

GENERAL GERMAN ADVANCE REPORTED INDICATING THAT KAISER'S MEN ARE MAKING PROGRESS THROUGH BELGIUM

BRUSSELS EVACUATED TO SAVE BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS FROM BOMBARDMENT.

NO GREAT SEA BATTLE OF CONSEQUENCE ADMITTED

Washington has Official Report of Sinking of a Cruiser or Two and Some Smaller Boats.—Wounded More Than Can be Cared for.

Paris, August 20.—Hague dispatches persistently state that the Germans entered Brussels this morning. No confirmation yet, but a French military expert said it was far better to evacuate Brussels than to expose the beautiful building to a ruinous bombardment. The German advance, indicated by official announcement, that the German's east Meuse forces have reached Dinant. The advance guard has secured a position along the Dyle. The German army coming through Luxemburg has reached Neufbrachem. The German's have retaken Ville.

The last news from Brussels at midnight said that thousands of wounded were pouring into the city and the authorities were pressed to care for them. Every public building has been turned into a hospital. Supplies are running short. All stores are closed. The sound of artillery is heard. Search lights reveal the Germans to be much in evidence in the locality.

GERMAN FLEET CONFINED TO HARBOR

Washington, August 20.—The English embassy has received exact information of the naval and military situation between England and German.

The report says Germany lost a submarine and mine layer, and England lost one light cruiser. The German fleet is outside of the Baltic but confined to the harbor. German Sea commerce has been paralyzed but English commerce is practically normal.

SHIPS ALREADY OFFERED PENDING PASSAGE OF BILL

BIG COMPANIES THOUGHT TO MADE PROPOSITIONS.

BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Congress Will Probably Make Arrangements to Acquire Some Fine Lines For Service.

(By the United Press.) Washington, Aug. 20.—Offers to sell ships to the government are reaching the White House. It is thought that both the German Lloyd lines have made offers to sell some of their great liners. The administration will introduce its bill, providing for the purchase of a merchant marine, before the end of the week.

FOOTBALL REPLACES ENGLISH RUGBY GAME.

Los Angeles, Aug. 20.—Returning from a three-years' experiment with rugby, the University of Southern California football squad fired the opening gun of the Pacific coast today by assembling for its first pre-season practice. Rugby was abandoned in favor of American football largely because of lack of competition in this end of the State. The squad was in charge of Head Coach Ralph Glaze, former Dartmouth star and big league pitcher.

DEBT CASE CONTINUED.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 19.—The hearing before Special Master Chas. E. Littlefield in the Virginia-West Virginia debt case today was postponed for two weeks because of the illness of Mrs. Conway H. Hillman, wife of the special accountant and chief witness for West Virginia.

UNITED STATES NO BETTER OFF FOR WAR NEWS

OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN DARK AS ARE ALL OTHERS.

DEADLY CONFLICT NOW ON

French and German's Reported Fighting Near Dinant and Neither Giving Attention to Wounded.

(By the United Press.) GERMANS ATTACK "ALLIES."

London, Aug. 20.—The combined German armies of the Meuse and the first army of Moselle are attacking the allied lines near Brussels. The infantry has moved south of Dinant and is operating in entrenched positions at Gembloux. It is believed that the French forces are stronger than the Germans. Neither side is able to gather its wounded. The Belgian war office says Belgian troops are "far from beaten." The allies are making arrangement for beating the German forces under the best possible conditions.

UNITED STATES IN THE DARK.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Officials of the United States government are as ignorant of what is happening on the battlefields of Europe as is the general public. Not a message—and American diplomats are in hourly communication from all European capitals—has come in the last five days hinting at the development of military operations.

A SPARTAN MOTHER.

Paris, Aug. 20.—A woman with four sons in the French army today walked slowly down the steps of one of the municipal offices where relatives are informed whether soldiers are dead, wounded or unreported. She was exceedingly white, but her emotion was greater than could be expressed in tears. A friend came up quickly and said:

"Have you good news? I am so glad my Jean is safe."
"Yes, they are all safe," was the reply. "They are safe in the arms of the Father. I am proud to give all to the cause."

HOKE SMITH LEADS GOV. JOE BROWN

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—Scattering returns from various points throughout the State early tonight indicated that Senator Hoke Smith has been nominated over former Governor Joseph M. Brown for the senior senatorship of Georgia in the State-wide primary today.

EXPECT TWO CHINAS

TO FOLLOW BREAK.

Shanghai, Aug. 20.—That China will split into two separate countries is the growing conviction here among men in close touch with the republic's politics. That there is about to be a successful revolution in the provinces south of the Yangtze, these judges of the situation declared was certain. The revolutionary movement was said to be practically unanimous and even though President Yuan Shi Kai might win a border battle or two, should he try to prevent Southern China's secession from the North, it was pointed out that it would be hopeless for him to attempt to subdue a territory half the size of the United States, with a population approaching 200,000,000, solidly united against him.

LEAF NEARLY READY TO MARKET NOW.

Wilson, N. C., Aug. 18.—Well informed farmers state that another two weeks will see all the Wilson county tobacco housed and ready for market. The crop was about three weeks late this year.

Lane killed Frank McKain, a railroad porter, at Aberdeen, following gambling in a swamp not far from the station.

REPUBLICANS ENDORSE THE STATE PRIMARY

STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION IN RALEIGH.

CONDEMN ADMINISTRATION

As Expected, Standpatters Claim Country-Wide Depression Was Caused by Democrats.

(By the United Press.)

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The State Republican convention met at noon. Frank Linnery of Boone was elected chairman, which means that he will be State chairman, succeeding J. M. Morehead of Greensboro, who declined to be re-elected.

The convention declared for a State-wide primary law, backed by a drastic corrupt practices act, with Australian ballot for all parties on the same day. It endorsed the taxation and other amendments to the constitution now pending, including the provision for six months' schools.

AMERICAN CONSUL HELD IN JAIL BY MEXICANS

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 19.—Louis Mostetter, American consul at Hermosillo, Sonora, has been placed in jail by the Mexican authorities, according to assertions today by Carranza officials along the border. It was not stated whether he had been released.

The responsibility for the consul's arrest is the subject of dispute between Carranza and Villa factions. Villa telegraphed Elias Calles, a Carranza official, blaming him for Mostetter's arrest.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 19.—Tangible proof of the Carranza-Villa split and the danger of an armed invasion of Sonora State by Villa forces was received here today.

General Villa, northern divisional commander, telegraphed Carranza's military officials in Sonora that if they combated Jose Maria Maytorena, the elected governor of the State, he would penetrate the State with his forces; which recently have been recruited to war strength.

Villa said that he took this stand because Maytorena was the "constitutional governor of the State of Sonora, and, therefore, the representative of the people."

AMERICAN SUICIDES IN ENGLAND.

London, Aug. 19.—Algernon Trevor Sutton of Carthage, Mo., committed suicide today by hanging himself. His act was the result of depression over the difficulty of cashing letters of credit. The coroner's jury after an inquest returned a verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind."

STRUCK MAIL CARRIER WITH A BRICK.

Stokes, N. C., Aug. 20.—During a difficulty between W. G. Stokes, a merchant, and Louis Robinson, a rural mail carrier, a son of Stokes struck Robinson with a brick. The mail carrier is in a Washington hospital with a fractured skull. He is expected to recover.

EDITOR MOORE OF THE FAYETTEVILLE INDEX HURT.

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 19.—Mr. A. M. Moore, editor and proprietor of The Fayetteville Index, was thrown from a horse and sustained concussion of the brain this morning.

He was rushed to the Highsmith hospital, where it was said tonight that his condition is satisfactory.

WANT VOTE FOR SQUAWS.

Ashland, Wis., Aug. 19.—Chippewa Indians of the Bad River tribe today, at the largest council held in years, voted unanimously in favor of woman suffrage.

POPE PIUS X DIED WITH A BROKEN HEART

VENERABLE PRELATE COULD NOT SURVIVE SHOCK.

SUCCESSOR TO BE NAMED

Tried to Give Employment to Those Thrown Out on Account of War in Spite of Depleted Funds.

(By the United Press.)

Rome, Aug. 20.—It was announced today that Father Francesco Sarrion Wernz, head of the Jesuit Order was dead.

Rome, August 20.—Following the death of Pope Pius all established ceremonials have been followed including delivery of the ring of St. Peter to the Cardinals. The ring is claimed to have been handed down from Christ through St. Peter to the Pope's sacred college.

September 3 is the date for election of a new Pope. The chances are for the election of a foreign Pope, but possibly the American chances are greater than at any time in the history of the church. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore was prominently mentioned in this connection when Pius was elected.

Rome, Aug. 20.—In charge of the "penitenzieri" of the Vatican, the body of Pope Pius rests in the chamber where he died. Thousands knelt for prayers in the churches, and on the streets. The Pope died broken-hearted. Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria added to the blow when he refused the Pope's plea for peace.

One of his greatest griefs was that thousands of men who were studying for the priesthood in Rome had to go to war. His last thoughts were for those on whom the weight of war falls. Although the conflict has reduced the income of the Vatican, until it was not sufficient to pay current expenses, the Pope's last act was to order the undertaking of several large enterprises to give employment to those thrown out of work by the war.

Cardinal Merry del Val has summoned the sixty cardinals composing the Sacred College to Rome to select a new Pope.

Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, known to the world as Pope Pius X, was elected to the Pontificate on August 4, 1903.

Pope Pius was born on June 2, 1835, at Riese, in the Venetian provinces, the first child of Gian-Battista Sarto, a postman, and his wife, Margherita. Giuseppe' early career was influenced by the village priest, who took a liking for the boy, taught him to read and write and drummed into the youthful head the rudiments of Latin. At the age of eleven years he entered the seminary at Castelfranco, not far from his birthplace, and for four years every day he tramped to school, usually barefooted, until he reached the outskirts of the village, where he would slip on his shoes to keep up appearance.

From Castelfranco he passed in 1850 to the Seminary at Padua, and in 1858, at the age of 25, was ordained priest and took up his studies at Tomolo. In 1867 he had his first parish of importance, that of Salzano, where he remained for eleven years.

Leo XIII conferred upon Bishop Sarto the title of "Roman Count," and in the consistory of June, 1893, created him cardinal, giving him the Roman Church of San Bernardo, from which to take his title. He was so poor that he was unable to pay the fees connected with the acceptance of the new dignity, but some of his admirers came forward and provided him with the necessary funds.

Creating him cardinal, Leo XIII appointed him also Patriarch of Venice, but he did not leave Mantua until a year later, owing to conflict between the Italian government and the Holy See, over the right of the House of Savoy to be consulted before the appointment of a patriarch.

He was the candidate of Leo XIII as his successor, but he so little realized the future that when he left

FREE PRESS GAVE POPE'S DEATH FIRST

LARGE AFTERNOON CONTEMPORARIES A DAY BEHIND.

UNITED PRESS' BIG SCOOP

Correspondent Wood in Rome Gave News Eight Hours Before any of His Rivals.

(By the United Press.)

New York, August 20.—Henry Wood, the United Press Staff correspondent at Rome, credited American newspaper methods with one of the greatest "beats" in the history of the journalism, yesterday, when he gave the news of the Pope's death more than eight hours before any other correspondent. The opposing news gatherers attempt to explain the "scoop" by declaring that death couldn't have occurred until "officially" announced at one-twenty this morning. The Associated Press admitted the "scoop," explaining that it was "awaiting the official" announcement.

Wood used American methods in flashing the notice the instant the death occurred. He wired two messages before the usual censorship, which delayed the official announcement, was clapped on.

The Free Press gave the news to its readers and so did the other papers getting the United Press dispatches, Wednesday afternoon, while the Raleigh, Charlotte, Wilmington, Richmond and other large afternoon papers, not supplied with U. P. service will make the announcement today.

PLANS FOR DUPLIN EXTENSION READY

Several Roads and Manufacturing Interests to Co-Operate in Connecting Kinston With This Rich Section.

The plan of the Chamber of Commerce for getting into closer touch with the rich farming country in Duplin county, and at the same time giving the people there better freight and passenger facilities, was made public Wednesday afternoon.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad, the Kinston-Carolina Railroad and the Kinston Manufacturing Company will be asked to get together and arrange for the desired improvements. The chamber will inform the interests named that the service now being had by the people of Duplin and lower Lenoir counties is not all that they wish for.

The suggestion is to be offered that the K.-C., of which the Norfolk Southern is the controlling factor, and the Kinston Manufacturing Company come to an agreement whereby trains leaving Kinston can be operated on the logging road of the latter from Pink Hill to the terminus of the timber line, which runs for several miles through the most fertile part of Duplin. Pink Hill is the terminus of the Kinston-Carolina, and a junction is formed there with the logging road.

The improved service suggested would benefit the towns of Beulaville, Chinquapin, Lyman, Cabin, Pearsall, Hallsville and numerous other places in the country south of Pink Hill.

Venice, in July, 1903, for the Conclave in Rome, he bought a return ticket.

In the conclave the struggles both for and against Cardinal Rampoll, Leo XIII's Secretary of State, whose chances were lost when Cardinal Puzyn pronounced the veto of Austria against him, which veto was supposed to represent the triple alliance. Then, needing a "compromise" Pope, all eyes turned to Cardinal Sarto, who at first refused, but was afterward induced to accept the high position, being elected almost unanimously on August 4.