

GREAT BLAST TEARS TO BITS GOVT. HOUSES

Many Men May Have Been Killed by Explosion at Mare Island Navy Yard

INQUIRY NOW BEING CONDUCTED

Government Admits That Many Have Been Injured—Various Reports As to Number of Dead—Cause So Far Not Made Public

Twelve of 15 magazines were badly damaged by the explosion, the force of which broke thousands of windows in Vallejo, half a mile away.

Several buildings, used as sleeping quarters for detachments of gunners, were wrecked. Whether any men were in these buildings is not known.

Among the injured were: Lieut. C. Bird, U. S. Marine Corps and two other men, residents of Pasadena, who were passengers on the El Capitan, a ferry boat operating between South Vallejo and Vallejo Junction.

HAWAIIAN MILITIA ANXIOUS GO TO FRONT

Washington, July 9.—A report that the Hawaiian militia are being made up of 2,000 Hawaiian militiamen, according to J. Kubio Kalaniana'ole, Hawaiian delegate in Congress, who is urging favorable action by the War Department.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT ROME

Rome, July 9.—Pope Benedict was awakened by an earth shock which shook the whole of Rome early Sunday morning. Many people dressed, others left their homes, fearing a second shock.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY U-BOAT

The Crew Was Landed On Island Off French Coast

London, July 9.—The American steamer Massapequa was sunk on Saturday by a German submarine. The crew was landed at the small island of Sein, off the French coast, 28 miles southwest of Brest.

AMATEUR CONTEST ON MIDLOTHIAN LINKS

Chicago, July 9.—Kenneth B. Edwards, of Chicago, with 72 strokes for the 18 holes, led the elimination round of the Western Amateur Golf tournament at the Midlothian Country Club today.

NEUT. AMBASSADORS INVITED CONFERENCE

London, July 9.—According to reports reaching Rotterdam from Berlin and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph, Emperor William invited the neutral ambassadors and ministers to a conference on Saturday.

SITE FOR A SECOND CAMP ENTIRELY IN GEN. WOOD'S HANDS

Wilmington Delegation In Washington Advised As to That Today

RAILWAY CLERKS GO OUT ON STRIKE

The Seaboard Office Force In Richmond Strike for Increase of Salary

TO TRAIN OFFICERS FOR MERCHANT FLEET

Washington, D. C., July 9.—Six additional schools for chief officers of the American mercantile marine are to be opened today.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE TO TAKE VILLAGES.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, July 9.—Several villages and more than 7,000 men have been captured by the Russians, west of Stanislaw in Galicia, the War Office announces.

SELECTIVE DRAFT DRAWING SATURDAY

Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand and Eighty-Seven to Be Selected.

Washington, July 9.—Unofficially, it was indicated today that 687,000 is the number of men to be selected for the first National War army from the millions registered June 5.

MARINE CORPS CAMP ALMOST READY

Washington, July 9.—The marine training camp at Quantico, Va., consisting of approximately 250 buildings with accommodations for 6,500 men, will be ready for occupancy by August 1, according to present prospects.

BOMBS DROPPED ON KRUPP WORKS

Amsterdam, July 9.—A frontier correspondent of the Handelsblad reports that 5 persons were killed and several houses were destroyed during the bombardment of the German city of Essen, home of the great Krupp works, Friday night.

APPEAL FOR NEGRO TO THE GOVERNORS OF SEVERAL STATES

Made By Head of Industrial Training School at Durham

GOVERNOR BICKETT'S REPLY TO SAME

Department's Canning Bulletin to Be Reprinted—Good Work By Raleigh Woman's Club

Raleigh, July 9.—Governor Bickett, replying Saturday to the open letter of Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, a telegram sent to 17 Governors of the Union, calls upon colored leaders to bring back their refugees now in other States.

Governor Bickett does not put it just that way, but he uses the troubles of a Western State as illustration of the South's capacity to treat the negro better than the sections which have no race issue.

OFFICER SHOT HIM IN SELF DEFENSE

Deputy Sheriff of Onslow Had To Kill Negro He Had Arrested Sunday

Jacksonville, N. C., July 9.—That Deputy Sheriff John R. Gurganus acted in defense of his own life when he, last night, shot and killed Winslow Hassell, a negro, was the verdict of the coroner's jury.

BUMOR OF CHANGE OF GERM. PREMIER

Prince Von Buelow Mentioned Among Those Spoken of For the Place

Amsterdam, July 9.—The Tagblatt of Berlin, says it is rumored that a change in the Berlin chancellery may be expected. Among those mentioned as the possible successor of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, is Prince von Buelow, former chancellor; Count von Hertling, Bavarian prime minister, and Count von Rodern, secretary of the imperial treasury.

Count von Hertling has had several conferences recently with Austro-Hungarian officials, presumably in regard to peace questions. He is said to favor peace without cash indemnity.

GERARD BACK TO PRIVATE LIFE.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 9.—James Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, has resigned from the diplomatic service and returned to private life.

IMMEDIATE ACTION ON AIRCRAFT BILL

Urged On House Committee By Advocates of This War Measure

Washington, July 9.—Brig. Gen. Squier, chief signal officer, and other army experts, appeared today before the House Military committee to advocate immediate action on the bill providing for the War Department's great aviation program.

ELECTION TOMORROW OF ELKS GRAND RULER

Boston, Mass., July 9.—This city was given over today to the thousands of delegates and visitors to the annual convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

LONGSHOREMEN UNION IN ANNUAL SESSION

Toledo, O., July 9.—200 delegates present from the United States, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, South America and Central America, the annual convention of the International Longshoremen's Union began here today.

NEW AND POWERFUL BLOWS ARE STRUCK BY RUSSIAN ARMY

CHINESE EMPEROR HAS ABDICATED

Royalist Movement Work of German Agents—The Success Short-Lived

London, July 9.—The dispatch from Peking early this morning announcing the abdication of Hsuan Tung, the young Emperor who was put back on the throne by General Chang-Hsun, is corroborated by a cablegram received today from Reuter's correspondent there.

REVOLT THREATENED BY CATALONIANS

Madrid, July 9.—The government yesterday decided that the present time was inopportune to summon Parliament. The question was considered at a cabinet meeting on request of a number of Catalanian senators and deputies.

PREPARING TO DEFEND THE SACRED CITY

Peking (Via Tien Tsin), July 9.—General Chang Hsun, head of the imperialist forces, is provisioning the Forbidden City and strengthening its defenses.

NAVAL AIR FORCE BEING BUILT UP

Secretary Daniels Asks Congress for Forty-Five Million Dollars For It

Washington, July 9.—Congress was asked by Secretary Daniels today to appropriate \$45,000,000 for naval aeronautics in addition to the amounts carried in this year's appropriation bill.

SQUADRON FLIGHT OF ARMY PLANES

Chicago, July 9.—What is believed to have been the longest squadron flight of army airplanes so far was quietly accomplished today.

Gateway to Lemberg Seems Doomed As Brusiloff's Men Assail Germans

THOUSANDS OF MORE PRISONERS TAKEN

Austro-German Attacks Fail to Shake Off Russians North of Stanislaw—Teutons Attack French in West But Without Success—Russian Cavalry Pursuing Retreating Germans

New and powerful blows are being struck by the Russians in Galicia. Apparently they have been on the Austro-German line west of Stanislaw, south of Halicz, as today's official report from Petrograd not only reports important gains for the Russians in the Stanislaw area, but declares the Russian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy.

GERMANS AT WORK

Tokio, Friday, July 6 (Delayed).—According to reports reaching Tokio, the movement to restore the Manchurian dynasty in China is being aided by German agents.

ALLIED AIRPLAINS ON GERMAN TERRITORY

Berlin (Via London), July 8.—(Per Wireless Press).—One German airplane was lost in yesterday's raid on London, and a British plane was shot down over the city, it is announced officially.

GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYED MYNE

London, July 8.—A German torpedo boat was destroyed Saturday by striking a mine north of Ameland in the North Sea, according to a Hague dispatch. The members of the crew, with the exception of two men, were drowned. The vessel had been in commission only a fortnight.