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TROOP TRAIN DYNAMITED MANY GERMANS KILLED

Was Traversing Aalsac Lorain--German Air Ship Fleet Attempts to Bombard Paris With Bombs--Russian Fleet Defeated by the Germans--England Mobilizing Troops and Will Probably Declare War Today--President Wilson Asks Congress for Money for Americans in Distress Abroad.

YESTERDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WAR CRISIS.

- A German troop train traversing Alsac Lorain, was blown up and two hundred soldiers were killed.
- Germany violated the neutrality with Belgium by seizing Arlon and also violated neutrality with Switzerland by taking Basle.
- The Swiss Congress called out the reserves to defend that country but will not take part in universal war.
- The German fleet defeated the Russian fleet off Aland Island in the Gulf of Bothnia by driving one vessel ashore and the others took refuge in the Gulf of Finland.
- The German Cruiser bombarded and set fire to the Russian port of Libau and set fire thereto.
- President Wilson has asked for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to bring home one hundred thousand Americans in distress abroad.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—The first attempted aerial attack on Paris was frustrated today when four German military aeroplanes crossed the frontier towards the capital.

The aeroplanes were met and driven back by the Rheims Air Squadron. An air scout discovered the invaders and flashed a wireless message warning the remainder of the aviation corps in Rheims which immediately took to the air, carrying hundreds of contact bombs and explosive shells for the high powered rifles with which each one is equipped.

The German air men discovered that they had been located and at once turned and made full speed for the border with the French airmen in pursuit. The latter climbed to a high altitude in order to get above the enemy and while doing this the Germans escaped.

Tonight all of Paris is alight. Effie tower and other high points are brilliantly illuminated and a perfect net work of light combs the sky between Paris and Rheims. It is admitted that if the fleet of Zeppelins were unhampered they could cross the border between Paris and Rheims in a few hours with bombs.

ENGLAND IS GETTING HER TROOPS IN READINESS

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The four of the greatest European nations are at war tonight and England, greatest of them all, is feverishly mobilizing her troops in preparation for declaration of war tomorrow.

All Europe is aligned in the gigantic struggle between Russia, France, England and Serbia against Austria and Germany. Twenty million men will offer their lives for the cause.

England's vast fleet is mobilized in the North Sea from whence it can pounce upon the German squadrons within a moment after the wireless gives notice. The House of Commons adjourned an extraordinary session at 10:30 to-night after hearing a remarkable de-

claration from Sir Edward Grey on Great Britain's attitude. This was in effect that England will stand by France should Germany attack the latter's coast.

GREAT BRITAIN REGARDS INVASION VIOLATION.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—It was officially stated tonight that Great Britain regards the invasion of Belgium as a direct violation of the treaty and will resent the action as an act of war.

There has yet been no formal declaration of war between France and Germany though three columns of Germans are across the French border and are headed for Paris. They are opposed by several divisions of the French army. There have doubtless been several engagements but a censorship of the news prevents the details being made public.

THE KAISER TELLS FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO GET OUT

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—It is understood that the Kaiser has handed the French ambassador his passports and advised him to lose no time in getting out of the country.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT ALL FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 3.—A decree proclaims martial law throughout France and Algeria was issued by President Poincaré after meeting of the Cabinet. The President summoned parliament to meet tomorrow.

Concentration of French troops in strategic positions along the frontiers and operation of military train service have been carried out to the complete satisfaction of the military authorities.

THE RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES SEIZE A GERMAN VESSEL

NOVOROSSISK, Aug. 3.—Russian authorities today seized the German steamer Atlas and have ordered the crew to disembark. They also sent vessels in pursuit of a German vessel which left port yesterday.

FRENCH DOCTOR AND TWO ASSISTANTS WERE KILLED

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The German war staff chief, in a telegram to the Embassy, here asserts that a French doctor with two assistants, tried to poison wells near Metz, with cholera microbes. The doctor was tried by court martial and then shot.

ANOTHER FRENCH PARTY ENDEAVORED TO BLOW UP A STRATEGIC TUNNEL, NEAR COCHEM. ALL WERE SHOT.

THE SERBIANS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED THEIR OWN SOLDIERS

VIENNA, Aug. 3.—The Militärische Rundschau, a newspaper, states that serious fighting is in progress on the River Drina. Bands of Servian volunteers attempting to cross the river are opposed by Austrian frontier guards. The Servians fired on their own river boats killing and injuring many.

FORMAL PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN ANTWERP

ANTWERP, Aug. 3.—Martial law was proclaimed today, and all business was at once suspended.

HON. CHARLES R. THOMAS IN THE CITY

Hon. Charles R. Thomas, who returned from a visit of several days in the Western part of North Carolina, Mrs. Thomas will remain away for several weeks longer.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN RALEIGH AUG. 12

PARTY HAS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE IN FIELD—WILL ADOPT STATE PLATFORM

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 3.—The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and other interests here are much gratified at landing the State Republican convention, which is announced for Raleigh August 12, assembling in the city auditorium at noon with J. M. Morehead as chairman of the State executive committee and Gilliam Grissom as secretary. The details of plans for the convention are not yet made public. The last State convention here was preceded by a big banquet, tendered the party leaders by the State Chairman Morehead, but it is not expected that there will be any such preliminary this time. Indeed, there is nothing much for the State convention to do with only one State officer, a corporation commissioner to oppose Chairman E. L. Travis, to be nominated and the nominations of Superior Court judges in the judicial districts to be ratified. And, further, with nothing more than a complimentary note for the nominees assured out of the counties.

It is understood that the most that is hoped for by the party leaders is the adoption of such a State platform and direction of the campaign on close communities as to win some few close counties in members of the State legislature.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Were in Session here Yesterday Important Business.

A number of the most prominent merchants of the city were summoned to appear before the Board of Commissioners, at their regular monthly meeting held yesterday, to explain why their property was not valued higher. The explanation of all who appeared before the board was satisfactory, on at any rate it was accepted.

C. K. Pool and J. F. Carrell were elected cotton weighers. B. G. Credle was appointed standard keeper to fill the unexpired term of Eugene Tucker. T. J. Rouse, of number three township was relieved of poll tax on account of poverty and infirmity.

MRS GLADYS HIGMAN DIES IN THIS CITY

Mrs. Gladys Higman died at her home number forty one Griffith street Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, and was sent to Milford, Del., last night at the 12:30 train. The interment will take place tomorrow morning.

Miss E. E. Parker, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived in the city last evening to spend some time visiting Miss Julia Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Everett and children left yesterday afternoon for Trenton, N. C., to spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL INVESTIGATE THE NELMS CASE

Encouragement is Given to The Family.

TELEGRAMS BASIS FOR PROBE

Another Mysterious Phase Has Been Added to The Case.

Encouragement was given the Nelms family to-day that the Government would make an investigation of the disappearance of the Nelms sisters after the sheaf of Dennis-Innes telegrams, turned over by the Western Union, had been submitted to L. J. Baley, special investigator for the government in the South.

Mr. Baley told Detective W. F. Harper, who showed him the telegrams, that in his opinion there was sufficient evidence in the telegrams sent by Innes to Eloise Dennis at Box 303, Atlanta, to warrant investigation MM Alfanta, to warrant an investigation on the possibility that Innes had used the mails to defraud.

This matter, however will be held in abeyance until the return to Atlanta of R. E. Barry, under whose supervision is this special line of investigation.

Special attention was directed to the telegrams sent by Innes and directed to "L. Cresswell," Box 373, Atlanta. It was suggested that this furnished as adequate a basis for prosecution on the ground of misuse of the mails as the messages had been sent all the way from Portland, Ore., by mail.

Mystery was added to the case by the receipt of a letter from W. H. Littleton, of Gadsden, Ala., who claimed to have ridden on the train with Innes and his wife May 9.

Gave Starnger Address.

Littleton, who claims to be a Confederate veteran, and is a distributor for toilet articles, said that he sold Mrs. Innes some soap, and that she gave him a linen handkerchief and a card on which her San Antonio address was written.

His letter seemed to be of an extremely doubtful character and the authorities were wondering why Mrs. Innes, who heretofore has been so careful not to let any of her handwriting become public, should have been so ready in giving her handwriting and address to a stranger she met on the train.

Sat With Pair On Train.

Littleton wrote that Mrs. Innes was alone when he boarded the train, but that her husband got aboard at Austin, Ala. After giving him the slip of paper with her name on it, Mrs. Innes told him that she and her husband were going to Birmingham, the to Mississippi and to New Orleans according to Littleton, or the person who wrote the letter.

"It occurred to me," wrote Littleton, "that they were working some deep, dark scheme, as I learned from their conversation that they often were apart. They had some dark work in Atlanta the first week in May. Mrs. Innes remained in Atlanta to accomplish something, while her husband, or V. E. Innes, waited in Atlanta.

There were two ladies connected with their scheme, as he was asking very particular about the two. It seemed by the conversation that one of the ladies was pulling away from their plan.

Sold Woman Soap.

It is a Confederate veteran and they seemed to take much interest in me. I sold Mrs. Innes some soap and a strand of shell like beads. The in-

closed slip is in Mrs. Innes' own handwriting. Any help I can be will cheerfully be rendered."

The letter was post-marked Gadsden, Ala., and was sent to Mrs. J. W. Nelms, in care of Sheriff Mangum. The handwriting did not appear to be that of a Confederate veteran.

Person who examined the slip of paper bearing the name of Mrs. Innes said that it resembled very strongly the writing of the supposed Mrs. Innes who ordered mail forwarded from Atlanta. It would have been simple, however, for any one wishing to imitate the writing of the woman who gave the order to copy it from the facsimile that appeared in the Georgian, where it was compared with the signatures of "Mrs. M. M. Hardman" and "Lovena Hardman" that appeared May 19 on the Seville Hotel register.

A thorough search of Gadsden failed to reveal any one of the names of Littleton.

Marshall Nelms left Atlanta today for the West. His exact destination was kept a secret, but it is supposed he will visit the cities in Texas that have been concerned in the disappearance and he may continue on to San Francisco and Portland.

SPECTACULAR PICTURE TO BE SEEN HERE SOON

QUO VADIS TO BE SCREENED AT THE ATHENS THEATRE IN NEAR FUTURE.

There is coming to the Athens theatre at an early date one of the greatest motion pictures the world has ever seen. An assertion of this calibre means that the picture will be something a great deal out of the ordinary and such it will.

"Quo Vadis" is the picture which is shown at the Athens theatre and it will doubtless be seen by the majority of the local citizens. It is in three acts and eight parts. A stupendous production which cost many thousands of dollars to stage the portrayal.

As is well known, the story of Quo Vadis is laid in Rome during the reign of Nero, the last of the Caesars and the scenes are vividly portrayed. In it the spectator sees the burning of Rome, the slaying of the Christian martyrs and hundreds of other interesting events. The date of the presentation of this picture will be September 12th.

Damaging Fire Near Mount Olive Saturday

SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF LUMBER DESTROYED.

MOUNT OLIVE, Aug. 3.—Fire, originating at a saw mill a few miles from here Saturday night, destroyed about \$2,500 worth of lumber belonging to John R. Bell, a prominent business man and farmer living here. The mill belonged to Messrs. John Davis and Arthur Bell, who had been engaged to saw the lumber for J. R. Bell. Besides the lumber, about 25 acres of surrounding wood land was burnt over and but for the strenuous efforts of a large number of men, kept up all Saturday night and today, the damage would have been considerably greater.

Of the more than two hundred rural carriers in the State considered eligible for an increase in pay at this time only one of the seven here is included in that number—Ben P. Summerlin, who carries route No. 2. The others are very much disappointed, as they were also looking for a raise in salary and their disappointment is all the more poignant, in the absence of any explanation of the Department's action in this matter.

At Salem Advent church, located

RAILROAD MAY BE CONSTRUCTED TO CAPELOOKOUT

Durham And Southern Official Talks.

IS LOGICAL LOCATION.

An Opening For Some Great Coal Carrying Railroad.

BEAUFORT, August 3.—I. E. Stagg vice-president and general manager of the Durham & Southern Railroad Company has officially announced that his road will build the much talked of extension from Durham to Mount Olive this fall, after the crops now on the rights of way have been harvested. Nearly all of the rights-of-way have been secured. The extension will be about 40 miles long, and will traverse a fine country.

The Durham & Southern is in close alliance, if not controlled by the Norfolk & Western, and it is generally believed that the destination of the former road is Cape Lookout. The Norfolk & Western now runs into Durham from Lynchburg and the great Ohio and West Virginia coal field, and with the D. & S. extended to Mount Olive, it will be in splendid position to rush a line to the Cape when the time is opportune. It is known that the Pennsylvania Railroad which controls the Norfolk & Western, will through a subsidiary company, bid on the job of constructing the \$3,500,000 seawall to be built by the federal government. Should this company get the contract that D. & S. it will be believed be rushed through to the Cape. It is generally admitted that when the government establishes a naval coaling base south of Norfolk, it will be located at Cape Lookout, this harbor being only about 12 miles from the present terminus of the inland waterway. Army engineers after visiting the harbor, at once recommended it as the logical location for the proposed government harbor of refuge, and it is said that the engineers at that time did not fail to see that it is also the logical location for a naval coaling base. Therefore, it is small wonder that a great coal-carrying road like the N. & W. is laying its plans to reach this harbor.

From Abingdon, Va., the N. & W. is building a line into North Carolina by way of Boone. Continuing this line to Dunn by way of North Wilkesboro, Lexington and Sanford will give a pretty direct line from Cincinnati, southern gateway of a great traffic-producing section, to Beaufort and Cape Lookout.

Following the passage of the rivers, and harbors bill and the letting of the contract for the construction of the seawall, some important railroad developments may be looked for.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL MEET TONIGHT

A great deal of business of importance is scheduled to be transacted tonight by the Board of Aldermen, when they hold their regular monthly meeting.

one mile north of here, a well attended protracted meeting has been going on now for several days, interest in the meeting increasing all the time and the crowds that attend, especially at night, steadily becoming larger, so large that there is not room enough to receive them. Rev. Joe Kink, the noted Advent clergyman of Wilmington, who is well known here as a convincing and effective speaker, is doing the preaching.

Miss Julia Allen passed through the city yesterday afternoon enroute home to Goldboro from a visit to friends in Norfolk.