

GERMANS TAKE STRONG FORTRESS---BALKANS YET DIVIDED
ARABIC MATTER TO BE ADJUSTED---NEW GERMAN POLICY

IMPORTANT POINT IN HANDS OF THE GERMANS

Brest-Litovsk, One of the Strongest Fortresses in Europe.

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SEEMS ARABIC MATTER WILL BE ELIMINATED AS SOURCE OF DISCORD

Statement of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg Is Regarded As Opening the Way to a Speedy Adjustment—Germany Had Adopted Before the Sinking of the Arabic a Policy Designed to Settle Submarine Question.

Berlin, Aug. 26. The Associated Press states that the Arabic incident may be considered as eliminated as a source of discord between Germany and America, or at least regarded by the Germans in that light. Moreover, Germany in its desire to continue its friendly relations with the United States had adopted before the sinking of the Arabic a policy designed to settle the whole submarine question as affecting the United States. This is shown clearly by the statement of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg last night, particularly by his concluding remarks to the effect that not until all the circumstances as to the sinking of the Arabic were secured would it be possible to say whether the commander went beyond his instructions. In which case Germany would give complete satisfaction to the United States. Furthermore, during the conversation the chancellor referred again to the instructions given to submarine commanders, and it may be said they are designed to prevent a repetition of the Lusitania case and to provide the opportunity for escape of American non-combatants on torpedoed ships. Having given these instructions Germany asked suspension of judgment on the Arabic case, being confident it will be shown the attack was not altogether unprovoked but attributable to a mine explosion or to some action of the vessel itself.

Should it be developed that the submarine acted without authority full reparation will be made by Germany.

Germany is still unable to understand why Americans in these troubled times travel on belligerent ships instead of taking neutral ships, but as they still insist on taking passage on belligerent ships Germany will do her utmost to protect Americans so traveling.

Officials Feel Much Encouraged.

Washington, Aug. 26. Count Bernstorff's visit to Secretary Lansing and the advisers from Berlin containing the chancellor's statement has put a much better face on the whole situation. There was a noticeable relaxation at both the White House and the state department.

Officials feel much encouraged by the apparent desires of Germany to avoid a break with the United States and the president will not finally decide on his course until he has a definite statement on the German government's intention.

It seems certain there will be diplomatic exchanges in the Arabic case. In addition to satisfying this government in that instance it is expected they will take on a general character covering submarine warfare and the rights of neutrals on the seas.

GEN. CARR MAY YET GET IN THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Raleigh, Aug. 26. It is being talked here with increasing confidence by prominent Democratic leaders that General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, is yet to be reckoned with in the 1916 campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

It is known his refusal to seek the nomination up to this time has been on account of Mrs. Carr's illness and it develops that since her death that friends in every section of the state have renewed their insistence that he enter the lists in spite of the impression until now that T. W. Bickett, and E. L. Daughtridge would have the contest between them.

Also it is political gossip having strong semblance of authority that R. H. Hayes, of Durham, will be a new candidate for the attorney generalship. He has been grooming for Congress from the fourth district until now.

SAM FARABEE TO HEAD NEWSPAPER AT HICKORY

Hickory, Aug. 26. The Daily Record is the name of an afternoon paper that will make its appearance here about September 15, under the editorial direction of Sam H. Farabee, until two weeks ago editor-in-chief of the Raleigh Evening Times, which position he resigned to take up newspaper work here.

It is understood that the capital stock of the Clay Printing company (Inc.), a local job printing establishment, has been increased sufficiently to take care of the additional expenditure necessary for the purchase of new machinery required to issue the new paper.

THREE CONFERENCES OF M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, BEING HELD

St. Louis, Aug. 26. Three conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are being held today. Bishop E. R. Hendrix is presiding at Denver conference at Colorado Springs, Bishop W. R. Lambuth is presiding at Roseburg, Wash., and Bishop John C. Kilgo is presiding at the Illinois conference at Patoka, Ill.

REUNION OF FOGG FAMILY IN MAINE

Elliot, Md., Aug. 26. A reunion of the Fogg family has brought to this little Maine village many visitors from all sections of the country. From far off Spokane, Wash., William Stevens Thyns, a descendant of the Fogg pioneers, has come to address the many Fogs at the formal meeting tomorrow. The meeting is being held at the William Fogg Library.

COBB IN TEN YEARS HAS ESTABLISHED RECORD.

Detroit, Aug. 26.—Ty Cobb today celebrated the tenth anniversary of his debut as a major league baseball player. No ceremony was planned by the fans here, but it was expected Cobb would receive an unusual demonstration and probably something more substantial from his friends this afternoon when he stepped to the plate in the Boston series.

Cobb's path of fame which he blazed for himself has never been equalled in the history of baseball. For eight seasons he has been champion batsman of the American League. It seems almost a human impossibility for any rival to wrest the crown from him this year. No batter has ever made such a record.

On August 26, 1905, a boy of 19 years, from the Augusta club of a Class C league, Cobb donned a Detroit uniform and was sent to centerfield by Manager Bill Armour to replace Vic Cooley.

FOURTEEN PERSONS LOST LIVES IN RECENT STORM

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 26.—Fourteen persons met death near Cape San Antonio, Cuba, and the powerful wireless station there was made unfit for use by the recent hurricane, according to a story told today by H. O. Borden, captain of the schooner Caroline Vought, which arrived last night.

He also reported that it was necessary to beach the large fruit schooner Raoder when her cables would not hold. The crew was saved.

OUTLAWS CAPTURED CHARGED WITH MURDER

Asheville, Aug. 26.—That Albert Tolbert and two other men were arrested last night in connection with the murder of E. L. Phillips, and that Hardy Wiggins, now in jail at Robbinville charged with the same offense, has confessed as an accessory to the crime, are the latest developments in the case today.

The men are charged with murders in Western North Carolina and as threats of attempts to liberate them have been made by their friends, it is understood they will be brought to Asheville this afternoon for safe keeping.

NEW LUMBERTON BANK RECEIVES ITS CHARTER

Raleigh, Aug. 26. The Planters' Bank and Trust company, of Lumberton, was chartered yesterday by the Secretary of State, with capital stock of \$250,000 and \$70,000 subscribed. The incorporators are R. W. Jones, New York, A. R. Barnes, Barnesville, J. Shaw, St. Paul.

The Marshville Mining company was also chartered yesterday with capital stock of \$20,000 and subscribed stock of \$2,000. Incorporators, W. C. Curran, W. F. Curran, and J. L. Lummis, of Charlotte.

MRS. LAURA YORK DEAD; HER AGE WAS 84 YEARS

Greensboro, Aug. 26.—Mrs. Laura E. York, aged 84, died yesterday at 3 o'clock, at her home in Pomona. The deceased is survived by a husband, Abel H. York, two sons, Claud C. York, of Pomona, and John B. York, of Rainsboro.

MAYOR WOODWARD EXPLAINS HIS SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 26.—Mayor Woodward stated on his arrival here from San Francisco that in his speech there on the lynching of Leo M. Frank, he had not meant to condone it.

"I deplore the lynching," Mayor Woodward said. "At San Francisco I tried merely to explain conditions leading to the lynching, not to extend sympathy. I said nothing that I would not say to former Governor Slaton; my remarks regarding his return to Georgia were given more in the nature of a warning than to emphasize my statements of conditions in the state."

WOMEN MEMBERS HEARD AT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Asheville, Aug. 26. Dr. George R. Stuart, of Knoxville, Tenn., spoke at the Epworth league conference at Lake Junaluska on "Lopsided Folks." The balance of the day was devoted to addresses by various women members of the organization. Miss Eva Trawick, of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Mabel Howell, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Miss Emma Robinson, of Chicago, were among the speakers. Rev. S. A. Nablett, presiding elder of the central district of Cuba, M. E. church, south, told the delegates of work accomplished in Cuba.

Passengers Aboard the Arabic



Miss STELLA CAROL



KENNETH DOUGLAS



ZELLA COVINGTON

Among the many passengers aboard the Arabic, which was sunk by a German submarine, was Miss Stella Carol, a young English girl, coming to America to begin a musical career. Kenneth Douglas and Zella Covington also were coming to New York to act in different plays. No one had time to save personal possessions. Women who had been at breakfast in their morning dresses and without hats hurried to the boat deck and into the boats. Stewards drove back all who tried to reach their staterooms to get any of their belongings.

COUNT BERNSTORFF HAS A CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY LANSING

He Reiterates the Assurances Previously Given As to Germany's Attitude in the Arabic Matter—Another Communication on the Subject From Berlin Is Expected.

Washington, Aug. 26. Count von Bernstorff conferred for more than an hour today with Secretary Lansing. The ambassador reiterated it was not the intent of the German government that any Americans should have lost their lives on the Arabic.

Another communication is expected from Berlin and pending its receipt Count Bernstorff will remain at the embassy.

It is believed the next word from Germany will be an announcement that pending further negotiations submarine warfare on passenger ships will be discontinued and that submarine commanders have already been instructed not to sink merchant vessels without warning.

It is understood Germany will revise her proposal for a modus vivendi or relaxation for British restriction on neutral commerce. In German quarters it was said this step was in contemplation in Germany for some time.

A VILLA COMMANDER WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Washington, Aug. 26. Official advice today said General Hernandez, Villa's commander at Leon, near Monterrey, had been wounded and had lost part of his staff in a recent battle with Carranza's forces. His forces have been withdrawn, the dispatches say.

CHAUTAQUA OPENS AT MARTINSVILLE MONDAY.

Martinsville, Va., Aug. 26. The Chautauqua quaranters are busy preparing for the opening of the Chautauqua here on Monday, the 30th. Tickets here are being sold and the prospects are that there will be a large crowd in attendance next week. The program this year is a most excellent one, and those who attend are assured of having a good time.

A GERMAN SUBMARINE IS SUNK OFF BELGIAN COAST.

London, Aug. 26.—A German submarine has been sunk at Ostend, Belgium, by an aeroplane. No official announcement has been made as to the loss of the submarine.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Indianapolis, Aug. 26.—James (Bud) Gibson, who was indicted with Thomas Taggart, Mayor Joseph E. Bell and others, charged with election frauds here in 1914, pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge today. His bond was fixed at \$5,000, and he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

62 AVIATORS IN AN ATTACK MADE AT SAARELOUIS

They Fly Over a German Arms Factory, Throwing More Than 150 Shells.

RAID IS BIGGEST YET

Much Aerial Activity Now, the Aeroplanes Being Sent Out in Flottillas.

Paris, Aug. 26.—Sixty-two French aviators on yesterday flew over a German arms factory north of Saarelois, throwing down a total of more than 150 shells. Thirty were of large calibre.

So far as official reports have disclosed there never has previously been an air raid of such magnitude.

Press dispatches have indicated that the belligerents have built great numbers of aeroplanes and these are now sent forth in flottillas.

Yesterday's raid was the third in this part of Germany during the last three weeks. On August 9 Saarebruecken was bombarded and three days later the neighboring towns of Saint Ingbert and Zweibruecken were attacked. Eight persons were killed in the latter raid.

NIGHT RIDERS FACING JUSTICE IN KENTUCKY

Hartford, Ky., Aug. 26.—The long struggle of the authorities with lawlessness in this portion of western Kentucky culminated in Ohio county circuit court here yesterday when a group of a total of more than three score persons were placed on trial for alleged participation in night riding outrages. When court adjourned for the day two men had pleaded guilty, nine others were on trial and 53 were awaiting a hearing.

The two men who threw themselves on the mercy of the court were sentenced to three years each in the penitentiary for flogging a man and a woman. One of the defendants is the son-in-law of the prosecuting witness. The nine men on trial were indicted with them. Charges against the remainder allege maltreatment of various persons and the murder of a negro.

Scores of persons in Ohio and contiguous counties have been flogged at night and their homes riddled with bullets within the last ten months by bands of mounted men. Whites and negroes alike have suffered.

The authorities say reasons advanced to the victims indicated the night riders were endeavoring to regulate the conduct of communities thru intimidation, displace negro labor with white and fix prices which merchants should charge for merchandise.

The guilty plea of the first two cases called, those of Jerry Clark and Ernest Webster, caused surprise. It was believed all the defendants would resist conviction.

A. MITCHELL PALMER ADMITS HE IS 'M. P.'

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—The North American says: "A. Mitchell Palmer, former Pennsylvania congressman, personal friend of President Wilson, has not only identified himself as the mysterious 'M. P.' figuring in the German propaganda exposure of the New York World but Palmer also furnishes additional revelations of a startling nature."

"Palmer makes it plain that on the very day when the World charges 'M. P.' with having gone to President Wilson in search of confidential information for the German propagandist, he also declined his appointment to the Court of Claims."

"This put him definitely in the field as a candidate for Secretary Lansing's former position as Counselor to the State Department, with the German propaganda exposure behind him."

"In the World's exposures it has been shown that one of the schemes of the German government's secret agents in this country was to embroil this country with England over shipment of cotton to neutral countries. The German agents planned to buy up enormous quantities of cotton and ship them to Denmark and other neutral countries, from which the cotton readily could be transhipped to Germany."

SEEMS THAT JAPAN WILL MAKE SHELLS FOR ALLIES.

Tokio, Aug. 26.—The establishment of special factories for the manufacture of shells will be a part of the assistance which Japan will give her allies, it is learned. Details of the plans for furnishing munition supplies have been discussed by the ambassadors.