

## RUSSIAN SEA VICTORY OF GREAT IMPORTANCE; BALKAN ACTION LIKELY

London Thinks German Defeat  
In Gulf of Riga May Retard  
Plans of the Teuton  
Invaders.

ROUMANIA EXPECTED  
TO JOIN ALLIED CAUSE

Believed That Balkan State  
Enter War Now That Italy  
Has Declared War on  
Turkey.

London, Aug. 23.—The capi-  
tals of the entente powers are  
exultant today over the unex-  
pected naval victory which the  
Russians, according to their ac-  
count, have won over the Ger-  
man naval forces in the Gulf of  
Riga. England has more than  
a sympathetic interest in the  
battle as a British submarine  
accounted for the German bat-  
tle cruiser Moltke, the loss of  
which was added to the de-  
struction of two cruisers, eight  
torpedo boats and four trans-  
ports, and thus constitutes the  
greatest naval disaster Ger-  
many has suffered in the war.

For the last week both Pet-  
rograd and Berlin have been  
sending meager reports of  
naval operations in the Gulf of  
Riga which were interpreted to  
mean that Germany was at-  
tempting to land forces to sup-  
port the left flank of Field  
Marshal von Hindenburg's army  
in an effort to overrun the  
whole of Courland and estab-  
lish his armies along the coast  
route to the Russian capital.

The official Russian reports  
claiming a decisive victory for  
the allies, together with the ex-  
pulsion of the surviving units  
of the German naval forces  
from the Gulf of Riga give few  
details of the conflict. It is as-  
sumed that inasmuch as Petro-  
grad announced several days  
ago that the larger Russian  
warships had retired, the mos-  
quito flotilla, assisted by sub-  
marines and land defenses  
wreaked unexpected destruction  
on part of the conveying  
German fleet and transports.

The moral effects of the ac-  
tion on the Russian people is  
expected in London to be great  
and will probably do much to  
allay the depression incident to  
the continued Russian retreats  
which have been arrested now-  
where except in the northern  
section between Riga and  
Kovno.

British military critics re-  
gard the Baltic advance of the  
Germans as of supreme impor-  
tance if the invaders really con-  
template a march toward Pet-  
rograd, and on that account the  
Russian naval victory may  
have large effect on the Ger-  
man plans.

Expect Roumania to Join.

In view of Italy's declaration  
of war against Turkey, the en-  
tente powers expect that Rou-  
mania will soon join them in  
the war, and their hope is sup-  
ported by the report that Ger-  
many has demanded of Rou-  
mania that that country allow  
German munitions to pass  
through it to Turkey and by  
the past intimate relations be-  
tween Italy and Roumania.  
Italy's action against Turkey  
is also expected to influence

## GREAT SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY OPENS TODAY

You Can't Afford to Miss This Wonderful Opportunity for  
Yourself or Friends to Win One of These Handsome  
Premiums to Be Awarded Oct. 16th.

The great free gift subscrip-  
tion campaign of The Gazette-News  
officially opens today. Great interest  
and enthusiasm is being manifested  
among the ladies of Asheville and  
surrounding territory. There has  
been a great number of nominations  
handed in for the first entry and  
no doubt a great many more will  
be registered by tonight.

The chance of a lifetime.  
While it is very important to enter  
early, there will no doubt be nomi-  
nations coming in for the next ten  
days. The list will be a large one  
and those who wish to become active  
winners. No one can lose, every one  
wins something.

## Will Ask If Germany Has Report on Arabic; U.S. Not Sure of Facts

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary  
Lansing today cabled Ambassador  
Gerard at Berlin to ask if the Ger-  
man government had received an  
official report on the sinking of the  
Arabic. The ambassador, however,  
was not instructed to ask for one.

It was officially stated that  
the American government is not yet  
at all sure of the facts and consid-  
ers the information received thus far  
very fragmentary.

Secretary Lansing said today  
that no step had been taken other  
than to get accurate information  
about what occurred. From the fact  
that Ambassador Gerard was not  
directed to seek an explanation from  
Germany the inference was drawn  
that the state department has de-  
cided to let Germany take the in-  
itiative in any explanation the Berlin  
government may have to offer.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Final  
reports concerning the sinking of  
the British steamer Arabic are awaited  
by the administration today pending  
the decision of other Balkan  
states. Greece is likely to de-  
termine her course within the  
week, and the early participa-  
tion of Bulgaria in the war on  
the side of the allies depends  
on the cession of Macedonia to  
Bulgaria by Serbia. Indica-  
tions are that Serbia will make  
the concessions.

Before Italy declared war on  
Turkey the Italian ambassador  
at Constantinople presented  
an ultimatum containing four  
demands, claiming that Tur-  
key had flagrantly violated the  
rights, interests and even liber-  
ties of Italians residing in Tur-  
kish territory, despite the vig-  
orous protests against such ac-  
tions, presented to the porte by  
the Italian government. The  
four demands of the ultimatum  
follow:

One: That Italians be per-  
mitted freely to leave Beirut  
(Syria); Two: That Italians in  
Smyrna in view of the imprac-  
ticability of the port of Vourla,  
be authorized to depart by  
way of Sigahjik; Three: That  
the Ottoman government permit  
the free embarkation of Ital-  
ians at Mersina, Alexandria,  
Dretta, Haifa and Jaffa; Four:  
That the local authorities in the  
interior renounce their opposi-  
tion to the departure of Ital-  
ians to the coast and to facilitate  
their journey.

With the inclusion of Italy  
among Turkey's opponents in  
the war, and the former's well

receipt of which the course of the  
government is undetermined.  
Already the question seemed cleared  
up that the liner was torpedoed  
without warning. The point now un-  
derlined is whether Germany will  
claim that the change of course by the  
liner just before the attack led the sub-  
marine commander to believe she  
was attempting a hostile attack.

Ambassador Gerard at Berlin is  
expected to throw light in this point,  
the report on which will probably de-  
termine the decision as to whether Ger-  
many committed a "deliberately un-  
friendly" act.

Meanwhile the administration offi-  
cials are keeping open minds and no  
statement as to the course that will  
be pursued will be issued.  
Dumsley Not Furlor.  
London, Aug. 23.—The admiralty  
today authorized the denial of the  
report that the steamer Dumsley, tor-  
pedoed shortly before the sinking of  
the Arabic, was an armed patrol boat.  
The statement says the steamer was  
a peaceful and unarmed vessel.

The continued retirement of  
the Russian armies seems to  
have little influence on the  
Balkan situation. Military  
critics declare a victory for the  
entente allies in the Darda-  
nelles would more than offset  
this so far as the near east is  
concerned and the Franco-  
British forces are increasing  
their efforts to force the straits.

There is little change in Po-  
land and the Baltic provinces.  
A big battle is being fought  
along the Kovno-Vilna rail-  
ways and the Niemen. This,  
however, is of secondary im-  
portance to the movements  
against Brest-Litovsk. The  
Austro-German forces are  
across the rivers and roads  
both north and south of this  
fortress, which is invested from  
three sides, and curiosity is  
evinced as whether Grand  
Duke Nicholas, commander-in-  
chief of the Russian forces, in-  
tends to defend it or to fall  
further back. For the moment he  
is resisting the Austro-German  
advance, but this may be only  
with rear guards detailed to  
inflict as much loss as possible  
and delay the Teutons' progress.

## NAVAL FIGHT AT RIGA DETAILED

Late Official Report Says Ger-  
man Dreadnaught, Two  
Cruisers, Eight Torpedo  
Boats Sank or Suffered

FIRST REPORT SAID  
3 GERMAN CRUISERS

Dreadnaught Sunk by British  
Submarine—One Russian  
Torpedo Boat Goes  
Down.

London, Aug. 23.—An official Rus-  
sian communication describing the  
naval battle between Russian and  
German warships in the Gulf of Riga  
has been forwarded from Petrograd  
by the correspondent of the Central  
News Agency. It gives the German  
loss as one dreadnaught, two cruisers  
and eight torpedo boats. The state-  
ment follows:

In the Gulf of Riga between Au-  
gust 16 and 19 the Russian fleet sank  
or damaged no fewer than two Ger-  
man cruisers and eight torpedo boats.  
At the same time a British submar-  
ine sank one of the best German  
dreadnaughts.

The Russian gunboat Slavouch was  
sunk in a brilliant fight in the course  
of which it sank a German torpedo  
boat while in flames and sinking.

This statement tallies with previous  
advice except that three cruisers and  
seven German torpedo boats were re-  
ported destroyed.

Sinks German Torpedo Boat.  
Paris, Aug. 23.—"Two French tor-  
pedo boats, encountered and sank a  
German torpedo boat destroyer off  
Ostend, Belgium, last night," says an  
official announcement today. "Our  
boats were undamaged."

## CONFERENCE ON FRANK CASE NEXT WEEK

Gov. Harris to Meet With  
Judges, Solicitors and Sher-  
iffs of Two Counties.

Atlanta, Aug. 23.—Governor Harris  
conference with the judges, solicitors  
and sheriffs of Baldwin and Cobb  
counties to urge those officials to do  
everything in their power to appre-  
hend the lynchers of Leo M. Frank  
will be held some time this week.  
It was said at the governor's office  
that the executive department would  
not make public at this time all the  
steps that were being taken to clear  
up the matter.

"When officers are hunting down  
criminals they do not usually notify  
the criminals of every move they have  
made or contemplate making," was  
the statement made at the capital to-  
day.

## LARGE CONGREGATIONS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Waller Preached to  
Congregations, Which Taxed  
Capacity of Buildings.

The largest congregations of the  
summer attended the services at the  
First Baptist church yesterday morn-  
ing and evening. While the crowd at  
the morning service was very large,  
those attending the evening services  
outnumbered those present during the  
morning by a hundred or more.

It was necessary during the evening  
services to place chairs in every avail-  
able spot and even then dozens of peo-  
ple, many of them ladies, stood  
throughout the services. The gallery  
was filled with people and many stood  
up there, being unable to get a seat.

Rev. Dr. C. B. Waller, the pastor,  
used for his subject at the morning  
services, "The Second Mile," while at  
the evening service he preached the  
fifth of a series of sermons on "Bible  
Stories for Summer Nights," using "A  
Worldly Mother and Her Dancing  
Daughter" for last night's sermon.

## FRANK MURDER DETAILS TOLD

"Inside Story" of Lynching  
Becomes Available to As-  
sociated Press—Believed  
to Be Authentic.

DID NOT REPLY WHEN  
ASKED IF GUILTY

As He Walked to Death Re-  
marked He Loved Wife  
and Mother Better Than  
Life, Is Story.

Atlanta, Aug. 23.—The first actual  
story of all that transpired on the  
death ride of Leo M. Frank from  
Marietta to Marietta, between  
midnight and dawn, last Tuesday  
morning, became available to the As-  
sociated Press yesterday. The recital  
did not come through second or third  
hands, but in a manner which seem-  
ingly placed its authenticity beyond  
all question. The narrator, however,  
will not be a witness before the Cobb  
county grand jury which on Septem-  
ber 1 will be asked to undertake a  
thorough investigation of the lynching  
of the man alleged to have been  
the slayer of little Mary Phagan.

It also became known that Govern-  
or Harris during the past few days  
had received several anonymous  
threatening letters purporting to warn  
him not to go "too far" in his in-  
vestigation of the lynching. The govern-  
or is not inclined to take the letters  
at all seriously, but looks upon them  
as the outgrowth of the disturbed  
sentiment of the moment.

The "inside story" of the events  
which preceded the finding of  
Frank's lifeless body away from  
the limb of an oak tree near Marietta  
cleared up many features of the  
tragic incident which heretofore have  
been veiled in mystery.

First: Frank did not confess. He  
twice was asked if he had anything  
to say, but on each occasion replied  
"no." Asked pointedly if he killed  
the Phagan girl, he is said to have made  
no reply whatever.

Second: No attempt was made to  
force a confession. Frank's statement  
prior to his death that he loved  
his wife and mother better than he  
did his life, came unexpectedly and  
without questioning.

Third: Frank was not maltreated  
in any way prior to the actual lynching.  
Stories that he might have met  
violent death before he was hanged  
are without foundation.

Fourth: Frank walked a distance  
of 200 yards from the automobile to  
the death tree without a faltering  
step; without a sigh or semblance  
of a protest. Fearing perhaps that his  
body might never reach his relatives,  
he asked that the wedding ring, he  
wore be delivered to a newspaper man  
with the solemn promise that it would  
be turned over to his wife. This wish  
was carried out.

Fifth: Frank was told from the  
start that he was to be "executed" as  
the courts had directed that he be,  
and every effort was made by the so-  
called "vigilance committee," to see  
that the "legal hanging" as they  
termed the lynching, was carried out  
in an orderly manner. Members of  
the "vigilance committee" are said to  
resent any intimation that Frank was  
"maltreated" while in their custody.

They assert he was given exactly the  
same consideration usually given to a  
condemned man on the day of his ex-  
ecution. The rough handling of the  
body after it was cut down was a mat-  
ter concerning which members of the  
"committee" feel they were not respon-  
sible.

Sixth: The members of the "vigilance  
committee" felt they had a  
"sacred duty" to perform in "carry-  
ing out the mandate of the court of  
the state and of the United States."  
There was no mob spirit; no demon-  
stration, and there is said to have  
been no idea of hanging Frank in the  
public square at Marietta or in the  
cemetery where Mary Phagan lies  
buried. There was, however, a deter-  
mination that the execution should  
take place in Cobb county, the reason  
for this is obvious.

Seven automobiles were required to  
transport the "vigilance committee"  
from Marietta to Marietta. Only four  
returned, including the car in which  
Frank rode. All of the machines  
were small cars of a popular  
make. These cars were specially se-  
lected because of the difficulty in  
identifying them. No car of conspic-  
uous color or design was wanted.  
There were probably twenty-eight  
men in the lynching party.

The machines left Marietta singly  
during the afternoon of Monday and  
it was shortly after 10 o'clock when  
the prison farm was reached.

When the lynching party had entered  
the prison and its members were  
disarming the outer guards, one of the  
"trustees" at the prison, who was also  
on guard duty, quickly blew out an  
oil lamp burning just outside Frank's  
door. He also extinguished the dim  
light burning in the hospital room.

A member of the invading party  
was quick to see this. He halted the  
"trustee."

"Come here with a match," he com-  
manded. (Continued on Page 2.)

## 2000 HOMELESS NEAR ST. LOUIS

GOVERNOR RETURNS  
TO STATE CAPITAL

Chief Executive Moves His  
Headquarters Back to Cap-  
ital of State.

Governor Locke Craig has closed his  
"summer capital" headquarters at the  
Battery Park hotel and yesterday af-  
ternoon the chief executive of the  
state returned to Raleigh. Mrs. Craig  
and Locke Craig, Jr., will remain in  
the city for a few days before leaving  
for the state capital.

Last week Colonel Kerr, the govern-  
or's private secretary, was notified  
not to forward any more official mail  
for the governor who has been in  
charge of the summer office here, re-  
turning to the capital on Saturday.

The governor came to his old home  
early in the summer to escape the  
heat of eastern Carolina and has  
spent the entire vacation here.

## FRATERNITY MEN ENJOY A SOCIAL MEETING

Delta Kappa Epsilon Alumni  
of Asheville, Guests of  
Dr. Greene.

Members of the Asheville alumni  
chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon  
fraternity held their annual business  
meeting Saturday evening at the resi-  
dence of Dr. Joseph B. Greene at 270  
Cumberland avenue. Later they were  
entertained by Dr. Greene at a frat-  
ernity smoker. Reminiscences of the  
college days were exchanged and col-  
lege and fraternity songs were sung.

Officers elected at the business  
meeting were: President, R. P.  
Hayes; vice president, E. S. Allis;  
secretary, Dr. Greene.

The guest of honor at the smoker  
was Murray M. McGuire of Rich-  
mond, the famous member of the  
varsity team of the University of Vir-  
ginia during the 90's. In his college  
days Mr. McGuire had the reputation  
of being one of the greatest pitchers  
in an American college.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity  
was organized in 1844 and has a  
membership of 17,500. Its alumni in-  
clude Theodore Roosevelt, J. P. Mor-  
gan, Robert E. Peary, Henry Cabot  
Lodge and other distinguished men.

The members of the Asheville  
chapter are R. P. Hayes, Cornell; E.  
S. Allis, Syracuse; Rev. J. Brainerd  
Thrall, Amherst; Willis Collins, West-  
ern Reserve; W. S. Whiting, Universi-  
ty of Michigan; Rev. Dr. R. F.  
Campbell, Washington and Lee; Rev.  
R. N. Wilcox, of Hendersonville,  
Trinity university; Thomas Hume,  
University of North Carolina; Thomas  
A. Jones, Jr., University of North  
Carolina; Dr. Joseph P. Greene, Uni-  
versity of Alabama.

## ARMY OFFICERS MEET IN BUSINESS SESSION

Plans Complete For Dedication  
of West Haywood Street  
Post Tonight.

Today the visiting Salvation army  
officers are holding business meetings  
at Central Methodist church. Brig-  
adier Andrew Crawford of Atlanta  
will outline plans for the development  
of the work and other commanders  
will report on what has been accom-  
plished by the divisions that they have  
in charge.

Adjutant John Bouterse of the local  
post has completed the program for  
the dedication this evening of the new  
army quarters on West Haywood  
street and the services promise to be  
impressive and inspiring. Brigadier  
Crawford will be the principal speaker  
at the dedicatory exercises.

Yesterday services were conducted  
at the various stations in the city.  
Strong addresses were heard from the  
commanders and special music was  
furnished by the musicians of the  
Asheville post.

The Asheville conference will be  
followed by others at Durham and  
Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Waller of  
Jonesboro, Tenn., are visiting their  
son, Rev. Dr. C. B. Waller and his  
family.

St. Louis County Recovering  
From Third Flood In Three  
Days—About One Hun-  
dred Missing.

DAMAGE MAY TOTAL  
FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Known Dead Number 12—Al-  
most Entire Population of  
One Town—2,500 Fam-  
ilies—Are Homeless.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—St. Louis county  
is recovering from its third flood in  
as many days—a flood which cost  
twelve lives and destroyed more than a  
million dollars worth of property and  
left 2,000 people homeless.

Almost 100 persons are on the list  
of the missing. Rivermen fear that  
the fall of the Meramec river may dis-  
close a heavy toll of lives lost. It is  
also said that the bodies of many of  
the drowned were probably washed  
into the Mississippi and carried down  
the river.

Equally distressing conditions pre-  
vail throughout southeast Missouri  
and part of western Illinois, where the  
toll was less severe in lives lost but  
far greater in damage to property and  
crops. The damage may aggregate  
five millions of dollars and thousands  
of farmers and villages are left home-  
less.

The flood was due to the tropical  
storm which swept through Arkansas  
and Missouri last Friday and crossed  
the Mississippi into Illinois. St. Louis  
had hardly recovered from the effects  
of the storm, when the Des Peres  
river went a mile out of its banks.  
Before the Des Peres had reached its  
normal level the Meramec was two to  
four miles out of banks.

The Meramec rose during the  
night, while thousands of campers and  
picnickers slept in club houses and  
summer cottages which dotted either  
side of the river. From 2 o'clock un-  
til last midnight the river rose a foot  
an hour. The flood waters of the  
Osark mountain streams which empty  
into the Meramec rushed down car-  
rying farm houses, club houses and  
bridges, while barges were torn from  
their moorings. Men, women and  
children were caught in the whirl of  
debris and climbed to the tops of the  
houses for safety.

Calls for help were sent to St. Louis  
and hundreds of rescuers with motor  
boats and other craft were on the  
scene at daybreak.

Scores spent twenty-four hours or  
more in trees, dressed scantily and  
soaked to the skin.

Valley Park, Drake, Eureka, Deleka,  
Clinton and every other town on either  
side of the river for a distance of  
fifty miles were inundated.

Almost the entire population of  
Valley Park—2,500 families—were  
rendered homeless.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—An off-shoot  
of the terrible storm which swept  
through Texas early last week later  
did damage estimated at several  
million dollars to property, seriously  
impaired transportation facilities and  
wrecked communication and endan-  
gered thousands of lives in Illinois,  
Arkansas and Missouri. Six persons are missing  
and a thousand are homeless.

St. Louis, its suburbs and neighbor-  
ing towns suffered most from the  
flood. An unprecedented downpour of  
seven to nine inches of rain in 24  
hours converted brooks into torrents  
which swept away bridges, dams  
homes and everything else in their  
path.

At East Alton, Ill., three hundred  
feet of the new levee gave way.  
A wall of water from the Wood  
river, Benbow and East Alton, but  
two horsemen raced 100 yards ahead  
of the oncoming water, calling out  
"Run for your lives!"

In less than an hour the three towns  
were covered with ten feet of water  
but not a soul had lingered.

Two trains—a Chicago and Alton  
from Kansas City and a Big-Pow  
from St. Louis which were caught  
between the two branches of the flood  
saw shelter for the night to scores of  
people who had been taken from  
roofs and upper story windows of the  
flooded homes.

The water began to recede and at  
the same time washouts and land  
slides began to appear all along the  
Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain and  
St. Louis and San Francisco systems.

This morning the Missouri navy  
reserves and the first regiment of  
the state guard began rescue work.

## DUKE WILL GIVE \$35,000 TO N. C. METHODISTS

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—It is announced  
that J. B. Duke of Durham has de-  
cided to make an annual donation of  
\$35,000 to the Methodist Episcopal  
church, south, in North Carolina. Of  
this amount \$15,000 will be for  
church extension, \$10,000 for home  
missions and \$10,000 for aged mis-  
sions.