangerous shooting of two policemen in Charlotte, is dead at the state farm at Caledonia, as the result of an attempt to escape yesterday afternoon. Superintendent J. S. Mann and Warden T. P. Sale had not received written information and only knew that Sykes and one of his prison mates who happened to be a member of the murderous quartet, ran when the men were returning from work. The guards captured, without necessity for shooting, the other prisoner who is said to be Jim Knotts, of Mecklenburg county. Two more are said to have tried to run but made no progress. W. B. Camp, chief of the marketing division under the experiment station has gone to Chadbourn, Columbus county, to assist in the organization of a strawberry growers' association whose object will be the stimulation, the salvation and the exportation of strawberries. Mr. Camp is moved with the department and the farmers interested to organize these associations by the frightful falling off of the strawberry shipments as shown in the latest report issued. The state's former crop shipped to other less fortunate markets amounted to 2,500 cars. Last year this great business fell below 900 cars and this year it is estimated that not more than 800 refrigerator cars left the state carrying Carolina strawberries. A few years ago North Carolina led the union. The state has now dropped to sixth place and the tendency is still further downward. Less than ten years ago the state lost \$1,000,000 according to expert estimates by inability to get cars for shipment. The organization of the "strawberry union," as it has been called, is meant to put before its members the best varieties of the berries, those suited best to the soil and best adapted to shipment. The department in Raleigh is less concerned with this phase than others. The desire now is to secure a market and to guarantee some protection to a great industry which is fast becoming decadent. Wilmington will in all likelihood be made the central point of marketing. The purpose of the association is not to control everything by one big organization but to encourage the forming of many associations. And other growers will be organized for the same purpose. Superintendent J. S. Mann, of the state prison has returned from all the convict camps in the western part of the state and finds all in unusual condition as regards health and sanitation. The state board of health has been assisting the keepers of the camp in meeting the obligations of modern sanitation and the improvement in health has been marked. None of the camps has suffered serious accident in the present year. Wheat Crop 25,000 Bushels. Mr. Mann has not had official reports from the farm where wheat threshing has been in progress about a month, but he believes that the estimate of a few weeks ago, based upon the hulling of half of the crop, will not be necessarily changed. The crop is good for 24,000 to 25,000 bushels. The state raised so much wheat this year that it is improbable that it will go so deeply into it again the next. Last year it was almost all cotton and this year nearly all wheat. Good crops of wheat and cotton, a generous diversification will most likely be the plan for the next year. In its annual report today the North Carolina Prisoners' Aid society announces that it has disbursed in Raleigh \$398.68 and collected from Raleigh \$233.45. The bulk of the \$398.68 was collected from delinquent husbands who were required to pay \$534.10 to the support of their families. The aid society points to this as a partial solution of the imprisonment problem and holds it a vast improvement over the old method that would take a husband from the support of a large family and send him to the roads. Elect Officers. The colored Odd Fellows who have been in session here three days, elected their annual officers yesterday. The Odd Fellows through their committee went on record as favoring Raleigh as the site for the \$75,000 temple for the fraternity, but in the committee of the whole backtracked (Continued on Page Two).

## TO ELIMINATE THE OLD CIVIL CASES

### Judge Long Appointed Committee to Arrange Docket—No Court Until Monday.

Judge B. F. Long, who is presiding at the present term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases, having caught up with the live cases on the docket at noon today, announced the appointment of a committee of attorneys to arrange to present to him the dead ones on the civil docket with the idea of clearing as many of them from the docket as possible. This committee, consisting of Judge J. D. Murphy, T. S. Rollins and J. G. Merrimon will meet at such times as they see fit and go over the cases on the civil docket, making lists of those cases which they find "awful" and are considered dead. These lists will be presented to the court on the first Thursday of each term of the Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which Judge Long will hold here. It is thought by pursuing this method that a great many of the dead cases can be eliminated. Judge Long tried the same method here several years ago and then Judge E. B. Cline cleared a great many of the old ones from the docket by the same means last year. Following the announcement to the court that all cases ready for trial had been disposed of, Judge Long had court adjourned until next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The court announced that he would hold motions on each morning except Friday and Saturday, during the terms he holds here, provided the lawyers docketed the motions and gave notice to the other side. The case of W. S. Kenny against Grove Park Inn was compromised, although the terms of the compromise were not made public. The cases of I. W. Johnson against Charles W. Johnson and others, and W. H. Blankenship against Price Fair were continued until the next term. Yesterday Afternoon. A verdict for \$450 was returned late yesterday afternoon for the plaintiff in the case of B. F. Raines administrator of Rob. Raines against the Southern Railway company. This is the second time the case has been tried here, the first jury returning a verdict of \$192 and the case was taken to the Supreme court, being sent back for a new trial. The suit was brought for \$20,000 on a death claim. Owing to the plaintiff's failure to perfect appeal from the lower court the case of the Piedmont Electric company against Walker Lysterly was dismissed. A non-suit was taken in the case of John W. Walker against W. S. Adams. A judgment of \$125 and one-half the costs was returned against each of the defendants in the case of Fred Roberts against Gay Green and the Asheville Power and Light company.

## WILSON GIVEN OUTLINE OF PLANS FOR DEFENSE

### Daniels Confers With President—Important Increase in Submarines Indicated.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Preliminary plans for strengthening the national defense were taken up by President Wilson immediately after his return from Cornish. Secretary Daniels gave the president a general outline of proposals for improving the navy, and arrangements were made for an early conference with Secretary Garrison regarding the army. The president is anxious to fix on a program which will meet the approval not only of his cabinet, but of congress, and he hopes politics will have no part in consideration of the subject. Secretary Daniels has not yet completed the formal report prepared by the general board and advisory council of the navy, for which the president called just before leaving for Cornish. While the secretary would not discuss what he told the president about the needs of the navy, he indicated that the building program would include an important increase in submarines. He would not confirm reports that he would recommend the building of four battleships. Secretary Garrison has his report on the army well advanced. A special board of officers has been studying the situation for several months, and General Goethals has prepared a special report on the defenses of the Panama canal. The president devoted much time to the study of national defense while at Cornish, and was in communication frequently with Secretaries Daniels and Garrison. Steamer Sunk. London, Aug. 13.—The 3,000 ton British steamer Jaona which was engaged in trans-Atlantic traffic, has been sunk. The captain and nine members of the crew were rescued.

## CONFERENCE ON MEXICAN RAIDS

### RAILWAY AGENTS CLOSE SESSIONS

### Old Officers Are Re-Elected—Convention Was Well Attended and Successful.

The Southern Railway Agents' association closed a three days' meeting here yesterday afternoon with the election of officers for the coming year. The old officers were re-elected as follows: President, E. J. Coffey of East St. Louis, Ill.; vice-president, J. M. Fagan of Savannah; secretary, W. J. Townsend of Augusta and treasurer E. H. Marsh of Spencer Transfer, N. C. Members of the executive committee were chosen as Meridian, Miss.; E. L. McCowan of Brunswick, Ga.; and W. P. Webb of Mobile, Ala. Messrs. McKay and Webb were members of the committee last year. This committee will name the next place of meeting. Some of those taking part in the sessions stated today that the convention just closed was one of the most successful and helpful ever held by the association. The agents met Tuesday morning at Grove Park Inn for a discussion of problems in transportation and railway accounting. The meetings have been held twice daily and all those present have joined in the exchange of opinions and ideas. Agents from all divisions of the Southern railway system have been in attendance and conditions and problems in the different territories have been considered and a variety of helpful comment and suggestion has been heard. Annual Meeting of State Agriculturists. Farmers and Farm Women Gather at A. and M. College August 24. Complete programs are being sent out for the Farmers' and Farm Women's conventions that meet at the A. and M. college on August 24, 25, 26. The officers of the farmers' institute of the state believe that the schedule of addresses and conferences offered to the agriculturists of North Carolina at this thirteenth annual gathering is the best ever arranged by them. Every topic that concerns health, increased production of land, better livestock and poultry will be treated by men and women who are authorities on the subjects assigned to them. An important phase of the discussions will be the marketing of products to the best advantage. At the women's meetings the home and rural life in general will be discussed by prominent North Carolina women and the sessions are expected to be most interesting and helpful. Questions and informal talks will follow the addresses.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE AGRICULTURISTS

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## LARGE PARTY MOTORED HERE FROM BRISTOL, VA.

C. F. Moore, Bristol, Va., brother of C. R. Moore, manager of the Southern Land Auction company, this city, and a party of 16 friends including three other members of his family motored here Wednesday from Bristol coming by the way of Newport, Tenn., and Waynesville. The trip was made in three Oakland machines, and it is stated that the party experienced very little trouble in making the trip, although the route traversed is practically an unknown one and very rough after leaving Newport and until they reached Waynesville. These gentlemen are demonstrating the new 1916 model car, and Mr. Whitmore stated this morning that the neat equipment and moderate price of the car he is demonstrating is creating a great deal of interest among motorists.

## ARGUMENTS ARE HEARD IN BIG DAMAGE SUIT

The attorneys in the case of the Mountain Retreat association against Perley and Crockett and Dickey and Campbell this morning began their arguments before Judge Boyd in the federal district court as to the law involved. Later arguments on the facts will be delivered and it is expected that Judge Boyd will sum up the case and give it to the jury for consideration sometime today.

### Texas Governor to Hear Further Proof Outbreaks Are Due to Conspiracy Under San Diego Plan.

### FEWER DEPREDATIONS DURING LAST 24 HOURS

### Authorities Take Further Steps to Suppress Lawlessness—Another Mexican Killed.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 13.—Although few depredations by Mexican raiders were reported during the past 24 hours, authorities in the lower Rio Grande valley today continued to take measures to suppress the lawlessness that almost brought about a reign of terror in this section. Developments in the matter are expected to follow a conference to be held at Rockport, Tex., where Governor Ferguson is spending his vacation. Besides the governor, Adjutant General Hutchings, John N. Garner, a congressman of Texas and many other prominent men of the state will discuss the border situation. Further proof that the outbreaks are due to a conspiracy of Mexicans on both sides of the Rio Grande will be laid before Governor Ferguson. That the raiders are acting under the "Plan of San Diego" was introduced in the reports of United States army officers which have reached the headquarters of the southern department at San Antonio. The reports quoted from literature said to have been distributed in large quantities through the border counties of Texas. The killing of a Mex loan, supposed to have been a member of one of the marauders, near Mercedes, Tex., last night, was the latest death reported in connection with the outbreaks. Mexicans Killed. The killing of three Mexicans near Mercedes, Hidalgo county, Texas, and the capture of twenty-two saddle horses belonging to the bandits in the same vicinity, led to the belief that at least one of the bands of Mexican raiders which recently have terrorized the border had been scattered. Reports that several hundred armed Mexicans were preparing to enter Texas from Mexico at a point ten miles east of Brownsville failed to materialize, and were declared today to have had no foundation. Villa Reverts. El Paso, Tex., Aug. 13.—General Francisco Villa has withdrawn his order to foreign mining corporations to send representatives to a meeting at Chihuahua City to act on a matter of "great importance," presumably a forced loan, and promised to release from the order of confiscation goods of foreign merchants and mining companies seated at Chihuahua City and Juarez. A decree signed by General Villa, published here, fixes an import duty of twenty cents in silver or ten cents in gold on each peso of Villa currency imported into territory under control of General Villa. Violation of the order, the decree says, will be punished by confiscation of the bills and one to eleven months imprisonment. The decree, it is declared, virtually repudiates Villa's paper of a face value of millions of pesos now outside Villa territory. One peso Villa money is held at a fraction more than two cents a peso in El Paso. The decree is said to be specifically aimed at a local practice of buying the currency here for a fraction of two cents and spending it in Juarez.

## HEADQUARTERS OPENED HERE FOR MOTOR CO.

T. W. Whitmore and Paul Smithers of Brevard, agents for the Maxwell Motor Sales company, Detroit, whose announcement is carried in the advertising columns of The Gazette-News, have opened temporary quarters in the Detroit Motor company's garage on Penland street. These gentlemen are demonstrating the new 1916 model car, and Mr. Whitmore stated this morning that the neat equipment and moderate price of the car he is demonstrating is creating a great deal of interest among motorists.

## PRESIDENT ELECTED TODAY IN HAITI

Port-au-Prince, Aug. 13.—General Dartiguenave today was elected president of the republic of Haiti by the national assembly. Calm prevails. Accepts Portfolio. Tokio, Aug. 13.—Baron Kikujuro Ishii, Japanese ambassador to France, has accepted the foreign portfolio of the new Okuma cabinet.