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POLISH ARMIES POUNDED TO PIECES BY BOLSHEVIK HORDES; BREST LITOVSK HAS FALLEN

Americans in Warsaw Remain There at Their Own Risk - Resistance of Polish Armies Relaxes - New Soviet Government Has Been Set Up.

WARSAW, Aug. 3.—Brest Litovsk, the last great fortress guarding Warsaw from the east, has apparently fallen before a tremendous assault by the Russian bolshevik. North of that place, soviet forces have smashed their way forward in their drive westward to a point only sixty miles east of this city.

Over a front of 120 miles, Polish armies are being pounded to pieces before the rush of bolshevik hordes which are being hurled into the battle in a desperate attempt to capture Warsaw before the conclusion of the armistice conference at Kobryn. Reinforcements are everywhere being hurried to the front by the Russians to complete the defeat of the Poles before hostilities are halted.

An official statement issued late last night showed the soviet armies had reached a line running from Kosaki to Ciechanowicz, which is only 60 miles from this city, with which it is connected by an excellent automobile highway.

Great masses of bolsheviks have been flung against the Polish breastworks defending the part of Brest Litovsk east of the river Bug. Fugitives who arrived here last night from that city reported the soviet forces were in control of the eastern half of the town. It is officially admitted the Russians have reached Mielnika, northeast of Brest Litovsk.

Far to the southeast, near Brody, the bolsheviks have rushed reinforcements into the line and it is expected a terrific attack will be launched there for the purpose of capturing Lemberg before an armistice is declared.

On the northern sector, soviet troops have advanced and have reached the region of Ostrolenski, which is but 66 miles from Warsaw. Cavalry regiments form the extreme tip of the right wing of the advancing bolshevik line, and here, too, fresh forces are being brought up. Apparently it is planned to carry the drive much nearer this city before Wednesday, the earliest date set by the soviet plenipotentiaries for reaching a decision relative to an armistice with Poland.

CROWDS LEAVING WARSAW BY THE THOUSANDS
WARSAW, Aug. 2.—Applications for passport visas by persons wishing to leave Warsaw have more than doubled at the American consulate since the beginning of the soviet offensive which now is hammering at the gates of Poland. Consulate employes worked all day Sunday and did not leave their desks until late at night, and today it was stated that upward of 3,000 visas are passed upon each week. Most of the applicants are women and children who have friends in America.

Crowds jammed the streets near the consulate on Sunday, and extra gendarmes were stationed there to maintain order and to divert traffic to other streets. As a war measure the military authorities have prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of beer, in Warsaw district.

Meanwhile at various distances to the north, northeast and east of the Vistula, in a great semi-circle, the work of building trenches and erecting barbed wire defenses is being carried on with great haste.

It is estimated already about 120 American women and children have left Warsaw, most of them proceeding to Danzig.

SENATOR HARDING SHOWS 'EM HOW IT'S DONE
MARION, O., Aug. 3.—Senator Harding, the republican presidential nominee, is going to prove to the public that he is a real printer. Today he threw aside his coat, rolled up his sleeves and "made up" the first page of his paper while motion picture machines recorded his actions.

All work at the newspaper plant suspended while the pictures were being made and employes gathered about to see their boss working while they loafed. The senator kept up a rapid fire of conversation with his fireman while at work.

NATIONAL DEBT REDUCED.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The gross national debt was reduced a total of \$78,404,453 during July, according to the treasury statement today. This leaves the public debt at \$24,222,917,013. The reduction was accomplished through the retirement of that amount of treasury certificates of indebtedness.

—Mrs. J. Y. Miller is expecting her mother, Mrs. W. W. Jenkins, of Lynchburg, Virginia, to arrive in Gastonia today to spend some time as her guest at her home on West Third avenue.

WILL ENTERTAIN CAROLINA CLUB BOYS

Prospects Are That Gastonia Will Have Sixty Farm Club Boys During Big Fair Week in October - Will be Part of Live Stock Judging Team En Route to Atlanta.

Gastonia will entertain sixty of the livest of the club boys of North Carolina for two nights and a day during the Big Gaston County Fair, it is believed from present prospects.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce held Monday afternoon to consider various matters a cordial invitation was extended the state club work officials to follow this plan.

It is understood that the place attained by the Live Stock show of the Big Gaston County Fair has won its special recognition on this regard. The plan is for the club boys who will try out for the team to represent North Carolina at the International Stock Judging Contest at the Great Southeastern Fair at Atlanta the week after the Big Gaston County Fair to come to Gastonia and for a team to be selected from the boys of the state, based upon the merit of their work in a stock judging contest at the fair here.

The team selected will go on to Atlanta for the International Contest there. County Agent Gowan had already been planning to get the Gaston County boys into the lists for the world contest and it is expected that the coming of the boys here will arouse greater interest among the boys of the county in going after the places of high honor.

GOX SHAPING AFFAIRS FOR BIG DAY SATURDAY

DAYTON, O., Aug. 3.—Another appeal for aid to secure ratification of the woman suffrage amendment in Tennessee was made today to Governor Cox, democratic presidential candidate. Mrs. Abbie Scott Baker, political chairman of the national woman's party, brought him reports that unless efforts are increased Tennessee's legislature would refuse ratification.

Mrs. Baker said that after weeks of work of a careful canvass of Tennessee legislators rejection of the amendment appeared certain. She came here to exchange information on the Tennessee situation with Governor Cox and to ask him to press the suffrage cause more vigorously. She will go on a similar mission to Senator Harding, the republican candidate, today or tomorrow.

DAYTON, O., Aug. 3.—State and personal affairs had precedence today before Governor Cox, following completion of arrangements for next Saturday's ceremonies to notify him formally of his democratic presidential nomination. No visitors had engagements before the latter part of the week and by that time the governor hoped to have all state and personal business out of the way, to devote himself to completion of the democratic campaign organization and to conferences with many democratic leaders coming for the notification.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the vice presidential nominee, is to be Governor Cox's guest for the notification. Although the governor had hoped to attend Mr. Roosevelt's notification August 9 at Hyde Park, N. Y., conferences next week with party leaders on campaign plans and arranging his own speaking itinerary may preclude the trip to the Roosevelt event. The presidential nominee plans to spend most of next week here cleaning up party and personal affairs, to start his first extensive speaking trip week after next, probably in northern New York and New England, after addressing the Ohio democratic convention at Columbus, August 17.

Today was the first registration day for the Ohio primary elections August 10, but having a residence in a country township where Trail's End is situated, Governor Cox is not required to register.

—Mrs. Maud Beatty, who has been spending her four weeks vacation at Lincolnton and other places, returned to her work at Schneider's Monday morning.

—Miss Ella Ratchford, of the Pleasant Ridge section, was among the visitors in the city Monday afternoon.

BIG BLOCKADE STILL DISCOVERED AND CAPTURED NEAR CHERRYVILLE

Mayor John J. George, of Cherryville, With Assistance of Gaston County Deputies Uncovers Big Moonshine Plant in Underground Pit 48 Feet Long and 16 Feet Wide - How it Was Done - Description of Distillery.

The article appearing herewith was prepared for The Daily Gazette by Mayor John J. George, of Cherryville, who has been especially active since he assumed office in breaking up lawlessness in Cherryville township. He has plans on foot now to bring together the sheriffs, mayors and police officials of the towns and cities of Gaston, Cleveland, Burke, Lincoln and Catawba counties, for a conference as to the best means of breaking up the illegal whiskey traffic coming out of the South Mountain section.

The story as told by Mr. George below is a graphic account of the events leading up to the capture of a mammoth moonshine still. It is reported that McGinnas, a few years ago, had a similar pit constructed in a cornfield, and that corn was cultivated over it, so successful was the camouflage.

Mr. McGinnas was released under a \$1,000 bond, and the preliminary trial will be held next Monday, August 9, before Squire S. S. Morris.

Mr. George's account is as follows: Charley McGinnas, the subject of this sketch, was born and raised on Little Beaverdam Creek, near St. Mark's Lutheran church, and is about 35 years old. His father, John Moses McGinnas, lived near where his son Charley now lives. The old homestead is a fine tract of land to this day and is rather an ideal location for blockading. Years ago when I first came to this county numerous stills were found on this tract of land and the land of Jacob Baker adjoining. Luther Baker, the son of Jacob Baker, has been in numerous distilling escapades and served on the county roads for his misdeeds. These old neighbors lived right near each other and were regular attendants at old St. Mark's church. Jacob Baker had a long white beard like the patriarchs of old and was the sexton of the church, rang the bell and made the fires in the winter. He never talked much and never knew anything about any stills, but there were in those days, 20 to 25 years ago, stills always doing business on his lands.

Moses McGinnas had a long, white beard too and a heavy mustache, a strong body, and a keen eye, and it was rumored that stills could be found on his premises. He liked a dram and on big occasions or election day he would occasionally take too much and then he was rather insulting and talkative. Both McGinnas and Baker were Democrats and Lutherans, and regular attendants at church. Both men lived to a considerable age and have been dead for several years.

Charley McGinnas is a smooth article, has a keen eye, is cunning, resourceful, and takes pride in doing unusual distilling stunts. Some years ago the officers found a distillery on his place in a deep hole, in the ground and dug up whiskey for this and put under five years' good behavior bond, and now he is in trouble again before the five years have expired. Officers, I understand, searched his premises all along the past year but nothing could be found. Charley would come to Cherryville and often he appeared to be under the influence of whiskey and was suspected of selling and delivering whiskey to consumers in town, but no positive evidence could be had against him. His was a clear case where you positively knew he was guilty and yet lacked evidence. He drove his automobile recklessly and had many accidents and wild times.

About two weeks ago I got word that his distillery was located in his hog pasture and had been running at that very place for about a year and was in full blast. Last Monday morning I took Chief Painter, Gowan, and Deputy Sheriff Clay Kiser and we decided we would try our best to locate it. We started down on Little Beaverdam and followed up a small stream that headed near the east side of his hog pasture. This is the stream that has been looked over dozens of times. It has high, round banks, thick timber, briars and underbrush all along the stream for nearly half a mile and ends abruptly right near the hog pasture. When we reached the source of this bright frisky stream we were momentarily nonplussed. Then I heard children talking and I went around carefully and I saw they were picking blackberries. I saw a large fat hog that would easily average 300 pounds each. Then we all concluded the distillery must be in that pasture and soon the McGinnas children moved towards the house and we moved up farther and searched in different directions separately. I soon smelled the whiskey, but I could not locate the direction. After considerable tramping we all got up to within a few hundred yards of the barn and I observed Painter and Kiser wave at me. I went to them and they said: "We have found it. There it is." Kiser said: "I never saw any-

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKE FIRST STEP TOWARD TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL

Take Formal Action Backing up General Committee Appointed Some Weeks Ago - Commissioners Are in Favor of Tubercular Hospital.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday morning interest centered in the action of the board on the request for a bond election for the purpose of getting money to build a county tubercular hospital. Under a new statute the board of county commissioners may order such an election, which was not formerly possible. A number of prominent citizens of the county were present and asked the board to authorize the election. Each presented strong reasons why Gaston should have the hospital.

Miss Alice Ward red cross nurse, stated on authority that 40 per cent of the colored people in the county have tuberculosis. Although such a large number of white people do not have the disease, nevertheless, since the negroes come into such close contact with the white people, it would be advisable to have not only a hospital for whites but a division nearby for the colored people as well. It was stated that at the very lowest estimate tuberculosis costs Gaston county \$400,000 a year. And consequently a sanatorium, costing \$100,000, is a good financial proposition. Mr. John George, of Cherryville, and Mrs. W. B. Puett, of Belmont, each expressed their desire to have the proposed sanatorium in the county and stated that the people in their sections of the county were unanimously in favor of it.

Colonel Armstrong stated that a county which has returned \$85,000,000 in taxable property will assuredly find it easy to build a \$100,000 hospital. After traveling over practically all of the United States, Colonel Armstrong says that he has seen no place more live and more progressive than Gaston county and he expects to see the county show its progressive spirit specifically by building the hospital for those in Gaston suffering from tuberculosis.

Upon Motion by Mr. R. Grady Rankin that the board of county commissioners authorize Mr. A. G. Mangum to draw up a bill which would make available not more than \$150,000 for the purpose of building the county tubercular hospital the board voted without a dissenting voice in favor of the motion. While it is the purpose of the board to build a \$100,000 hospital, it was considered only prudent to make the larger amount available at this time of uncertainty. The commissioners desired to avoid such delay as was experienced in the case of another hospital in the county.

MR. HENDRICKS BADLY HURT IN FALL FROM POLE

Mr. John Odus Hendricks, son of Mr. W. A. Hendricks, of Gastonia, route four, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured Monday afternoon when he fell from a Southern Power line pole 40 feet to the ground at Mayworth, sustaining injuries to his skull and a badly injured hip and back.

Mr. Hendricks was engaged in repair work at the top of the pole and was just in the act of strapping himself to the pole when his hand struck a live wire. This caused him to lose his balance and he fell to the ground. He was brought to the city hospital where his injuries were attended to. His skull is fractured in several places, and physicians are doubtful as to his recovery.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT SUNNYSIDE SATURDAY

Dr. R. E. Brookbank, Richmond, Va., has been secured to make an address at the annual Farmer's Institute which will be held at Sunnyside school house next Saturday, August 7. Dr. Brookbank is chief inspector of Tuberculosis eradication among cattle for North Carolina and Virginia, which is conducted by the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry. This institution has become an annual occasion with the Sunnyside community and quite an attractive program has been prepared this year with the following speakers from Gaston county: addition to the above named speaker: Messrs. M. L. Mauney, Fred M. Allen, C. B. Armstrong, Carl Carpenter, Dr. D. A. Garrison, Miss Alice Ward, Red Cross nurse.

The program will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. At noon a basket dinner will be served, after which there will be an afternoon program.

Everybody is invited. Come, bring well filled baskets and have a good time.

ROOSEVELT'S ITINERARY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The complete itinerary of the western speaking tour of Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice presidential candidate, beginning in Chicago August 11, and ending in Indianapolis August 31, was announced at democratic headquarters here today. It will be made in special car.

SITUATION IN POLAND ALLIED STAND POINT FAST NEARING A POINT

Over Front of 120 Miles Polish Armies Driven Back by Bolsheviki in Desperate Attempt to Capture Warsaw Before Conclusion of Armistice.

All advices today indicate that the situation from the Polish allied standpoint, is approaching a crisis. The Polish delegation which went to Brest Litovsk to negotiate an armistice not only failed to obtain terms favorable to the Poles, but was sent back to Warsaw by the bolsheviks, who demanded that the emissaries obtain a mandate from the soviet government to negotiate peace negotiations. This will delay even the armistice negotiations until tomorrow, at the earliest. Meanwhile the resistance of the Polish army, apparently had been stiffening, has again relaxed under the tremendous pressure of the bolshevik armies, which the Russians now are only 60 miles distant, and which are being driven back by Bolsheviki in desperate attempt to capture Warsaw before conclusion of armistice.

Coincident with the serious military developments, an announcement from Moscow that a soviet government had been set up in the portions of Poland which Bolsheviki occupy.

Y. P. C. U. CONVENTION AT HUNTERSVILLE TODAY

Much interest here is centering in the convention of the North Carolina Young People's Christian Union of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, which begins at Huntersville this evening and continues through Wednesday evening. A Gastonia young man, Mr. William J. Whitesides, appears as one of the speakers on the program at this convention. The general theme for the meeting is "The Approved Workman." The text will be 1st Timothy, 2:15. The program follows:

TUESDAY EVENING.
Devotional exercises.
"The Approved Workman" (To be supplied).
"The Open Door at Hillcrest"—C. O. Williams.
"The Open Door in India"—Rev. J. W. Ransom.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
"The Y. P. C. U. is a Working Force."
1. How It Develops the Spiritual Life—Mrs. Evelyn Douglas.
2. How It Trains for Service—Mr. Calvin Field.
3. An Effectual Agency for Service—Mr. W. J. Whitesides.
4. Essentials of Success in Y. P. C. U. Work—Miss Catherine Pressley.
"How Can I Meet My Responsibility to the Whole World?"—Rev. F. T. McGill.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
Devotional service—Rev. J. M. Bigman.
"Four P's in Y. P. C. U. Work"—Rev. J. A. Cosby, D. D.
Open meeting.
Business meeting.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.
"Soldiers or Slackers"—Dr. J. A. Cosby.
"Conservation and Closing Service"—Rev. J. W. Carson, D. D.

Those from Gastonia who will attend the convention are Mr. Lowry Miller, Miss Blanche Carson, Miss Margaret Spencer, and Mr. William Whitesides, who left this morning, and also Mrs. J. Y. Miller, Miss Ruth Hanna, Miss Grace Henry and Mr. R. N. Baird, assistant pastor of the First A. R. P. church, who will leave tomorrow morning.

The local organization of the Y. P. C. U. has held the banner of excellence, which is awarded every year to the class making the highest mark in a standard system of grading adopted by the state organization. Only once since the banner has been offered has it gone to any other class. The Y. P. C. U. of the Gastonia church will try again this year to take the prize, although others are running it a close race.

—Accompanied as far as Chimney Rock by Messrs. Albert Milnow and H. G. Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Washam and Misses Lula and Bertie Stowe left Sunday to spend a week's vacation in the mountains. While away they will stop at Chimney Rock, Asheville, and Lake Junaluska.

—Miss Ruth Boaz, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schneider on East Long avenue for the past month, returned to her home in Atlanta. Miss Boaz was accompanied by her friend, Miss Dora Schneider, who will probably be her guest for a month.

A Chicago man has designed a motorcycle to be bolted to the frame of a motorcycle and side car to convert it into a two seated roadster.

AMERICANS WILL REMAIN IN WARSAW AT THEIR OWN RISK

WARSAW, Aug. 3.—The American legation in Warsaw has received word from the Polish government that Americans who remain in Warsaw must do so at their own risk.

Word was also received from the Polish government that the legation should take the capital at its own risk. It was stated that the legation would be responsible for the safety of the individuals requested to remain in the city. The indications were that Americans would continue to be naturalized citizens might be in Warsaw.

Armistice Negotiations

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 3.—The news of an armistice between Poland and Russia has been received by wireless dispatch received here today. It says the Polish government in Brest Litovsk for Warsaw, has presented to its government the mandate that the Polish government should sign an armistice agreement, but that setting forth fundamental conditions of peace.

"Without this," the mandate said, "it will be impossible to reach an armistice."

Provisional Soviet Government

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Provisional Soviet Government has been formed in Poland that have been captured by soviet troops, according to a message received here today.

Julian Mankievsky is chairman of the Provisional Soviet Government. The new soviet has issued a call to the laborers of Poland to rise "against Pilsudski's land owner government." The manifesto declares peace between Russia and Poland possible through soviet mediation.

Reports of Captured Polish

(By The Associated Press.)
PARIS, Aug. 3.—The latest reports received by the French foreign office confirm the reports that the Russians captured the defenses of Brest Litovsk, but state that the city itself was more than three miles distant, but was taken. The defensive works were captured Monday.

The first Polish army, defending the Bug and Narow rivers, the advance of the fourth Polish army, defending the

OCCUPIED BREST LITOVSK AUG. 3

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Russian occupied Brest Litovsk August 1. It is announced in Monday's official statement from Moscow, received today. Further progress of the soviet troops toward Warsaw on the road from Bialystok is reported in the communication, which reads:

"In the Lomna region our troops have occupied Sestevsky (west of Gostomir, close to the German border)."
"Southwest of Bialystok we are advancing on Manavich (Manavich is 10 miles northeast of Warsaw)."