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RUSSIANS PREPARE TO LEAVE FORTRESS GRODNO TO GERMANS

Supplies Are Being Hauled Away Preparatory to the Evacuation

INVADERS ON TWO SIDES

Within Striking Distance of a Main Railway and Less Than Day's March From Vilna, Object of the Teutons' Campaign

(By the United Press)
Berlin, Aug. 31.—Military supplies are being withdrawn from the Fortress of Grodno, German aviators today reported. Actual evacuation by the Russians is expected soon. The Russians are preparing to retreat to the Lida Railway. The Germans are on the southwest of the fortress and within a few miles of the outerworks. On the north the Germans are within striking distance of the railway from Grodno north to Vilna. Vilna is less than a day's march from the German lines.

HURRYING RIGA FORTIFICATIONS.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—Vilna being evacuated, the Russians are feverishly preparing to defend the naval base at Riga from the Germans, who are certain to attack that city shortly. Students of the Russian technical schools are working in the munitions factories in order to increase their output. General Mackensen has inflicted another severe defeat on the rear guard of the Russians who evacuated Brest Litovsk. He captured 3,700.

CORN OR CASH FOR VOTES IN ONE STATE.

(By the United Press)
Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 31.—To secure funds to carry out their campaign for votes to secure a constitutional amendment, giving women the ballot at the next State-wide primary election, the suffrage leaders have issued a call upon every farmer's wife in the State to give a bushel of corn, or its value in cash, to the fund. At the State fair here the suffrage leaders have corn booth where fair visitors are delivering their corn or agreeing to pay the cash. In every county in the State an agent was named to receive and care for the corn and attend to its sale. Many thousands of bushels of corn are being obtained.

FOND OF PRISON LIFE, AND NOT WRITING BOOK.

St. Cloud, Minn., Aug. 31.—His studied efforts to break into the State reformatory here rewarded, Robert Arnette rests peacefully today. A few weeks ago he forged three checks and gave himself up to the St. Paul police. His sentence finished, he soon returned to the St. Paul police, demanded his cell back, saying he had forged another check. He was accommodated. Then he came back here, voluntarily appeared before authorities, and insisted he had forged another check, and asked to be sentenced to the State reformatory. He denied he is writing a book on prison reform.

MAY PUT UP BIG BATTERY CAMP IN THIS STATE.

Asheville, Aug. 30.—That North Carolina stands an excellent chance of securing a permanent artillery camp is indicated by the arrival here of Major Charles Pelot Summerall, United States Army, who is engaged in the inspection of proposed sites for the encampment. Its establishment would bring several hundred regulars to Western North Carolina for training, while thousands of militiamen would be in camp here at various seasons of the year.

MUCH RUBBER REQUIRED.

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 31.—Thousands of feet of sheet rubber for Uncle Sam's second dirigible are being turned out here. The rubber is of unusual tensile strength.

PEOPLE OF BRITAIN WILL NOT CONSIDER PEACE AT THIS DAY

Socialists Would Have Cessation of Hostilities, But Public Officials Say Nation Has a Duty to Perform

(By the United Press)
London, Aug. 31.—Despite the alleged German "peace feelers," the United Press is able to state on the highest authority that the peace situation, so far as England is concerned, is unchanged. Some Socialist leaders favor ending the war.

Neither official circles nor the general public are inclined to accept peace at this time, honorable or otherwise. England is determined to drive the Germans out of France and Belgium.

The greatest importance is attached by political circles to a hurried conference of the cabinet today in Premier Asquith's office. Lloyd-George was summoned from the miners' conference and other ministers arrived at intervals of less than ten minutes.

SHERIFF MUST PAY CHAUTAUQUA TAX.

(By the Eastern Press)
Washington, N. C., Aug. 31.—Sheriff Windley of Beaufort county will have to pay a license tax that the Swarthmore Chautauqua Association of Pennsylvania failed to pay here several weeks ago. Windley some time ago received a letter from the Attorney General stating that the tax should have been remitted. Windley wrote back to Raleigh, that, following a precedent set at Elizabeth City, he had not charged the chautauqua tax. He has another letter from Attorney General Bickett stating that he is responsible for the sum in controversy, \$120.15, which must be forthcoming.

BIG STEAMSHIP LINE TO CHINESE PORTS.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Contracts for the financing of a \$5,000,000 Chinese trans-Pacific transport company have been signed by American and Chinese capitalists, who are negotiating for the purchase of vessels, according to announcement here by Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, China's first minister to Mexico, who arrived today on the steamer Persia.

TRUE BILL AGAINST NEGRO MURDERER.

Greenville, Aug. 31.—The grand jury in Superior Court here found a true bill against "Coo" Braxton, colored, charged with the murder of another negro at a religious meeting on Little Creek some weeks ago.

GREENSBORO SHERIFF GOES FOR A MAN IN WASHINGTON.

(By the Eastern Press)
Greensboro, Aug. 30.—Sheriff Stafford left tonight for Seattle, Wash., to bring to North Carolina O. C. Klingman, who is wanted here on a charge of embezzlement.

TOBACCO SALES HERE TODAY ABOUT 60,000

Sixty thousand pounds of tobacco was sold here today, according to authoritative estimates. Quality and prices were better than before in the season. Greenville sold 100,000 pounds. Double sales will be started there on Wednesday.

THE SURFMEN PREPARE FOR ROUGH WEATHER.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 31.—Members of the coast guard along the Gulf have been ordered to report at their stations today for storm season service. The complete guard will go on duty tomorrow and remain through the rough weather until early spring.

CHANGES IN CZAR'S GOVERNMENT ARE OF IMPORTANT NATURE

Advisory Committee Will Have Considerable Authority Over the Forces—Rumors of a Coalition Cabinet Continue

(By the United Press)
Petrograd, Aug. 31.—The Russians have taken the first important step towards reorganization of the government departments to meet the menace of the Austro-German armies. The council of the empire appointed by the Czar has approved the bill passed by the Duma providing for an advisory committee with broad powers in the administration of army affairs.

Rumors of the formation of a coalition cabinet today continued. The advisory committee will consider the ammunition, transportation and relief problems.

THE BRITISH POUND GOES STILL LOWER

New York, Aug. 30.—The pound sterling declined on the local exchange market today to \$4.61, a new low record, and 26 cents below normal. The presence here of \$45,000,000 additional British gold and American securities, presumably sent to help brace the falling rate, apparently was without effect.

FOREST FIRES FROM CANADA TO MEXICO.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Forest fires were reported today from Vancouver to the Mexican line and as far east as Idaho. For the most part the damage threatened was to watersheds rather than standing timber.

NEW YORK ANYTHING BUT A GOOD LITTLE VILLAGE, IS REPORT

The Lid There Is Apt to Be Blown Off Any Old Time, Disclosing Something Like An Awful State of Morals in the City

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Greensboro, Aug. 30.—Col. A. Fairbrother, editor of Everything, who suffered from a severe hemorrhage when in Charlotte a few days ago, is much improved. His illness is not thought to be serious.

TOBACCO WILT IN THE PIEDMONT COUNTIES.

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—Experts of the State Department of Agriculture are investigating tobacco wilt in the Piedmont section. It is stated that the farmers of several counties are being given considerable trouble by the disease, which is rapidly spreading over the entire belt in the central part of the State.

FAIR GROUNDS TRACK IS GETTING FINAL TOUCHES

The track at the fair grounds is being put into excellent shape for the matinee on Thursday afternoon which opens the local racing season. The course is today being thoroughly scraped and rolled.

There are at present about 15 entries. Others are expected, if the local promoters can get in touch with owners this afternoon and tomorrow. More stables are being built.

There will be races in three classes Thursday, three-minute, 2.25 and a free-for-all, trot or pace.

PASSENGERS WORE IDENTIFICATION TAGS

New York, Aug. 30.—Passengers arriving today aboard the steamer Espagne from Bordeaux wore identification tags, issued to them before sailing, so that they might be identified in case German submarines should send their ships to the bottom.

BELIEVE YET OTHER CONCESSIONS WILL BE MADE BY LONDON

Officials in Washington Optimistic Over Modification Announced

DID F-4'S MEN WRITE?

Navy Department Thinks They May Have Left Data Explaining Accident—Alleged Spy's Trial At Norfolk In November

(By Charles P. Stewart, United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Aug. 31.—"The first of a series of concessions," one official today expressed his opinion following announcement of the first modification by the British of the order in council.

Secretary Lansing stated he had nothing indicating that Admiral Von Tirpitz is opposing Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's modification of the submarine warfare.

Scott Tells Lansing About Mexico. General Scott today conferred with Lansing regarding conditions in Villa's territory in northwest Mexico. He related Villa's amicable attitude towards the Latin-American-Lansing notes. He is not expected to be sent to Mexico again in the near future.

Accused German Out On Bail. Gustav Kopsch, the alleged German spy, is out on bail, pending a hearing in the U. S. district court at Norfolk in November.

The possibility that some letters by the men of the F-4, just raised in Honolulu harbor, were left to record the accident which cost the lives of all aboard, was the opinion expressed today at the Navy Department. Examination of the vessel, under Admiral Bouché's supervision, is progressing.

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STRUCK BY END OF LOG; INJURY PROVED FATAL.

(By the Eastern Press)
Washington, N. C., Aug. 31.—Sam White, 35, white, while helping to load logs upon a car near here late yesterday, was struck in the stomach by the end of a log that slipped from its place. He died three hours later. He is survived by a widow and two children.

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LIGHTNING CAUSED A BIG FIRE ON FARM

A packhouse, barn and stables, two miles and a horse and large quantities of corn, tobacco and hay were burned on the farm of W. C. Dupree, a short distance west of the city Monday night during a hard electrical storm. Lightning started the blaze. The fire had gained considerable headway before Mr. Dupree and his family, who were in their home, discovered it. Neighbors and people from the city assisted in efforts to extinguish it, without avail.

The damage, including animals, buildings and produce, was fully \$4,000, with \$800 insurance. The fire burned out shortly after 11 o'clock. The miles and horse cremated were of considerable value.

WRECKAGE FROM MAROWIJNO PICKED UP BY U. S. VESSEL

The Flotsam Identified By United Fruit Officers—New Outbreak Threatens In Haiti; Marines Hurried to Scene

(By the United Press)
Washington, Aug. 31.—The collier Jupiter today reported to the Navy Department that it had found teak lattice work, a vegetable locker, a mahogany boat thwart and a white eypress door frame identified by officers of the United Fruit liner Srinamo as belonging to the missing United Fruit liner Marowijno. Caperton Reports More Trouble Likely.

The possibility of another Haitian outbreak was indicated in a dispatch from Admiral Caperton to the Navy Department. The collier Jason is en route to Gonives with a company of marines.

HARDING SAYS COTTON MEN NEEDN'T WORRY

Washington, Aug. 31.—W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, who returned to Washington today after attending a meeting of bankers and merchants at Birmingham said the outlook was encouraging for caring for the cotton crop.

"I do not believe if conditions remain as at present that the South need worry over the cotton crop," he said.

THROUGH A HOLE IN BOW INTERIOR F-4 COULD BE GLIMPSED

Craft Sunk In Honolulu Harbor Since March 25 In Drydock Now—Bodies of Crew Probably Under Sand and Debris In Hull

(By the United Press)
Honolulu, Aug. 31.—Submarine F-4, which sank in Pearl harbor on March 25th, was brought to a drydock here last night and fully exposed. Through a large hole in the bow all the compartments could be seen. There was no trace of the crew, believed to be buried under sand and debris in the submarine's interior.

WOMAN VICTIM OF A GUN SHE PLANTED FOR THIEF

(By the Eastern Press)
New Bern, Aug. 31.—A series of misfortunes in her family was surpassed by the fate that befell Mrs. Rosa Watson, 54, a widow, here yesterday. Mrs. Watson had fastened a shotgun in a window, and tied a string to the trigger and a gate. Chicken thieves had been robbing her coops, and Mrs. Watson planned that when a marauder entered the gate he would accomplish his own undoing. Forgetting the trap that she had set Mrs. Watson was the first to open the gate. The plan worked well, and the load entered her neck. She died in a few minutes.

A small son of the widow was seriously ill and she was worn out from attending him. The boy, suffering with malarial fever, managed to get out of bed and stagger to his mother's corpse in the yard.

Last winter a daughter-in-law of Mrs. Watson was burned to death when a can of gasoline exploded in her hands.

PRESIDENT J. H. CANADY OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THINKS NEW R. R. SERVICE TO BEULAVILLE IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT

Thinks Lines Should Be Extended to Maple Hill In Pender County As Early As Possible, and Thus Save to Kinston That Rich Section, Which Right Now Is In the "Eye" of a Neighboring Town—Development of the Section Tapped Will Be Rapid, Is Mr. Canady's Opinion

PANAMA'S WONDERFUL EXPOSITION WILL BE READY ON THE DATE

Eight Buildings Erected on Grounds At Panama City—Spain Has \$80,000 Exhibit—Only European Country Invited to Participate—United States Puts Aside \$25,000.

(By the United Press)
Panama City, Aug. 31.—With the opening date little more than two months distant, the national exposition of Panama is certain to be ready. The exposition does not celebrate the opening of the canal, notwithstanding the fact that the presence of this new highway is counted on to treble the number of visitors that otherwise could have been expected. The most recent event that it celebrates is the resumption of separate government by Panama and the opening date, November 3, was chosen because it is the twelfth anniversary of that event. The official designation of the big undertaking is "The National Exposition of Panama Commemorative of the Discovery of the South Seas."

The single person most honored will be Balboa, dead these four hundred years. "Extolling and honoring the memory of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific Ocean; of strengthening the sentiments of friendship and sympathy which bind Panama with Spain, the mother country, on the one part, and that of the republics of the American continent on the other part; promoting commercial and intellectual international resources, industries, arts, and in a single word, the growing civilization of the republic of Panama."

A plot of ground, seventy acres in extent, in the north part of the city, is occupied by the exposition, lying along a slope that overlooks the Pacific. There are to be about eight exhibition buildings, a stadium, a plaza, a grand parkway, and a concourse and patio at the waterside. Most of the buildings are finished. These include the palaces of agriculture, of fine arts, of government, of commerce and industry and of administration. At the date of the legation's last report, the palace of education also was more than half finished. The management of the exposition has been occupying the administration building for some time.

Early last spring Cuba completed its building. It is a permanent structure, the second floor of which is to be occupied by the Cuban legation, and the first floor by exhibits of Cuban products, which will be maintained after the close of the exposition.

With an \$80,000 building and exhibit, Spain will have an important part. The building will also be permanent and have the same functions as that of Cuba. Construction is now in progress, it is stated. The erection of this building is one of the significant features of the fair. For many years after Panama's declaration of independence from Spain, ill feeling existed between the mother country and the new republic, due partly to misunderstanding and partly to the fact that Spain cherished hopes of recovering its old possession. The fact now that Spain was the only European country invited to participate in the fair, and that she accepted the invitation shows how completely this feeling has changed or both sides. Indeed, the natural sympathy between the two, due to identity in language, literature and to considerable extent in culture, long since asserted itself.

Another permanent building will be that of Venezuela near those of Cuba and Spain, but there is some doubt whether she will be able to complete it in time for the fair. All

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The opening of Deal's new Pink Hill-Beaulaville Railroad, built for logging, to passenger and freight service on Monday, was the most important achievement of the Chamber of Commerce since that body's organization, in the opinion of President J. H. Canady. He is enthusiastic over the possibilities of the new line, which forms a junction with the Kinston-Carolina at Pink Hill.

"It is hoped and expected to make Maple Hill in Pender county the ultimate terminus of the Kinston-Carolina and affiliated line," Mr. Canady today said. He admitted that he had heard of parties in the section on which Kinston business interests now have an eye busy with a railroad project of some sort. Seriously speaking, he stated with no hesitation that Kinston must seize the opportunity quick or lose the new territory to another city. Pender county, it has been known for some time wants to trade with Kinston. As an indication of the city's growing importance, it should be noted that an entire county and a good part of Lenoir are between Kinston and Pender.

"I believe the country in the vicinity of Beaulaville and Chincopin made accessible to Kinston by the Deal road is as rich a section as there is in the entire eastern part of the State, and that it will develop rapidly now that it has a railroad," Mr. Canady said. The people in the upper part of Duplin county, in which the country tapped lies, have been progressing nicely, but have needed rail communication with the outside world for years and have clamored for it.

Much trade that has been going to Warsaw, Wallace and other towns on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad will now come to Kinston.

GENERAL PERSHING IS MAJOR LEWIS' NEIGHBOR

The home of General Pershing, of Philippines fame, destroyed by fire in which his wife and three of their four children were cremated at the Presidio of San Francisco several days ago, was next door to that of Major W. F. Lewis, Medical Corps, son of Dr. R. H. Lewis of this city. Dr. Will Lewis, it is said, was intimate with the Pershings. The two families were the best of friends. Pershing, Lewis and Funston became very well acquainted in the islands some 15 years ago about the time that Pershing won his renown and shortly before he was made a brigadier. They were inseparable there. In the Lewis home on Officers' Row, too, there is something less than complete happiness. Mrs. Lewis, who was born "in the army" and the daughter of a now retired general officer, has undergone four operations in the past few months. Once this year, when the major-doctor was here, it was thought she would die and he was compelled to hurry across the continent to her. She is not expected to survive many months, relatives here say.

LINEMAN KILLED AT SALISBURY MONDAY.

Salisbury, Aug. 30.—G. F. Woodward, a lineman engaged with the Southern Power Company force which is running a steel tower line from Salisbury to Statesville, met instant death today when he came in contact with a highly charged wire.

UNDERWOOD "FIRST CITIZEN" OF ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Aug. 29.—Governor Henderson has announced the appointment of Senator Oscar Underwood to represent Alabama as "first citizen" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.