

RUSSIANS ABOUT TO LEAVE WARSAW HAUL VALUABLES TO REAR

Gold, Public Documents and Other Things Are Being Removed

TO SAVE BIG ARTILLERY

Guns Being Removed From Fort—Prominent Families Quit City—Refugees By Trainloads—To Blow Up Munitions

(By the United Press) London, July 30.—The Russians have begun the evacuation of Warsaw with the removal of all public documents and treasures. The banks are sending gold to Petrograd. Many prominent families have left the city. Outgoing trains are carrying large crowds of refugees. The work of removing the heavy guns from the great fortress of Novo Georgiewek, northwest of the city, is being pushed. The munitions the Russians will be forced to leave are to be blown up.

MOTHERS' CLUB WANTS PLAYGROUNDS STARTED

Address Letter to Chamber of Commerce Asking for Assistance in Equipping the Primary School Grounds as Temporary Location—Consideration Tuesday.

The Mothers' Club of Kinston is interested in the playgrounds movement and are planning to start to immediately equip the grounds of the primary school. A letter signed by executive officers and a special committee of the Mothers' Club has been addressed to the Chamber of Commerce and delivered to Secretary Sutton, asking the club's co-operation. The matter will be brought before the directors of the civic body in their regular meeting next Tuesday night. Secretary Sutton said in commenting on the action of the Mothers' Club that he was delighted that they had taken hold of the matter and that he felt the provision of a playgrounds here would fill a much-needed place, and that he was sure the suggestion of the mothers would be favorably received by the Chamber of Commerce.

For some time past the question of a playgrounds has been agitated and the Chamber of Commerce had the matter up quite actively about a year ago. A committee was appointed to look out for suitable sites and several were investigated. For various reasons action was deferred, and for some time little has been done looking to the establishment of suitable recreation grounds for the boys and girls of Kinston.

VICTORY FOR TURKS OVER RUSSIANS AND ALLIES LOSE WORKS

Trench on Gallipoli Taken Last Night—Slavs Defeated and 300 of Them Taken Prisoners on Front in the Caucasus

(By the United Press.) London, July 30.—The Turks are mounting heavy batteries in the Greek quarter of Tattavia, according to Constantinople dispatches. Trench at Dardanelles Taken By the Turks. Constantinople, July 30.—Lively engagements with the Russians, with a Turkish victory, are reported at the war office. The Russians were defeated on the Caucasus front, losing 300 in prisoners and a quantity of munitions. The Turks captured a trench on the Gallipoli peninsula in a night surprise attack.

CHAS. BECKER PAID PENALTY IN PRISON AT OSSINING TODAY

Three-Year Fight Ended When Sentence of Law Was Carried Out In Sing Sing—Wife Was Faithful to the End

(By the United Press) Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Becker was electrocuted and pronounced dead at 5:55 this morning, after three shocks. He declared his innocence to the last. He carried a picture of his wife pinned on his prison shirt to the death chair. Becker issued a dying statement at 4 o'clock this morning, passionately reiterating his innocence. Thomas Motl Osborne, the warden of Sing Sing, left the prison for a walk just before the execution as a protest against capital punishment.

Osborne in Flat Fight Following Execution. Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Warden Osborne of Sing Sing today mixed in a fist fight with Patrick McDonald, confidential agent of Superintendent of State Prisons Riley. It is uncertain who struck the first blow. Osborne swore out a warrant charging Riley with assault in the third degree.

Mrs. Becker Prostrated With Grief. New York, July 30.—Mrs. Becker, prostrated with grief at her home in Ossining, when Becker was executed, arrived at her home here early this morning. She almost had to be carried up the steps to the house.

Ossining, N. Y., July 12.—Charles Becker's three-year fight for life, which ended today when the big steel lever in Sing Sing's execution chamber crashed on the current that drove the life from his body, was the most bitterly fought in New York court annals.

Twice had the convicted police lieutenant had his hopes raised only to see them tumble about his ears. Since June 18, this year, however, when the Court of Appeals that once had saved him from the chair, refused to grant a motion to re-argue the appeal, he had been rather resigned to his fate, although he professed hope to the end.

It was exactly three years ago last Sunday that Gambler Herman Rosenthal made the utterances that sealed his fate—when he first publicly accused Becker of being a grafter. Rosenthal, in a published statement, swore that Becker was his partner in the Forty-fifth street gambling house. The police lieutenant, he said, had invested \$1,500 with him. Amplification of these charges followed daily from then until June 14, when Rosenthal made an affidavit of his charges, which was published in New York newspapers. The next day he agreed to go before the grand jury the following day and tell what he knew of New York's police graft.

Shortly after midnight of the 16th Rosenthal was eating a late supper in the grill room of the Hotel Metropolitan in Forty-third street, just off Broadway. A young man, whose identity never was clearly established, appeared at the door and beckoned him. Rosenthal was afraid his enemies would get him, for he had confided as much to District Attorney Whitman when he made his affidavit, but he rose from the table and went out the door.

As he stepped from the door into the street, his frame silhouetted against the brilliantly lighted hotel interior, four men standing on the curb, fired simultaneously and the gambler dropped to the sidewalk. His death was instantaneous.

The murderers ran across the street, jumped into a long grey car, the engine of which was running, and were whirled away while the crowd was gasping. Everything was confusion, but a citizen glimpsed the number on the mar in the melee, and it was on this threat that District Attorney Whitman built the case that sent five men to their death.

Rose admitted he had hired the car and collected the four gunmen, "Gyp" (Continued on Page Three)

SWISS NEUTRALITY VIOLATED, KAISER'S GOV'T IS INFORMED

Formal Complaint to Foreign Office—Belgian Vessel Sunk—Details of Submarine Operations to Be Withheld

(By the United Press) London, July 30.—Switzerland today protested to Germany against a recent violation of its neutrality by German airmen, according to a Berlin dispatch. The Belgian steamer Prince Albert of 1,800 tons, has been mined and sunk, the admiralty announced. The crew were saved. Orders have been issued to the censor's office that hereafter full details regarding the operation of German submarines will not be passed for publication abroad.

GREENSBORO TYPHOID EPIDEMIC FROM DAIRY

Greensboro, July 29.—Dr. W. S. Rankin of the State Board of Health, spent yesterday and today here, and accompanied by Dr. Hyatt, the city physician, made a thorough investigation of the so-called typhoid fever epidemic here. He came here upon invitation of the city authorities. He said that 95 per cent. of the cases in Greensboro could be traced to a single dairy that had used well water in washing the vessels used in the dairy.

Mount Olive, July 29.—A ten-months-old child belonging to Mr. and Mrs. James Fridgen was choked to death at their home here this morning by getting a green pea hull in his throat.

ENGLAND STARTS SECOND YEAR OF THE WAR BETTER PREPARED; GERMANY HAS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN FOR SERVICE YET UNCALLED; FRANCE VIEWS THE FUTURE WITH OPTIMISM

AS SEEN IN PARIS

By William Philip Simms, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Paris, July 30.—One year ago tomorrow, the general mobilization order was posted in France calling the men to the colors. This was war! Today her leaders consider the crisis passed and that victory is only a question of time.

The minister of war, M. Alexander Millerand, has announced that the German offensive is broken, and that the defensive now will be. Prime Minister Rene Viviani, in an interview granted me, declared German resources in money and supplies to be in a bad way, and M. Victor Augagneur, Minister of the Navy, has told me that Germany's submarine war cannot have any effect on the final issue.

France, therefore, is confident, but not over-confident. She realizes that there is yet much work to be done. She argues, however, that if Germany with her flying start, and an army in the pink of condition, and at its maximum strength, could not shatter the French army, caught off its guard by a "brusk attack," the Kaiser's forces are helpless now. For not only has France recovered from that sudden first blow when she stood alone to receive it, but is fitter now than at the start of the war. The English are daily increasing in number and the Russian avalanche is considered inexhaustible.

Any Frenchman, or Frenchwoman will tell you it is only a question of time. France has astonished the world by her staying qualities, by her unanimity of purpose and by her accomplishments.

When you take your summer vacation, let your home paper, The Free Press follow you. Address changed as often as you desire.

OBREGON DEFEATED VILLA FORCE SOUTH OF CITY OF TORREON

No Trouble In Capture of Zacatecas—Torreón Object of Three Constitutionalist Columns, Says Carranza Report

(By the United Press.) Galveston, July 30.—Direct reports from Obregon, forwarded to the Carranzista consulate here, said today he had intercepted a large Villista force south of Torreón, inflicting a severe defeat. He captured Zacatecas without fighting. Obregon, Trevino and Arieta are said to be converging upon Torreón from three directions.

OKUMA AND JAPANESE CABINET QUIT GOVERNMENT

Premier and Ministers Resign As a Result of Recent Dissensions In the Empire—Mikado Considering Very Grave Situation; Has Not Accepted Resignations, Is Report From Tokio

(By the United Press.) Tokio, Japan, July 31.—Count Okuma, the Japanese premier and the cabinet have resigned. The Emperor is considering the action. He has not yet accepted the resignations.

IRVING CALKINS TO LIVE IN GREENVILLE

Morehead City, July 29.—Prof. Calkins, who has been instructor of dancing at the Atlantic Hotel, will leave that place Monday to go to Greenville where he will be located in the future.

ALLEGED EVIDENCE THAT BRITAIN WAS TO BLAME FOR WAR

Germans Say They Have Papers of Belgian Diplomats Written Six Years Ago In Proof of Their Contention—Publication

(By the United Press) Berlin, July 30.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine today began the publication of alleged secret reports, the Belgian ambassadors to London, Paris and Berlin made six years ago. The reports are said to have been only revealed when the Germans found the documents after the capture of Brussels. The reports of the ambassadors of Belgium are alleged to support the German theory that England was responsible for the war. The letters, it is alleged, state that the English alliance with France and Russia was harmful to the peace of Europe.

MORE FIGHTING AT THE LABYRINTH

Paris, July 30.—Striving to recapture the "Labyrinth," the Germans precipitated a fierce hand grenade fight last night, lasting until morning. The fiercest combat was around Souchez.

ASHEVILLE WOMEN WANT HOME FOR DEGENERATES

Asheville, July 29.—One hundred of the representative women of Asheville, at a mass meeting held yesterday, decided to ask the city commissioners to appropriate \$1,000 each for the erection of a house of refuge for the women of the vagrant type of this city.

AS SEEN IN LONDON

AS SEEN IN BERLIN

By Ed. L. Keen, (United Press Staff Correspondent) London, July 30.—England starts upon the second year of the great war with decided advantages over her position of twelve months ago. She has command of the seas. She has an army, trained and in training of nearly three million men. Her "expeditionary force," in France is now firmly entrenched in a position regarded as impregnable, even if the prospects of making a successful general offensive movement are not immediate. Her airmen have established beyond question their superiority in skill and daring over those of the enemy. She is building a great aerial fleet. She has at last begun with all the resources at her command—material and human, to manufacture a preponderating quantity of arms and ammunition—of the right sort. She has back of her a united nation and a united empire.

The war found her unprepared not only from the military standpoint, but politically. The liberal government was apparently riding for a fall. There had been all but mutiny in the army. The Irish had become more turbulent than ever. Sir Edward Carson had established his "Provisional Government of Ulster," and revolution was in sight. India was seething with sedition. Even Canada had shown signs of tiring of the restraint of the mother's apron strings. Industrial unrest was at its height. Altogether, things were in a very bad way.

Now, most of these troubles have disappeared. Some of them remained longer than others, it is true. It has been a year of readjustment. Liberals and Conservatives, Radicals and Tories, now sleep in the same bed. So far as the Irish disaffection, upon which the Kaiser so fondly thanks to the lack of understanding on the part of his emissaries—is concerned, that vanished almost overnight.

RABBI MAYERBERG IN GOLDSBORO 25 YEARS

Goldsboro, July 29.—Rabbi Julius Mayerberg came to Goldsboro twenty-five years ago today and tonight a special service was held at Temple Obsh Shalom of which he has been pastor for a quarter of a century, commemorating that event.

HODGES SUGGESTED MUNICIPALLY OWNED GAS PLANT KINSTON

Former Water and Light Superintendent Conferred With Directors of the Chamber of Commerce—Will Ask Bond Issue Authority from Legislature

Horace Hodges, formerly superintendent of the Water and Light Department here, now of New Bern, Thursday night, told the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, who had asked him to come here to give them his ideas on the subject, that Kinston should have a municipally-owned gas plant by all means. Some of the directors discussed the project from the side of private ownership, but the expert declared it his opinion that it would be better even to wait years, until the Legislature in 1917 would pass an act enabling a bond election to be called, the election could be held and a plant installed, than to invite private capital to operate the works.

Mr. Hodges estimated the initial cost of an "adequate" plant at \$60,000. He said that in numerous instances in this part of the United States city-owned and operated gas works furnish the product for lighting, fuel and heating at a cost less by 25 to 35 cents a thousand cubic feet than that charged by private operators. The directorate passed a resolution asking the administration to have an act enabling the bond election passed at the next session of the General Assembly, which will not be until the spring of 1917.

Pipes are now being put down by the city under streets being paved, to avoid having to tear the surface up later for the purpose. In the event the bond election should fail and private capital should establish a plant in the city, these mains will be sold to the concern.

CONVICTED OF MURDER OF LITTLE DAUGHTER

New York, July 29.—Hyman Liebman, charged with having killed his 7-year-old daughter by throwing her down an airshaft, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in general sessions. Pending a motion to determine the sanity of the prisoner he was remanded to the Tombs.

EASTLAND WRECK IS SIEZED BY OFFICIALS

(By the United Press.) Chicago, July 30.—Acting under orders of Federal Judge Landis, U. S. Marshal Bradley today seized the wreck of the Eastland and placed it in charge of officials of the Justice Department.

MOTHERS AND FATHERS, IF YOU FAVOR CONSERVATION OF THE HEALTH OF YOUR BABIES, SIGN THE PETITION BELOW AND MAIL, SEND OR BRING TO FREE PRESS. The City Council meets in regular session Monday night. At that time a strong effort will be made by the opponents of the anti-fly ordinance to cause its permanent repeal. These opponents have been circulating a petition, and it is reported that they have secured many signatures of people who did not understand what they were signing. If you favor bettering the health of Kinston and saving the lives of the babies, ACT AT ONCE. CUT THIS OUT, SIGN AND SEND TO THE FREE PRESS. To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Kinston, North Carolina: I (or we), the undersigned, favor the conservation of health in Kinston, and to that end we advocate the institution of modern methods of disease prevention. We favor the elimination so far as possible of the filthy fly, and earnestly request you to reinstate the anti-fly ordinance, requiring the regular cleaning of the breeding places of this deadly pest. Signed (To be signed by either men or women.) Address N. B.—Mothers of Kinston, this is an opportunity for you to cast a ballot for baby.