



Russians Plan Attack Berlin In Three Weeks—8,000,000 Men

Russian War Office Admits Four Great Armies, Each With 2,000,000 Men, Moving Against Germany and Austria-Hungary—Claims Russians Winning Victories in All Fighting in East Prussia.

Austria and Japan Have Withdrawn Diplomats

Rumors That The Allied Forces have Been Driven from South Belgium by Germans—Two German Cruisers Sunk—Kiao-Chow is Blockaded by Japanese Fleet.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—Former War Minister Messimy departed for the front today, taking over his portfolio to his successor.

NISH, Aug. 27.—Official announcement following four days battle, shows victorious Serbians driving Austrians towards Lozenitz. The Serbian commander is making every effort to cut off Austrian retreat.

Since the last reports two thousand additional prisoners have been taken and fifty cannon captured. It is admitted that Serbian loss was enormous owing to taking Austrian positions by storm.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—It was officially admitted today that plans of the Russian army are complete, and that the attack on Berlin will occur within three weeks.

It was also admitted today that there are now eight million Russians under arms. The troops are divided in four armies, two millions each.

They are placed in the field from inland mobilization centers, one behind the other, filling the gaps in the front after each engagement.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 27.—The admiral commanding the Japanese fleet from the flagship Suwo formally notified the German government that Kiao Chow is blockaded.

The province gave the American consul twenty-four hours to decide whether to remain or leave. He remained.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—The Austrian ambassador notified Secretary Bryan by wire from Manchester, Mass., that diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and Japan have been severed.

The American ambassador at Vienna will act for Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—The War office declared that the commissariat had made excellent arrangements for feeding the army. It will not be necessary to "live off the country."

BUCHAREST, Aug. 27.—Serbia protests against alleged atrocities by Austrians. It is charged that Austrians outraged old men, women and children on their retreat from Drina. Serbia appeals to the powers to protest to Austria.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—It was announced in the House of Commons

that the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was sunk off the West African coast by the British cruiser Highflyer, whose loss was one killed and five wounded.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the German embassy says Krasnik Russian defeat at Krasnik "caused an attack irresistible by Austrian infantry. The defeat of the Russian main force in Russian Poland is expected to cause swift Austrian advance northward."

The German cruiser Madgeburg was blown up in the Bay of Finland. The hostile fleet attacked, grounded and dynamited the Madgeburg. Most of the crew were saved.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The result of the battle is still in doubt.

An official statement indicates that the British forces supported by the French, especially about Ghent, have withdrawn and now are twenty-five miles within the French frontier.

Censorship is absolute. There are rumors that the allies were entirely driven out of south Belgium. The war office professes to have received no information.

Militant suffragettes broke their self imposed promise not to continue their campaign for votes while the war is in progress. Under the leadership of Mrs. Flora Drummond they besieged the Home Office, demanding to see Secretary McKenna. The police were summoned and seventeen arrests were made. The police had difficulty in saving the women from violence at the hands of crowds.

Unconfirmed newspaper reports say a Danish trawler hit a mine in the North Sea and that four of its crew perished.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—The war office announced that Germans are withdrawing from Eastern Prussia and Galicia toward the Vistula river, leaving quantities of stores and munitions. The First German corps withdrew toward Danzig.

PARIS, Aug. 27.—There was admission that a flanking force of two German army corps is operating against the extreme left of the allied forces. This indicates that the Germans are trying to force a withdrawal of part of the allied center. It is thought the reserves will be able to take care of the left.

The war office announces the German loss "three times ours. Ours staggering."

LONDON, Aug. 27.—"Despite German efforts to minimize the extent and importance of Russian victories," says the Standard's correspondent at Copenhagen, "the German public apparently is by no means satisfied of their security. A panic seems imminent in Berlin. Wealthy Germans already are leaving the city and hastening toward Scandinavia by way of Copenhagen. A number of these already have passed through this city."

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The following official announcement has been made at Antwerp, according to the Reuter correspondent there: "The Belgian operations have succeeded."

JAPANESE PREMIER SENDS MESSAGE TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

HIS COUNTRY DOES NOT WANT TO TROUBLE POSSESSIONS OF OTHER NATIONS.

JAPAN WAS FORCED TO FIGHT, HE DECLARES

New York, Aug. 27.—The Independent will print in its forthcoming issue the following cable message from Count Okuma, premier of Japan:

"I gladly seize the opportunity to send through the Independent a message to the people of the United States who have always been helpful and loyal friends of Japan.

"It is my desire to convince you people of the sincerity of my government and my people in all their utterances and assurances connected with the present regrettable situation in Europe and the Far East.

"Every sense of loyalty and honor obliges Japan to co-operate with Great Britain to clear from these waters the enemies, who in the past, and up to the present and future, menace her interests, her trade, her shipping and her people's lives.

"This Far Eastern situation is not of our seeking. It was ever my desire to maintain peace as will be amply proved.

"I have read with admiration the lofty message of President Wilson to his people on the subject of neutrality.

"We, of Japan, are appreciative of the spirit and motives that inspired the head of your great nation and we feel confident his message will meet with a national response. As premier of Japan, I have stated and I now again state to the people of America and of the world that Japan has no ulterior motive, or desire to secure more territory, no thought of depriving China or other peoples of anything they now possess.

"My government and my people have given their word and their pledge which will be as honorably kept as Japan always keeps her promises."

COTTON MEN TO CONFER TOMORROW

Governor Craig Telegraphs Them to Come to Raleigh Tomorrow to Discuss Situation.

(By United Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 27.—Governor Craig telegraphed prominent cotton men in the State to come to Raleigh tomorrow for a special conference to prevent a necessity to sell cotton at sacrifice prices.

He may abandon the plan for the Atlanta conference in September.

WILSON ON WEEK-END VACATION

Goes to Cornish For Few Days Rest on Urgent Advice of His Physician.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—President Wilson leaves this afternoon for Cornish, N. H., for a week end rest vacation, upon urgent recommendation of his physician.

NORTH CAROLINA BOYS GO TO PARIS TO JOIN THE ARMY

PAUL AND KIFFEN ROCKWELL OF ASHEVILLE ARE EN ROUTE THERE.

WILLING TO OFFER THEIR LIVES FOR THE ALLIES

London, Aug. 27.—Many Americans have enlisted in the foreign legion organized by Captain Ricci, who fought with Garibaldi. The services of the legion have been offered to the British war office, but have not been accepted. The legion contains three thousand men and two thousand officers.

Paul and Kiffen Rockwell, brothers, young college graduates from Asheville, N. C., are among those who left yesterday for Paris to enlist.

Before departing Paul Rockwell said: "We came over to Europe just for a pleasure trip, but have made up our minds we want to fight for the allies. Belgium won our admiration by her game fight. France is in the thick of the fight and we want to help her out as best we can.

"We desire to get into action right away and the French army seems to be the place for us. We realize how serious the game is, but are willing, if necessary, to offer our lives for the allies."

"COMMUNITY LIFE" IS DISCUSSED TODAY BY STATE FARMERS

CONVENTION TO ADJOURN TODAY AFTER ELECTING OFFICERS.

DR. D. H. HILL MAKES VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS

(By United Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 27.—This, the last day of the State Farmers' Convention at the A. & M. College, was devoted principally to the consideration of "community life" in its various phases to be followed this afternoon by the election of the officers for the next year and adjournment.

Dr. D. H. Hill, of A. & M. College, presented the general plan for community development and organization much as it is now being applied in the Salemburg, Sampson county community that is being developed as a model for the State. Dr. W. S. Rankin discussed possibilities of community action along health lines. C. R. Hudson discussed possibilities of community action along productive lines. Prof. C. L. Crofton presented community interests from the educational view point, and Dr. C. H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, presented possibilities of community action in social life and recreation.

The association at noon heard W. R. Meadows, government marketing expert, on advantages of standard cotton grades. Also an address by former Judge F. W. Winston on "The Case of the Farmer," in which he paid highest tribute to the farmer and his mission and importance in life. The convention also heard great pleasure and profit in an address by Hon. James R. Young, commissioner of insurance, on "Land and Loan Associations," a subject that he has developed to such an extent as to command national attention.

And lots of men in this world seem to have been born to take the place of punching bags.

UNITED PRESS TO BE REPRESENTED BY FREDERICK PALMER

FAMOUS WAR CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR TO GO TO THE FRONT.

TO ACCOMPANY BRITISH FORCES ON FIRING LINE

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent and author, will go to the front with the British forces to represent the United Press and other press associations.

The British government has sanctioned the selection of one American.

TURKEY MAY BE DRAWN INTO THE EUROPEAN WAR

WOULD SIDE WITH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AGAINST THE ALLIES.

CABINET WAVERING AS TO FUTURE ACTION

Washington, Aug. 27.—Tension is so acute in Constantinople that diplomats there fear Turkey may at any moment be drawn into the general European war on the side of Germany and Austria.

A strict censorship has been placed on newspapers in Turkey, which are now controlled by the military and are being used, according to diplomatic dispatches here, to create a strong pro-German feeling.

The Turkish cabinet is wavering between a declaration of war and the preservation of neutrality. Diplomatic representatives of the various powers are in constant conference with the government officials and Russia is endeavoring to keep Turkey neutral. The German ambassador, it is understood, has intimated that while Germany wishes Turkey to remain neutral he believed the Ottoman empire should mobilize to prevent an invasion by Russia.

Feeling is most acute over the entry into the Dardanelles of the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau. Great Britain, Russia and France ten days ago requested that if these ships were purchased by Turkey the crews were sent to Germany and Austria, and promised them safe conduct. Yesterday many of the German sailors were still on board and 150 or more are said to have been distributed among Turkish torpedo boats.

The British government is observing these incidents with much disfavor and the situation has been aggravated by the inability of several English merchant ships to pass through the Dardanelles and return after the Grand Vizier had given the requisite permission. Subordinate officials disobeyed the instructions in a way as yet unexplained.

Great Britain has let it be known that if the Goeben and Breslau enter the Mediterranean with German crews aboard, they will be fired on by the English fleet.

Neither Great Britain nor Russia has assumed a threatening attitude diplomatically, hoping to persuade Turkey to remain neutral. A few days ago the Russian ambassador was requested to cease using the wireless on a Russian vessel in the harbor. He acquiesced.

Developments in Turkey were generally discussed yesterday in official circles. The Turkish ambassador here had a long conference with Secretary Bryan, chiefly concerning an alleged statement with which American Ambassador Morgenthau had been credited in some published reports. Later Mr. Bryan issued a statement saying the story that Mr. Morgenthau had predicted a massacre of Christians was untrue.

Mr. Morgenthau's recent telegrams it is understood, reported conditions as much relieved though a week ago there was some apprehension over the position the Americans might be placed in if the war extended to Turkey.

The cruiser North Carolina will go to Constantinople with gold for (Continued on Page Five.)

SPECIAL COUNCIL TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO BISHOP STRANGE

TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON CHURCH EARLY IN OCTOBER.

SEVERAL NEW BERNIANS EXPECT TO ATTEND

Several prominent Episcopallians in New Bern expect to attend the coming special council of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina of the Episcopal church in Wilmington, N. C., early in October.

The purpose of the meeting is the election of a bishop of the diocese to succeed the Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, whose death occurred recently in Wilmington. The selection of a successor to Bishop Strange is a matter of keen interest to the people of the whole State, and news from the council will be eagerly looked forward to.

Wednesday, October 7, is the date set for the meeting of the council at Washington. The council will convene in historic St. Peter's church of that place at 11 o'clock in the morning of that day.

THE BODY FOUND IN MUDDY CREEK NOT YET IDENTIFIED

APPEARED TO BE A MEMBER OF FAMILY OF REFINEMENT—OFFICERS WORKING.

CORONER'S JURY SAYS MAN VICTIM FOUL PLAY

Winston-Salem, Aug. 27.—The body of the unknown person taken from Muddy Creek Tuesday evening about sunset and buried on the bank of the stream temporarily was disinterred yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Flynt, Coroner Dalton and others and an inquest held over the corpse. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the party came to his death at the hands of unknown party or parties.

Upon examination it was found the right jaw bone of the deceased had been broken and that the bones on the right side of the face near the eye had been crushed. No other indications of violence were found.

There were no prominent marks of identification. The body was in such a condition that the age could not be determined with any great degree of certainty, but it was found to be about six feet tall and the weight of the man was estimated at from 135 to 150 pounds. The second bicuspid in the upper left jaw was capped with gold. This was taken from the jaw bone and kept by the authorities.

The man appeared to have been from a family of refinement. The hands and feet were small. The hands were well shaped and the feet had a high instep. The toe showed that he had been accustomed to wearing tight shoes. The nails of both hands and feet were well kept and the palms of the hands had the appearance of hands not accustomed to toil. The limbs were well shaped and slender. The ankles and wrists were small, the fingers fairly long. The skull showed a forehead rather sloping and the chin showed a tendency to be pointed, judging from the shape of the lower jaw bone.

So far the authorities have no clue as to who the deceased is or as to who committed the crime.

BIG WATERMELON TO SECRETARY DANIELS

North Carolina Friend Sends Secretary of Navy Ninety-Two-Pound Watermelon.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Secretary of Navy Josephus Daniels today received a 92-pound watermelon from a North Carolina friend.