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## BELGIAN LAWYER TELLS OF GERMAN VIOLATIONS

### American Bar Association Informed of Manner in Which Hague Conventions Were Violated by German Military Leaders--Praise for American Assistance.

By the Associated Press.  
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The story of three years of German violation of the covenants of the Hague convention, during the recent occupancy of Belgium since the outbreak of the war, was told briefly by Gaston de Laval of the American Bar Association, in conversation here.

Major articles of the Hague convention, which tested by the facts in Belgium, were the invaders applying their own interpretations, "providing almost unlimited," Mr. de Laval said. "The violation of excessive fines, the punishment by death and imprisonment of Belgian men and women and children unwarrantably accused of treason and lesser crimes, and the deportation of his compatriots to labor camps were discussed by Mr. de Laval from the legal viewpoint.

Notwithstanding "all the sufferings and tyranny to which the Belgian population has been subjected," the speaker declared, the people are as patriotic now as when in the early days of the war they stemmed the German flood at Liege.

As matters how much the Germans have advertised their victories and how they have expressed the Belgian population, he said, "that population is as patriotic as during the first days of the war, and that tyranny will be resisted because they know that right is right, that right is only right, and that the Lord has said: 'I will be true, which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be satisfied.'"

Mr. de Laval told how the Germans tried to make capital of the atrocities which, before the war, had taken place between the Flemish and Walloon elements of Belgium—the two principal groups of German tribes and the two principal descendants of the Belgians.

"Since the very beginning of the war," he said, "the Flemish population," he said, "tried to make it believe that Germany was helping their aspirations to free themselves of its troublesome Walloons. They said that, owing to the German efforts, the Walloon and French elements were to be set aside and the Flemish population emerge richer, freer and in their own language in the future."

"But the people did not listen to these siren songs. So, the Germans used persuasion, and by their own law made one country of the Walloons and one country of the Flemings, of course, that after the war the Flemish population would be a stepping stone for Germany to further conquest."

## OTHER GANGS TO FEEL FORCE OF WAR

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Sept. 6.—Nationwide seizure by the government of documents of the Industrial Workers of the World was said to be today one step in the vigorous campaign which the department of justice is prepared to conduct against disloyalty whenever it may show itself.

While the Industrial Workers of the World is perhaps the largest individual organization which has come under the observation of the department of justice, other organizations will be under stricter surveillance than ever.

Included in the classes of persons with whom the department soon may deal are the so-called soap box orators of New York and other large cities; writers and publishers in a few instances connected with the German language press in this country; so-called conscientious objectors; and a large number of individuals who are not classified among the foregoing whose activities have led to the suspicion that they are in the pay of foreigners.

For months the government has been collecting a tremendous amount of evidence which can be utilized in prosecutions in connection with yesterday's seizure of Industrial Workers of the World offices.

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## CAMP JACKSON IS FILLED WITH RECRUITS

By the Associated Press.  
Columbia, S. C., Sept. 6.—More than 600 men comprising of the first quota of the Carolinas are in camp at Camp Jackson today and more are expected to arrive this morning from Florida. South Carolina's quota of five per cent was mobilized yesterday.

As the various contingents arrive in Columbia, they are placed in groups and dispatched to Camp Jackson on shuttle trains. Officers placed in muster staffs travel on all the trains, so that the detachments of the mustering in service at the camp is completed with a minimum of difficulty.

It is understood that uniforms and other equipment have not arrived.

## LAFAYETTE DAY CELEBRATED IN U. S.

By the Associated Press.  
New York, Sept. 6.—The double anniversary of the birth of LaFayette and the battle of the Marne was celebrated here today while similar exercises were held in many other cities of the country.

Representatives of the allies now in the country on business or on furlough will be present in uniform. The army and navy will be represented.

After the speech-making at city hall all present will march up Fifth avenue to 59th street.

## GERMAN FLEET NOW IN GULF OF RIGA

By the Associated Press.  
Petrograd, Sept. 6.—It is semi-officially announced that a German fleet has appeared in the Gulf of Riga.

NO NEW DRAFT RULES FROM WILSON FOR PRESENT  
Washington, Sept. 6.—The white house will not issue for the present any special regulations regarding appeals made to the president from the decisions of district draft exemption boards.

PROVOST MARSHAL CROWDER notified the state governors that appeals should be sent by district boards to state headquarters for transmission to the provost marshal for action of the president.

The governors also were notified that drafted men located at points outside the state where registered may be assigned to the cantonment designated for men of their temporary residence when it is found impossible to return to the proper precinct without great hardship and expense.

## MEMBER OF EMDEN ASKS FOR RELEASE

By the Associated Press.  
Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 6.—Frederick Nelson, who claims to have been a member of the crew of the German raider Emden, and who has been drafted as a member of the national army from Lauderdale county, Tenn., today asked for exemption.

Nelson informed the board he left Germany 10 days before the outbreak of the war as a member of the crew of the Emden.

## PRISONERS AND GUNS CAPTURED BY GERMANS

By the Associated Press.  
Berlin, Sept. 6.—More than 7,500 prisoners have so far been taken by the Germans in the Riga offensive, army headquarters announced today. Guns to the amount of 180 have been captured.

## GOVERNMENT IN CHARGE OF OFFICES

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Sept. 6.—The United States government, as the result of country wide raids yesterday of Industrial Workers of the World, Socialists and other organizations, was in possession of documents alleged to show disloyal activity.

The seizures, the department of justice announced, were in connection with federal grand jury sittings. In some cities organization officials were taken in custody for examination in courts. Federal officers took charge of the Socialist headquarters in Chicago and demanded the papers of the organization.

The wholesale raids were carried out in accordance with orders of William C. Fitts, assistant to Attorney General Gregory.

## HENDERSON GIRL MAY YET RECOVER

By the Associated Press.  
Henderson, N. C., Sept. 6.—The condition of Miss Jessie Roth, 16-year-old daughter of a local merchant, shot in the principal business street here Tuesday by Austin Green, a negro, was the same as 24 hours ago. Physicians said today that if the girl could live another 24 hours, the chances for her recovery would be good.

## INCORPORATED

By the Associated Press.  
Raleigh, Sept. 6.—The Auto Tractor Company of Concord, capitalized at \$10,000, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern will deal in automobiles and conduct a garage.

PROBABLY CONTEST WILL OF MRS. ROBERT WORTH BINGHAM  
Louisville, Ky., Sept. 6.—The principal heirs to the estate of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, are contemplating contesting a codicil to her will bequeathing \$5,900,000 to Robert Worth Bingham, was indicated by the course of questions addressed to witnesses when the codicil was brought before the county court here for probate.

The first indication of such intention was the rigid cross-examination of W. W. Davis, former law partner of Mr. Bingham, who was introduced as a witness to the codicil. The questions addressed to him were such as to indicate that Mrs. Bingham's physical condition at the time the codicil was signed would be the basis of attack against the bequest of Mr. Bingham. The entire estate is said to approximate \$60,000,000.

Counsel for Mrs. Lawrence Wise Lewis, Mrs. Bingham's principal legatee, and other heirs declined either to affirm or deny their intention to contest the codicil.

## REMOUNT STATION AT EACH ARMY CAMP

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Sept. 6.—For supplying horses to the army without disturbing animals in any particular section, orders were issued today for establishing remount stations in every cantonment in the United States.

## RUSSIANS ARE MENACED NOW BY GERMAN FLEET

### Warships Appear in Gulf of Riga, But Danger to Russian Vessels is Not Imminent--Italians Continue Battle For Austrian Positions.

## LENOIR PEOPLE RUN SHORT OF SUPPLIES

By the Associated Press.  
With the appearance of a German fleet in the Gulf of Riga, the difficulty facing the Russians in their operations north of it are made more complex.

Not only is the safety of their armies concerned, but apprehension is excited as to what will happen to the Russian fleet in the Baltic. Only submarines so far are operating against the Russian right flank as it fell back off the Riga coast. The warships now bid fair to take part in the operations against the Russian army marching up the gulf.

As to actual operations against the Russian fleet, it does not appear to be expected that they will be developed until the land campaign has progressed further and it is seen what success the Russians will have in their efforts to make a stand on their new line. Moreover it is a long way over land to Ravel, where the Russian warships are congregated. The weaker gulf port, however, would offer a fine base for the Germans to operate from.

On the 40 mile front of the break in the Russian land lines, the Germans are pushing their advances and have as yet met with no effective resistance. It is declared, however, that the Russian retreat is by no means a rout and that the army is intact.

It seems that the unofficial reports behavior of Russian troops whose morale on this front is now reported to be better than the earlier accounts indicated.

The Italian campaign for Trieste is being vigorously pushed in the face of vast concentrations of Austrian infantry and artillery and General Cadorna reports further progress.

It seems that the unofficial reports of the capture of San Gabriel by the Italians were premature, judging from the latest advices from the front, but the ultimate reduction of this last stronghold of the Austrians in the Gorizia hills is accounted a certainty by military experts.

## WHAT SOUTHERN SPENT IN SOUTH IN JULY

Washington, Sept. 6.—For every dollar paid to the Southern Railway Company by the people in the south during July, 1917, the Southern Railway paid out in the south \$1.05, according to figures announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

The Southern Railway Company distributed during the month, for labor, material, supplies and other purposes, \$6,417,425, of which \$5,336,561 or 83.16 per cent was paid to individuals and industries located in the south, this sum being \$277,846 in excess of the total moneys contributed by the south for transportation purposes.

For improvements to its roadway and structures, the Southern spent \$1,494,241 in July, 1917, as against \$985,242.38 during July, 1916.

Results of operation exclusive of interest, rentals and other income charges, were as follows: Gross revenue, July 1917, \$7,269,592, an increase as compared with 1916 of \$1,788,117 or 32.62 per cent.

Operating expenses, taxes and uncollected railway revenue, July, 1917, \$5,877,469, an increase as compared with 1916, of \$1,187,761 or 28.29 per cent.

Twenty British vessels of more than 1,600 tons and three of less tonnage were sunk by mines or submarines last week, as compared respectively with 18 and five the previous week.

## 200 Mexican Soldiers Are Drowned When Barge Turns Over in Gulf of California

By the Associated Press.  
Los Angeles, Sept. 6.—According to a telegram received here 200 Mexican soldiers were drowned last night in the Gulf of California as the result of the sinking of a government barge.

According to the meagre advices received, the soldiers were from Guaymas garrison and were being transported by barge with a number of horses and a quantity of military equipment from Sonora.

The barge was in tow of a government tug. A squall is said to have capsized the barge which is said to have been constructed for river work and unfitted for a running sea.

Carranza officials at border points last night disclaimed any definite information of the disaster, but stated it was probably a correct report. They said that barges frequently had been used for transportation work lately. They said that troop movements had been ordered. The report said that the squall which caused the capsizing of the large prevented the tug from going to the rescue of the soldiers.

## TUBERCULOSIS IN BERLIN ON INCREASE

By the Associated Press.  
Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—Vital statistics for the city of Berlin now published for the months of April, May and June, show 56 per cent increase in the number of deaths from tuberculosis as compared with the same months of 1916. The winter months also were highly unfavorable regarding the spread of tuberculosis and other lung diseases.

## CATTLE SUPPLY

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Sept. 6.—The national live stock conference and the food administration continued its session today with discussion centered on remedies to check the steady decrease in the nation's cattle supply.

## DESPERATE BATTLE NOW BEING WAGED

By the Associated Press.  
Rome, Sept. 6.—A desperate battle for possession of vital positions in the district of Gorizia is continuing, the official announcement today says.

The Italians yesterday took more than 500 additional prisoners.

## TWO CATAWBA BOYS ON MAJOR SMITH'S STAFF

The Raleigh Times runs a group photograph of 13 members of the North Carolina brigade headquarters company, under command of Major Gordon Smith, brigade adjutant, and introduces them to the state. In the number are Marshall H. Schell or Conover and Glenn O. Yount of Hickory, of whom the Raleigh paper says.

"Bottom row contains Marshall H. Schell of Conover, who with Sergt. Glenn Yount, aids in proving the loyalty of the men of North Carolina German descent. He has been a clerk to the general assembly and a railroad clerk. Quite an adequate person."

Sergt. Glenn O. Yount of Hickory, takes living more seriously than any other man in the company. He and piety are boon companions, and he has read more of his Bible since being called into federal service than probably anybody on Uncle Sam's payroll."

## MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
By the Associated Press.		
New York, Sept. 6.—There was a renewal of Liverpool selling in the cotton market at the opening today and after starting steady at a decline of two to 14 points, active months sold 14 to 21 points under last night's closing figures. The market was firmer.		
The close was steady.	Open	Close
October	21.10	20.70
December	20.95	20.60
January	20.80	20.51
March	21.00	20.55
May	21.05	21.00

HICKORY MARKETS		
Cotton	21	1.2
Wheat		\$2.20

## WEATHER FORECAST



For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday, except showers Friday in northeast portion; moderate west to southwest winds.

## FRANCE INSISTS ON RETURN OF PROVINCES

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, Sept. 6.—France will not compromise on the question of recovery of Alsace and Lorraine, Premier Ribot declared today in an address delivered in connection with a celebration of the battle of the Marne today.

He said France would not consent to diplomatic deliberations over the lost provinces.

## GERMANS REPELLED ON AISNE BY FRENCH

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, Sept. 6.—Two German attacks on the Aisne front last night were repelled by the French, says today's official statement. Heavy artillery fighting is reported in the Verdun and Champagne fronts.

## PRESIDENT POINCARE CALLS ON PERSHING

By the Associated Press.  
Paris, Sept. 6.—President Poincare, Paul Painleve, the secretary of war, and General Pétain, the French commander in chief, visited the headquarters of the American army today. They were received by Major General Pershing, commander of the American forces, and were shown over the headquarters.

## FORMAL CONFERENCE WAS BEGUN TODAY

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, Sept. 6.—Formal conferences with the Japanese mission began today when Secretary Lansing today received Viscount Ishii, head of the mission. Neither the secretary of state nor the head of the mission would indicate what the conference was about.

The supply of Japan of steel to carry out her enormous ship building plan will be given immediate consideration. That question and further strengthening of the relations with Japan will be considered.

## FARMERS UNION MEETING BE HELD FRIDAY MORNING

The Farmers' Union meeting at Startown will be held Friday at 11 o'clock, instead of the afternoon, as was reported. Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Matthews, president of the state union, will be the principal speaker.

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