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GERMANS OVERRUN ISLAND OF OESEL; SITUATION SERIOUS

Forces Which Landed Saturday Have Occupied Arensburg—German Battleships Dodge Battle—Petrograd Not Considered in Immediate Danger—Russian Fleet Called Up to Do Its Best to Prevent German Invasion.

The situation on the northern Russian front continues critical with the Germans overrunning the island of Oesel and rapidly pursuing their program of gaining complete control of the gulf of Riga.

Petrograd itself is considered in no immediate danger, as hundreds of miles of ground still lie between the Germans and the Russian capital.

The possibility of further naval developments through the gulf of Finland, bringing the German base of operations still nearer the present seat of government, is being considered, however, and the Russian fleet is being besought to do its utmost in coping with the situation.

Arensburg Occupied

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—German forces which landed on the Russian island of Oesel, at the head of the Gulf of Riga, on Friday, occupied Arensburg, the capital of the island, on Saturday. It was officially announced today by the Russian war office.

The northern group of German warships, the statement adds, dispatched a torpedo boat squadron between the island of Oesel and Dago which pressed back the Russian patrols. Russian naval forces reinforced the patrol and accepted battle whereupon the German ships retired.

Germans Pushing Forward

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The German forces which were landed on Oesel Island at the head of the Gulf of Riga, are pushing forward to the east and south placing in a difficult position the Russian forces and batteries in the district of Arensburg at the southern end of the island and especially those on the Ceres peninsula.

Military critics predict actions in the Gulf of Riga, followed by development of the invasion to the main land on the coast of Estonia, rather than an attempt toward the Gulf of Finland, which is protected by mine fields which the Germans would have to sweep under the menace of the Russian fleet.

The newspapers exhibit alarm at the landing of the Germans on Oesel Island. The Bourse Gazette says the situation of the country is the more complicated because a solution must be found not only of the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the interior but of the problem presented by the closing of the Gulf of Riga by the Germans.

The Ruskaya Volla says: "We are being led toward our Calvary but perhaps we shall find our resurrection."

The Reich attributes the disaster partly to leadership by the activists of leaders of Russian democracy. The socialist press takes the maximalists to task. The Volla Narodna recalls Premier Kerensky's warning of the danger of a German coup in the Baltic, which was stigmatized by the leader of the maximalists as an unbecomingly political utterance. The newspaper insists on the necessity of an implacable struggle against maximalism.

The Den declares the maximalist aspirations recently displayed in the fleet undoubtedly contributed to the German success. Only the existing organ of the council of soldiers and workmen's delegates looks on the disaster as a blessing in some respects, saying the news of the German landing came at a time when Russia, learning of the troubles in the German navy, was beginning to entertain dangerous and ill-founded illusions regarding the imaginary disorganization of the enemy.

The landing of the Germans has increased the exodus from Petrograd which had been noticeable since the fall of Riga. Since Saturday the ticket offices have been beset by many persons offering large premiums for tickets.

The situation is aggravated by rumors which were branded officially as unfounded, that passenger traffic will be stopped shortly in view of the expected evacuation of government institutions. It is stated in government circles that no extensive evacuation is looked for, as no immediate danger threatens the capital.

The new front is still 300 miles distant, it is pointed out, and the roads are impassable. It is not believed, a landing in Finland will be attempted, owing to the scarcity of supplies there, and to the fact that provisioning would be rendered difficult, with winter approaching, by the freezing of the sea.

Appeal to Fleet. The central committee of the fleet has addressed to the sailors an appeal which has caused cessation of the meetings in Helsingfors. The semi-official new agency says the first naval engagements in the Oesel waters have shown that an appeal to the crews of the fleet may be counted on with certainty. Possession of the Oesel by the Germans appears to military writers to be a most serious menace and to give a considerable advantage to the enemy who will be able to make secure his communications with Riga by sea.

The Baltic fleet is ready to carry

HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION REPORTED

German Counter-Battery Busy Against British—Weather Interfering With Haig's Infantry Plans.

Heavy artillery actions are again in progress on the Flanders front. London's official report today speaks of a strong bombardment of the new British positions main point on the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge, south of Broeksinde.

In the light of previous experience this may be viewed as indicating German counter-battery against the intensive British artillery fire in progress preparatory to another push. The British artillery now has superiority from which to work, as there must by this time have been ample opportunity for the heavy guns to be put in position on the dominating high ground taken in the recent advances.

The weather, however, is a decidedly important element in this consideration, as the continuation of hard storms not only keeps the ground in a state well nigh prohibitive of co-ordinated infantry advances but interferes seriously with the vital aerial observation work.

SMALL NATIONS TO HOLD CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

Rights of Alsace-Lorraine as Independent Nation To Be Discussed.

New York, Oct. 15.—The rights of Alsace-Lorraine as an independent nation are to be discussed by Clement Rueff, president of "Les Amis de L'Alsace-Lorraine," at the first congress of the league of small and subject nationalities which begins a three day convention here on October 29.

The congress will seek to attain a permanent congress of small and oppressed nationalities, the right to separate representation at international conferences and to present their case to the world, and to emphasize the importance of granting their rights as an indispensable condition of world peace.

DAIRY AND MILK INSPECTORS MEET

Washington, Oct. 15.—The effect on milk will be one of the leading topics for discussion at the sixth annual convention of the International Association of Dairy and Milk Inspectors which opened here today and will continue through Wednesday.

Cape May, N. J., Oct. 15.—The government airplane station and aviation school formally was opened today. Seventy-five students are here for instruction.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT DUPONT POWDER WORKS

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MAYO TO CONFER WITH OFFICIALS

'Many Big Problems' Will Be Discussed at Tonight's Conference—Functions of General Navy Board.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Admiral Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who returned last week from conferences in England with Vice-Admiral Sims and officials of the British admiralty, will confer again tonight with Secretary Daniels and the navy general board.

The secretary would only say regarding the conference tonight that there "many big problems" involved in the navy's part of the war, that would be talked over in the light of Admiral Mayo's personal observation abroad.

The chief function of the general board, which is composed of high officers who have had much sea service, is to fix the military characteristics of fighting ships and recommend the building program from year to year. It is also important, however, as a planning section of the navy although the chief of operations is charged by law with responsibility for the preparation of war plans. In a general way, however, the general board outlines questions of naval policy which are submitted to the secretary for approval.

CHARGED WITH TRYING TO FOMENT REVOLUTION

Four Men Accused of Conspiracy Against England in India.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—The trial of four men on charges of attempting to foment a revolution against the British government in India and conspiracy, is set for today in the federal district court before Judge K. M. Landis. The defendants are Gustav H. Jacobson, wealthy real estate dealer; Albert H. Wehde, curio collector and art collector; George Paul Boehm, a mechanical engineer, resident of Chicago, and Horanba Lal Gupta, a Hindu. A number of others were indicted including Baron Curt von Reizwitz, former acting consul for the German empire in Chicago, who is now in Germany; Adolph Steubek, also known as Adolph Schindler, and eight Hindus, but the four on trial at this time.

Ramifications of the German espionage system will be revealed at the trial, according to the federal authorities. The plot, which the government alleges, was hatched in Chicago, took certain men from this city, it is said, to India.

CHINA AND JAPAN SIGN AGREEMENT

Peking, Oct. 15.—China and Japan have signed an agreement concerning the leases of the Kirin-Chang Chun railway, Manchuria.

Japan will loan China \$5,000,000 yen at 5 per cent for a period of 30 years. The revenue of the railway will be held as security for the property during the term of the loan. The Kirin-Chang Chun railway will be under the management of the South Manchuria Railway company.

PERSHING GIVEN AMERICAN FLAG

Women of Town Where His Headquarters Is Located Honor General—Pershing Returns His Thanks.

American Training Camp in France, Oct. 14—(delayed)—The mayor of the town in which the American field headquarters is located presented to General Pershing today a silken American flag, on behalf of the women of the town who made it. The ceremony took place in the Hotel De Ville, the interior of which was decorated with French and American flags. Many French and American officers, civilian officials and women were present.

In his presentation speech the mayor or referred to the splendid sacrifices of the women of France and America, who were not only sending away their sons to fight for democracy but were making the war possible by the energetic work at home. Accepting the flag, General Pershing said:

"This occasion brings home to us the tenderness with which our own women have us in their hearts. This war is being fought by women. It is women who suffer and lend courage to us. Women are the ones to whom honor will be due when the war is over and they will deserve honor for their aid in establishing democracy."

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A granite tablet was placed in the wall of the Hotel De Ville today with an inscription in gold letters commemorating the establishment of the American headquarters in the town in September.

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GENERAL KORNILOFF NOT GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON

Greatest Penalty That Can Be Imposed Is Life Imprisonment.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—General Chablovsky, president of the commission of inquiry into the Korniloff affair, has returned to Petrograd and in an interview with local newspaper men, declared that he did not see in the actions of General Korniloff and the other accused officers any character of high treason.

It was proved, he said, that General Korniloff throughout the movement committed no act of a nature to weaken the fighting front. General Chablovsky expressed the opinion that General Korniloff can be sentenced only under article 100, dealing with attempts against the established regime and involving the penalty of life imprisonment.

PYTHIANS TO MEET ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Plenary lodge No. 32, Knights of Pythias will hold the regular weekly meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the lodge rooms on Biltmore avenue.

Clergy Can't Participate. Petrograd Oct. 15.—The orthodox council, at a meeting in Moscow, has decided against permitting the clergy to participate in the provisional parliament.

MOMENTOUS GAME FOR BOTH TEAMS; GIANTS CONFIDENT

'We Must Win and We Can,' Declares McGraw—Victory Today or Tomorrow Gives White Sox Championship of World—Benton versus Fabre Probably—Fast Game Is Expected.

The following is the probable batting order for today's game: CHICAGO (Americans)—J. Collins, right field; McMullin, third base; E. Collins, second base; Jackson, left field; Felsch, center field; Gandil, first base; Weaver, short stop; Schalk, catcher; Faber, pitcher; Umpires—Klem, Evans, O'Loughlin and Rigler.

Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 15.—The Chicago White Sox are today knocking at the gates of Verdun while the New York Giants throw in their last reserves to hold the key to the world's series. A defeat today for the Giants and the American leaguers win the season's baseball honors while a victory for the champions of the National league would give them an equal chance with the Sox in the final contest tomorrow.

"We must win today," said Manager McGraw, of the Giants, "and we can do it. The Sox have the edge, it is true, in that they can lose today's game and be at events with us when we fight for the seventh game, but I believe that we will win both games."

Manager McGraw wheeled his two left handers into line, Scupp and Benton, and awaited until the last moment before making his decision which one would open fire on the Sox.

Both pitchers were ready. Urban Faber looked the likely pitcher selection of Manager Rowland. Faber had his big curve and low breaking spitter working in fine shape in the last two innings of Saturday's engagement and he told Rowland that he wanted the chance to send his mates back to Chicago tonight with the big end of the purse. Eddie Cloutie will be out on the rubber tomorrow to stop the Giants with his knuckle ball.

A balmy morning turned showery toward game time. A smoky south-wester came in unexpectedly and the early crowd, a small one, wore heavy coats, covered their heads and shoulders with newspapers and waited. The playing field was fast, mats and tarpaulins having only been removed a little before noon. Groundkeeper Fabian said the field could stand a fair soaking and still be in playing condition.

New Yorkers Confident. Although Rowland's men have the edge in the series, supporters of the Giants express confidence that McGraw's fine pair of pitchers, Ferdie Schupp and Cube Benton, will hold the Sox while the giants bat out a victory against the Chicago men. Manager Rowland has expressed the utmost confidence in winning the series. Coming east he said he expected to send Faber to the pitching mound and would hold Eddie Cloutie in reserve in case the former should lose.

SOMETHING ROTTEN HAS DELAYED ALLIES' VICTORY

German Money and Plots Came Near Attaining Desired Results. Paris, Oct. 15.—Leon Daubet, editor of L'Action Francaise, who has taken a prominent part in the exposure of German intrigue in France, writes under the heading: "I am doing my duty in the plot against France," that every one has noticed since the war began that "there was something rotten somewhere which delayed the victory of the allies."

He continues: "This something was German money employed to win the allies' countries. There was the Bolo Fasha fund for corruption of the press, the von Buelow fund for diplomatic intrigues, and the Hohenzollern fund for promoting crimes and sedition. The last named fund, in my own opinion, was by far the most important. It was employed to promote the plot, carefully prepared for months which broke out in both the army zone and the rear formation in May and June of this year. This plot nearly attained the results hoped for by the German government."

FINNISH DIET TO MEET NOVEMBER 1

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The Finnish diet has been called to meet on November 1. The Finnish diet was dissolved by the provisional Russian government several weeks ago for its extreme stand on the question of autonomy for the province. New elections were held and completed on October 4, the united bourgeoisie and the social democrats receiving 69,000 of the 70,000 votes cast.

SOUTHWESTERN COAL OPERATORS MAY STRIKE

Kansas City, Oct. 15.—A resolution calling for a strike affecting all mines of the Southwestern Coal Operators' association in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas beginning Friday morning, was passed today at a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the state organization of the United Mine Workers of America.

Manager McGraw will probably pick Benton to hold the White Sox today. His performance against Chicago is the best of any of the Giant pitchers, he having held the western team to five hits for a total of six bases in the opening game here. What little betting there has been reported since yesterday's game favors the White Sox, 2 to 1, though wagers at even money have been made that the Giants will win today.

Fair and warmer. Atmospheric conditions were the most favorable of the series in New York. The prospects were for fair and warmer weather by the time the umpires catch the teams together. The warmer weather is pleasing to the players after the frigid experience in Chicago last Saturday. Some of the players are sure that the erratic work by both teams in the fifth game was due to the low temperature.

The better weather also had the effect of drawing a larger early morning crowd to the Polo grounds. Some men and boys, eager to see what may be the final game of the series were at the Bruhn stadium at midnight, and with the coming of daylight the one-dollar and two-dollar ticket lines began to grow rapidly.

Large Crowd Expected. President Hempstead, of the New York club, expected the largest crowd of the series would be out. The falling off in attendance last week, was blamed on the uncertain weather. The fear of the public that the crowds would be so large that they could not gain admission also was a factor, baseball men said. In none of the world's series games on the Polo grounds between the Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox was the crowd so small as that which saw last Thursday's game.

As the result of the toss up Saturday the seventh game, if one is necessary, will be played on the Polo grounds tomorrow.

APPLICANTS WIN ONLY ONE APPEAL IN TWENTY

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Robertson Sliding Into Third After Hit Which Won Game.



Dave Robertson, the lean and lanky Virginian, with Babe Benton, won the third game of the world-series for the New York Giants against the Chicago White Sox. He is here showing sliding into third base after his long triple left. First Baseman Holke put him in with a double for the first run of the game, and what later proved to be the only necessary run.