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RUSSIA CLAIMS THIRD GERMAN CRUISER LOST

Grand Duke Still Unable to Stop Teuton Advance—Severe Encounters Continue Before Brest-Litovsk.

London, Aug. 24.—Latest details concerning the Riga naval battle do not clear up the situation. Petrograd advices indicate that the Germans met with a serious reverse, although the Berlin reports remain silent concerning the Russian claims. The statement adds that an cruiser must be added to those reported sunk or put out of action. Whether the German battle cruiser attacked by the British submarines was sunk remains to be told, official reports from Petrograd giving no details beyond stating that the dreadnaught was torpedoed.

Except for the report of the ministry of marine at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend, which is admitted by Berlin, no official news has been received about the results of the allies' bombardment of the German positions on the Belgian coast. The Russian armies have not stopped the Austro-German advance, although they are compelling the central powers to fight desperately for every step won. Severe encounters are continuing before Brest-Litovsk, but the Balkan campaign is making little progress, although a decided stroke there by Field Marshal von Hindenburg is expected.

WAYNESVILLE TOURIST SEASON IS SUCCESSFUL

People of Mountain Town Exert Themselves For Entertainment of Visitors.

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, Aug. 24.—Despite the hard times and the low price of cotton which has prevailed throughout the country in general, the summer season of 1915 for the town of Waynesville has been a success, and although the season has been several weeks shorter than in previous years, many tourists visiting Waynesville as the leading hotels and boarding houses in and around Waynesville have had an unusually large run for the past three weeks. In every respect the hotels have put forth more efforts this season to entertain the tourists than ever before. The social features of the Gordon and the Sulphur Springs hotels have been sources of much enjoyment to many hundreds of tourists as well as the residents. In co-operation with the various social features, the business men of the town have done much towards making the season a success, and have spent several hundred dollars in furnishing amusement for the visitors. The Annual Harvest festival which was held this summer is one of the several celebrations which the business men of Waynesville expected to hold. At Lake Junaluska the conference season has been well attended and many notables from all sections of America and abroad have been heard. The cottagers have been well entertained and the number of them increased with the arrival of each season.

FIRST LIST OF CANDIDATES TO BE PUBLISHED AT EARLY DATE

Very Likely That Winners of the Twelve Valuable Premiums Will Be in the First List—Nominate Yourself or a Friend Today.

The general interest in the big free gift subscription campaign is best manifested by the number and high character of the nominations received and it is indeed a source of great satisfaction to the paper.

The nominations, the names that have been sent into the subscription department will be published at an early date, and the list is a long one. Look out for it. Those who will receive the twelve valuable premiums will no doubt be selected from this list. The value and attractiveness of the premiums has stimulated a keen and spirited interest in the campaign, and there is no doubt but any of the ladies who have been selected and nominated by their friends would like to become the proud possessor of any of the magnificent premiums to be awarded. Such general interest at this early stage of the campaign is evidence that there is going to be a battle royal by those who enter and become real live candidates. But who would not do some real hard hustling for a big 1915 model Studebaker touring car? It means \$950.00 to some lady. Then there is the 1915 model Ford touring car that will make somebody happy. Then to think of the long list of other valuable premiums and cash commissions, is indeed encouraging to know the little chance you are taking in the campaign, you can't lose—you must be a winner.

We venture the prediction that most of those who have and who will be nominated are going to become strong and active candidates for first honor in this great event.

There is yet time to make nominations. Nominate yourself or a friend merely by clipping out the nomination blank which appears in this issue, and send or bring to the subscription department of The Gazette-News. It is little to do, but if you nominate the lady that becomes the owner of a good automobile, piano or other valuable premium, you have done a good turn and will always be glad of the fact that you made the nomination.

Inquest Is Begun Into Death of Leo M. Frank

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 23.—When the time for the coroner's jury investigation into the death of Leo M. Frank to assemble arrived today the coroner decided to transfer the inquest to the county court house to accommodate the large crowd which came to hear such testimony as might be offered.

Attorney John T. Dorsey of Marietta came as representative for the state, Solicitor Herbert Clayton of the Blue Ridge circuit being in attendance at court in Forsyth county. Gordon Cann acted as special counsel for Coroner Booth. There was a hearing in beginning the inquest due to the tardiness of the official stenographer. There was some talk early today of holding the inquest in executive session, it being argued that witnesses might be more communicative in closed session. The idea of secrecy was soon dismissed by the coroner, solicitor and special counsel, once they heard of it.

The jury was composed of six Cobb county residents, Dr. W. H. Perkins being the foreman. Dr. C. D. Elder was the first witness called to the stand. Dr. Elder testified to viewing the body which is hanging to the tree in the oak grove near the Frey ginning house. The witness said he did not know Frank personally but was told that the body he saw was Frank's. He was not present when the body was cut down. When he arrived on the scene of the lynching, the witness stated, the body was still warm.

"Do you know any of the circumstances surrounding the hanging?" asked Mr. Dorsey. "Absolutely nothing," replied the witness. "You were among the first persons to reach the scene of the lynching?" the witness was asked. "How many people were present when you arrived?" "Perhaps half a dozen." "Do you know who any of them were?" "Yes, sir." "Please name them," requested Special Attorney Gann. "As I came up two men ran out of the woods. One was Joe Carter and the other was a man I was told represented the Associated Press. I also saw Mr. W. J. Frey, E. L. Robinson and W. A. Sams. "Was Frank dead?" "Yes, sir; death rigor had not set in, however." "Was there any mutilation of the body?" "No, sir, the only mark I saw was

THE GOVERNORS OPEN MEETING

State Executives and Former Governors Begin Annual Conference—Over 30 States Represented

WAR PREPAREDNESS TO BE CONSIDERED

Elaborate Plans Made by Bostonians to Entertain visitors—Atlantic Warships to Be Inspected.

Boston, Aug. 24.—Governors and former governors representing more than 30 states were here today to attend the opening of the governors' conference, which is to be in session for four days. Besides the regular meetings, at which papers upon vital topics will be read and discussed, elaborate plans have been made to entertain the visitors and to give them a comprehensive view of the resources of New England.

Preparedness against war is one of the matters to be considered. On the closing day of the conference Secretary of War Garrison will deliver an address and Governor Fielder of New Jersey will read a paper on "The State's Duty in the Matter of National Defense." Secretary of the Navy Daniels has sent a part of the Atlantic fleet to Boston for inspection by the governors and will himself be present. Governor Walsh has arranged a mobilization of the state militia for the third day of the conference.

Papers to be read are the following: "Possibilities of the Governor's Conference," former Governor Emmet O'Neal of Alabama; "State or National Control of Water" (Continued on Page Two).

STATE CONVICTS FOR PUBLIC ROADS

Asheville Board of Trade Starts Campaign to Organize Public Opinion.

The good roads movement gets another boost in the agitation just started by the Asheville board of trade to work all able bodied male convicts on the public highways of the state. At a recent meeting the resolution following was unanimously passed:

"Recognizing that substantial growth and prosperity follows the construction of good roads and the growing interest in their value as exemplified in the 'Land of the Sky' the state of North Carolina and the entire country, together with the increasing demands of the people for better roads, and

"Believing that this great question has become one not only of statewide, but of nationwide importance, and that the directors of the Asheville board of trade, representing nearly six hundred business and professional men of Asheville, western North Carolina, do most earnestly request and urge the people of North Carolina to demand the working of all able bodied male state convicts on the public roads throughout the state under the general supervision of the state highway commission and such rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure the greatest efficiency therefrom.

"That a copy of the above be sent to the governor and other state officials, to the editors of newspapers throughout the state, and to the various civic organizations, with the request that every effort be used to arouse public sentiment to the enormous value of the above policy."

Everybody urge the state authorities and next legislature to "work state convicts on public roads." (Signed) ROBERT S. JONES, President. J. E. RANKIN, Chairman good roads committee. N. BUCKNER, Secretary.

The above resolutions are another indication that good roads sentiment in North Carolina is crystallizing around the proposition to have convict work devoted to the construction and maintenance of highways. At its convention in this city early in July of this year the North Carolina Good Roads association adopted strong resolutions in regard to this movement. That gathering was representative of the best and most practicable ideas among the state's citizens in regard to the road building and it is believed that their resolutions together with those just put on record by the local board of trade are certain to have great influence with the state authorities.

GRAHAM CO. MAN IS ASSASSINATED

P. L. Phillips Murdered Yesterday Near Tipton—His Family Murdered on May 1 at Same Place.

SPECIAL TRAIN WITH BLOODHOUNDS LEAVES

It Is Believed Ed. Williams, Alleged Moonshiner, Killed Phillips' Family and Then Murdered Father-in-Law.

Following the killing of his wife, daughter and son on May 1, P. L. Phillips, a well-to-do farmer of Graham county, living five miles from Tipton on the Murphy branch of the Southern Railway, was shot and almost instantly killed yesterday morning, near his home. He was shot from ambush, his assassin making good his escape.

Friends of the murdered man at once got busy and being unable to find any bloodhounds in this section they wired to Chattanooga for two dogs. These dogs arrived here this morning on train No. 28 and a special train was arranged to carry them to the scene of the murder.

The train was accompanied by officials of the Southern Railway company and several friends of the murdered man. The wife, daughter and son of Mr. Phillips were shot and killed on May 1, and Ed. Williams, a son-in-law of Phillips is accused of the crimes, although as yet he has not been apprehended. A special was run in The Gazette-News yesterday in which it was stated that information had been received at Andrews that Williams had been captured at Newport, Tenn., but nothing else has been heard from that end of the case.

Williams Shipped Back. According to the message received here this morning and last night from Tipton, it is believed that Williams, despite the fact that a large reward is out for him, slipped back to the scene of the first murders and killed Mr. Phillips.

Williams is said to be one of the most desperate men of the mountains and the trouble which started between him and the Phillips family is said to be the result of information he believed that Phillips family gave United States officers regarding illicit stills, which it is claimed Williams had been operating in that section for many years. Several officers are here in Asheville now who have destroyed stills which were believed to have been conducted by Williams, but he was able, in every case to evade arrest, or else the officers were unable to secure evidence which would connect him with the operation of the plants.

Triple Murder. On May 1, last, Williams is said to have entered the home of his father-in-law, P. L. Phillips, on Tipton Creek, in Graham county, near Tipton and shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Phillips, his sister-in-law, Miss Mary Phillips and his brother-in-law, Charles Phillips. The killing stirred that section of the state more perhaps than any other killing that has ever occurred there. Rewards aggregating \$500, \$300 by his father-in-law, P. L. Phillips, were at once offered for the arrest of Williams and since that day he has been hunted as no man has ever been in these mountains, a prominent citizen of that section, stated here this morning.

Since the killing of the three members of his family, Mr. Phillips is said to have devoted his time trying to capture Williams and circulars with a reproduction of the likeness of Williams and his description on them have been mailed all over North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, but aside from a few reports that come in from different sections of the south, nothing has been heard from Williams since the day he is alleged to have murdered the three members of the Phillips family.

Demanding Action. The shooting of Mr. Phillips from ambush yesterday seemed to act as the climax to the other killings and the people of that section at once demanded that something must be done to capture the man or men who were responsible for the killings. It was this determination which resulted in the order for the bloodhounds being sent from Chattanooga.

ITALIANS EVACUATED ISLAND, AUSTRIA SAYS

Vienna, Aug. 24.—The admiralty announced that reconnaissance on Saturday established the fact that the Italians had evacuated the island of Pelagos in the Adriatic sea, having destroyed all buildings and fortifications.

URGING PEACE WITH ENTENTE

German Chancellor Reported to Have Advised Leaders to Prepare Proposals Acceptable to Allies.

OPINION SUPPORTED BY TWO OTHER LEADERS

Secretary of Treasury Quoted as Saying New War Loan Will Exhaust Empires' Resources.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—At a second conference of cabinet ministers, political leaders and influential writers called by the German imperial chancellor before the reassembling of the reichstag last week, the Telegraph says Karl Helfferich, secretary of the treasury, explained that the new German war loan would completely exhaust the empire's financial resources and increase the exchequer bonds so as to cause bankruptcy. Therefore Dr. Helfferich urged the need of preparing for an honorable peace.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to the same report, declared the difficulties of the empire were increasing and advised his hearers to use their influence to soften down the bellicose inclination and expansion policy in the reichstag and in the country and to carefully prepare a proposal which would be acceptable to the four entente belligerents.

Dr. Dernburg's report of the failure of his mission in the United States and other countries had a strong impression on the conference. Lieut. General Von Moltke, former chief of the German general staff, declared he fully agreed with the chancellor and added that only those not fully informed of the situation could not hope for the possibility of a complete Russian defeat.

The meeting refused, however, the story concludes to adopt a resolution advocating moderation in the reichstag, whereupon the imperial chancellor declared that if a majority showed an irreconcilably chauvinistic attitude he would be obliged to resign, as he could not accept the responsibility for Germany's disaster.

FEARS ENTERTAINED FOR SCHOONER PALMER

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 24.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the American four-masted schooner Maud Palmer, now ten days overdue from Trinidad with a cargo of asphalt. The Palmer was in the track of the hurricane August 15 and 16 and it is believed she has gone down.

Berlin Papers Contend Arabic Was Not Peaceful

Berlin, Aug. 24.—No further details concerning the sinking of the British steamer Arabic were published here today and Berlin newspapers refrain from comment on the situation. One newspaper publishes what purports to be a brief dispatch to the London Telegraph quoting Joseph Tumulty, President Wilson's secretary, as saying that Americans are united in support of President Wilson and will if necessary give their lives to maintain the inalienable rights of Americans on land and sea.

The Kreuz Zeitung says: "These inalienable rights, as known, consist of using British passenger steamers."

Several papers publish the Arabic's manifest on her trip from New York beginning July 29, as contained in a report of the German-American chamber of commerce of New York. The report says the Arabic which had been painted like a battleship, had "12 American guardian angels" aboard. The Lokal Anzeiger says: "This report shows the Arabic was equipped for battle and therefore was not to be considered a harmless merchantman."

U. S. MONEY TO LEND ON COTTON

Secretary McAdoo Says If Necessary Will Put \$30,000,000 in Federal Reserve Banks in the South

FOR REDISCOUNTING WAREHOUSE PAPER

Would Be Deposited Temporarily at Least Without Interest; Result of Cotton Contraband Decree.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Secretary McAdoo announced last night that in view of the action of the allies in putting cotton on the contraband list, he would, if it became necessary, deposit \$30,000,000 or more in gold in the federal reserve banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond for the purpose of enabling the reserve banks to rediscount loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts made by national banks and state banks belonging to the federal reserve system.

The gold would be deposited, temporarily at least, without interest charge. It was explained that if it appeared that the object could be accomplished with greater efficiency thereby, the deposits would be made directly with national banks agreeing to lend the money on cotton at a rate not to exceed six per cent.

The announcement came at the close of a day of speculation in official circles as to the nature of steps which the entente powers have indicated they would take to uphold the cotton market in the face of the contraband order.

"In the exercise of the discretion given to him by law," read a treasury statement, Secretary McAdoo said that the government will for the time being charge no interest on these deposits in federal reserve banks; that such action is justified by the unusual situation respecting cotton caused by the European war; that he considers it his duty to use every available means in his power to help the cotton producer of the south in the circumstances; that it is a matter of economic importance to the entire nation that those who have produced the cotton crop shall have a fair opportunity to dispose of it gradually and in orderly manner so they may not be forced, through inability to market their cotton gradually, to sell it at sacrifice prices.

"The secretary said that one of his chief objects was to create a basis for such enlarged credit in the south that the banks will have ample resources (Continued on page 2)

Boston Firm Boycotts Atlanta After Lynching

Atlanta, Aug. 24.—A Boston firm, which for the past two years has furnished the city of Atlanta with calking yards and tools has refused to have further dealings with the municipal authorities until action is taken in connection with the lynching of Leo M. Frank. According to William E. Chambers, the city's purchasing agent.

Mr. Chambers today made public the following letter from the Boston firm: "Answering your letter of the 17th we do not care to quote prices on calking and we do not wish to sell further any business from the city of Atlanta until the state of Georgia has taken official action looking to the apprehension and punishment of the men who murdered Leo M. Frank."

Japan to Give Greater Aid to the Russians

Tokio, Aug. 24.—The Kekomun Shimibun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia in prosecuting the war. He would not discuss the details but allowed it to be understood that the assistance would take the form of greater supplies of munitions of war."