

VIENNA ADMITS LOSS

RUSSIANS CAPTURE STANISLAU— TOWN IS IMPORTANT RAILWAY CENTER.

SLAVS TAKE 14,268 TEUTONS

Austro-Hungarian Base in Galicia Taken After Defenses Are Swept Away—Petrograd Reports Other Gains—Russ Defeated by Turks.

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Stanislaw, the Austro-Hungarian base in Galicia, was captured by the Russians Thursday. It was officially announced by the war office.

The main defenses of the city had been under heavy bombardment by the Russians, but despite strong Teutonic resistance the Russians swept on and took the town.

Two hundred and sixty-eight Austro-German officers and 13,000 un-wounded men were captured by the Russians in battle on the Sereb river (Galicia) between August 4 and August 10, the war office announced. In addition 1,000 wounded Austro-German prisoners were taken.

The official statement says: "As a result of our success on the Sereb the enemy evacuated the fortified positions of Gladka and Voroblesk.

"We repulsed the offensive north of Monasterzyska. After assaulting and capturing the position we reached the middle Koropiec and driving out the enemy from his fortified works, definitely occupied Monasterzyska.

"Our mounted machine gun detachment repaired the bridge at Monasterzyska and pursued the retreating third German reserve regiment; which, resisting, was annihilated.

"At the conclusion of the Ziota Lipa and the Dniester our cavalry occupied the villages of Ustiezielone and Mindigorie.

"General Lechinsky's troops, continuing their stubborn fight in the region of Stanislaw, captured the town and pushed the enemy in the direction of Halez. Explosions were heard prior to the town's evacuation.

"The enemy evacuated the left bank of the Ziota Bystritsa. We crossed the river and poured rifle and machine gun fire into the retreating enemy.

"In the Caucasus, owing to Turkish pressure, we withdrew from Hamadan.

APPOINTS MEXICAN ARBITERS

Secretary Lane and Justice Brandeis Named by the President—Procedure Is Agreed Upon.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Formal announcement was made on Wednesday by Acting Secretary Polk of the acceptance of General Carranza's proposal for a joint international commission to seek a solution of border disputes and to discuss other matters which may help clarify relations between the United States and Mexico. Only the time and place for the conference remain to be decided.

Secretary Lane of the interior department will head the American commission, supported by Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the Supreme court and a third commissioner whose name will be announced later.

The Mexican commissioners were named several days ago.

The first subject will be withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, to be followed by negotiation on a protocol covering future military operations along the border.

It is regarded as probable that the meetings will be held at some resort on the New Jersey coast.

DEMAND EMBARGO ON WHEAT

Master Bakers of U. S. Issue Appeal as Grain and Flour Advance.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 12.—The National Association of Master Bakers at its session on Thursday adopted a resolution asking that an embargo be placed on the present wheat crop to prevent any further advance in the market price of wheat. The resolution was sent to President Wilson and to congress.

The association elected F. S. McDonald of Memphis, president; Paul J. Stern of Milwaukee, vice-president; Fred S. Freund, St. Louis, treasurer, and E. J. Arnold of Providence, R. I., and E. B. Strain, Battle Creek, Mich., members of the executive committee. The next convention will be in Chicago.

Russ Flee From Town.

Petrograd, Aug. 14.—Following the evacuation of Mush and Bitles, Turkish Armenia, Russian troops, under Turkish pressure, have withdrawn from Hamadan, Persia, says an official statement.

Forty Perish in Greek Ship.

Athens, Aug. 14.—The Greek steamer Ethelra, with 1,200 passengers and a cargo of oil owned by Americans, caught fire in the Aegean sea. Forty were killed. Most of the passengers were troops.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



AVERT RAIL STRIKE

EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS MAY ACCEPT MEDIATION.

Conferences Start at Once—Workers' Leaders Declare That Move Does Not Mean Arbitration.

New York, Aug. 11.—Acceptance by the railroad brotherhoods on Wednesday of the proposal for mediation by the federal board for mediation and conciliation averted a strike of 400,000 railway employees.

After first refusing to listen to the offer to accept mediation made by the railroad presidents, the employees' leaders reconsidered, and announced that they, too, would consent to mediation, but not to arbitration.

Announcement of the acceptance of the offer was made by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, after it had been delivered by G. W. Hanger, a member of the board, following an appeal to that body to intervene made by the railroad managers. Mr. Garretson said he had informed the board that the offer was accepted on condition that "its good offices are promptly exercised."

The federal board, which is composed of Mr. Hanger, Martin A. Knapp and Judge W. L. Chambers, was prepared to begin conferences with the respective sides to the controversy at once.

The procedure of the federal board is to meet each side separately, learn its attitude and attempt to obtain concessions from each as a basis on which a settlement can be reached when they are again brought together.

The step followed rejection by the managers of the demands made by the men.

150 DROWNED IN FLOOD

Two Passenger Trains, One a Sunday School Excursion, Missing in West Virginia.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 11.—Governor Hatfield, who arrived here on Wednesday to attend the state Republican convention, ordered special relief trains to the Coal river and Cabin creek districts, where, according to reports, more than 150 have been drowned and 5,000 made homeless. So serious is the situation that Governor Hatfield left the city to go to the scene of the devastation.

The governor was informed that at Cabin creek the loss of life would exceed 100 and that more than 5,000 there are homeless. Later reports estimated the damage at \$1,000,000.

The cloudburst occurred at the headwaters of Paint and Cabin creeks and Coal river, and the torrent which surged down Coal river swept its banks almost clean of villages, while the Kanawha river rose several feet.

Near St. Albans one marooned two passenger trains, one of which is a Sunday school excursion train.

WILSON TO CROSS CONTINENT

President Decides to Make Speaking Trip Across the Country—Completes Speech of Acceptance.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson practically has decided to make a speaking trip across the continent. No details of the tour have been arranged, but it is understood that his itinerary will be worked out within the next few weeks. The president will go to the Pacific coast.

Senator Phelan invited the president to speak in California some time during the campaign.

The speech of acceptance which is 4,000 words in length.

The speech of acceptance will be delivered at Shadow Lawn, N. J., immediately after the adjournment of congress, which the president expects to take place about September 1.

New Giant Warships.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The giant Zeppelin transcontinental air liners promised by Germany to help her merchant submarines defeat the purposes of the British blockade are nearing completion near Lake Constance.

Gives U. S. Fryat Protest.

London, Aug. 12.—The foreign office requested Ambassador Gerard to convey to the German government the British government's desire to enter a most formal protest against the execution of Captain Fryat.

RECRUITING GUARDS

NEBRASKA BOYS TO SEARCH STATE FOR SOLDIERS.

CHANGES IN LAND VALUES

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Sixteen Nebraska soldier boys now on the border, have been detailed for recruit duty in their home state. These sixteen will leave for the north within a few days. They will be stationed over all parts of Nebraska in the hope of filling the ranks of the two Nebraska regiments to war strength. Following is a list of the men:

Fourth regiment: Lieutenant Oscar L. Keating of Omaha and William Norris of Stanton; Sergeant Guy F. Ball, Osceola; Sergeant Fred C. Sloss, York; Corporals Alvan Tremain, Wayne, and Joseph Byerly, Omaha; Privates Robert Madison, Omaha, and Roland S. Hill, Madison. Fifth regiment: Captain Robert McAllister, Grand Island; Lieutenant William Hall, Omaha; Sergeants Edwin P. Clements, Ord and Emery B. Wolfe, Auburn; Corporals Joseph McElna, Hastings, and Butler Miltonberger, North Platte; Privates Frederick Stofren, Blue Hill, and Robert Clow, Lincoln.

It is reported that General Parker, at present in command of the entire Brownsville forces, will be transferred to Llano Grande to take charge. Officials of the medical corps of the Nebraska regiments deny rumors of a threatened typhoid epidemic. It is declared that no evidence of the disease has shown up in either of the Nebraska camps.

Changes in Land Values.

The state board of assessment has completed the equalization of farm and valuations for assessment purposes. The board has proposed a net increase of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in assessed valuation, but it imposed a total increase of only \$22,695 in the assessed valuation of the state, leaving the grand total about \$501,000,000 as compared with \$481,000,000 last year. Greeley county, which did not equalize its precincts is still to be adjusted.

The total assessed valuation of the state, \$501,000,000, is the basis of state and local tax levies. The state board makes the state levy and local county boards make local levies based on the valuations equalized by the state board. The state levy was 6.8 mills on the dollar last year. The levy has not been agreed upon by the state board, but it will be reduced a small fraction of a mill, but not to a flat 6 mills as some members of the state board had proposed.

The board decreased the assessed valuation of lands in eighteen counties, a total decrease of \$4,042,895. It increased land values in twenty-four counties a total of \$4,065,590.

Wants Soldier Boys to Vote.

If the 1,500 Nebraska national guardsmen now in the government service on the Texas border are not permitted to vote this fall, Attorney General Reed proposes to lay the blame upon congress instead of upon the state legislature. If the soldiers of Nebraska remain out of the state until after election they could vote the same as if they were at home, provided the legislature passes a law permitting them to vote. The state legislature has this power under the constitution. The attorney general of Nebraska has made up his mind that the legislature will not be called to meet in extra session to pass an act covering the ground.

Presented With Beautiful Flag.

A beautiful American flag, fringed with gold, a gift from the people of Gothenburg to Company L, Fifth regiment, has been unfurled in the company street at Camp Llano. The presentation was made by Colonel Herbert Paul, who declared that the people of Gothenburg could not have given a more appropriate gift. "This shows that the people back home are thinking of you," he said, "and I hope that no man in this organization will ever commit an act that will in any way tend to lessen the admiration of these people for you."

Is Down on Hamburgers.

No hamburger sausage will be sold on the state fair grounds this year, according to an announcement made by Food Commissioner Harman. The doubtful composition of hamburger and the difficulty of keeping it fresh when exposed to the open air, flies, dust and dirt attending large assemblages of people have led Harman to promulgate a rule forbidding its sale in temporary stands. The state fair management has agreed that it will sell no hamburger concessions, the food commissioner states.

Letters Are More Optimistic.

Recent letters received from Nebraska guardsmen at the border now bear an optimistic tone. While at first there were numerous complaints regarding the heat and the accommodations furnished by the government many of the soldiers are now writing home to the effect that the stories have been exaggerated and that they are enjoying nearly "all the comforts of home." Either they are growing more accustomed or more resigned to their surroundings.

CLOSE GUARD ARMORIES

Result of Calling State Troops Into the Federal Service.

Ten national guard armories in Nebraska have been surrendered to the swarms and payment of rentals for the use of them has been stopped, as a result of the calling of the state troops into the federal service. The remaining armories are to be given up at once as soon as the property remaining in them can be moved out. This work is being looked after by Capt. C. C. Teten of the national guard quartermaster corps and Sergeant R. S. Uhl of the Lincoln arsenal.

During the past two weeks, two officers have visited Omaha, Nebraska City, Auburn, Beatrice, Wyoming, Blue Hill, Friend, Hastings, Kearney and Gothenburg. The armories at all these places have been vacated and expense of rental stopped, in some cases on July 1 and in other cases August 1.

All equipment belonging to the war department has been shipped back to Lincoln to be stored in the arsenal, while the lockers and company furniture have been placed in storage at the home stations, in quarters rented for that purpose.

Protest Their Assessment.

The state board of assessment spent several hours listening to an explanation from five counties whose land valuations for assessment purposes the board proposes to increase. J. H. Dean, county clerk, and Chairman George Conroy of the county board of Buffalo county, object to an increase of 5 per cent. Sherman county, which objects to an increase of 10 per cent, was represented by Dan McDonald of Loup City and J. H. Welty, both members of the county board, and by John Long, Dawson county had little complaint when it corrected its returns. It returned land at an average of \$5.53 an acre, but this was corrected to read, \$6.18. The state board proposed to increase the first returns to \$5.58 an acre. It probably will make no change in the corrected figures. Gosper county objects to an increase of 5 per cent.

Had Long Distance Telephone Talk.

Colonel Herbert J. Paul of the Fifth Nebraska Infantry at Camp Llano, has reported by telephone to Governor John H. Monech, commander-in-chief of the Nebraska troops, that the health of the guardsmen in camp at Llano Grande, Tex., was excellent and that everything was in good shape. Although the report is not a daily matter, Governor Monech was desirous of knowing the exact condition of affairs and Colonel Paul was anxious to reassure him that the food, equipment and sanitary conditions of the Nebraska contingent of border patrols need occasion Nebraska fathers and mothers no worry.

Has Promised to Pay Up.

State Auditor W. H. Smith has conferred with commissions of Lincoln county and obtained a promise from them that the county board would take up the question of paying the state a debt of \$5,699 owing for the care of Lincoln county insane in state hospitals many years ago. A majority of the counties have paid the state or promised to pay. A suit for interest and principal is now pending in the supreme court against Gage and Stanton counties and the court referee has reported in favor of the state, but his report has not been adopted.

Many Autos in Nebraska.

There are now in Nebraska 86,696 automobiles and 3,509 motorcycles. During the month of July Nebraskans bought 5,841 new autos and 250 new motorcycles. This is according to the automobile plates issued from the office of Secretary of State Pool.

The expense of taking care of the automobile department during July was \$974.63, Mr. Pool says.

The office of Secretary of State Pool made a net profit to the state during July of \$10,490.69, says the monthly statement just issued.

The total collections were \$50,117.52, which was \$3,121.12 more than was collected during the same month in 1914. The total expenses of operating the general department was \$616.83.

Complete equipment for the field hospital at Camp Llano has been received.

This consists of medicines, bandages and tentage. Requisitions have been made for twenty-eight mules and fifteen riding horses and as soon as these come the detachment will be ready to go into the field.

Lieut. R. P. Palmer of the United States Infantry, who has been assisting in Nebraska national guard headquarters since the mobilization of the state troops began, is in receipt of orders from central army headquarters at Chicago to establish an army recruiting depot at Fort Crook, near Omaha.

Capt. T. W. Jaycox of the national guard quartermaster corps will accompany him. Recruits secured in Nebraska and South Dakota will be sent there for training before they go south to join the troops on the border.

Expects Price to Fall.

The price of gasoline is due to drop at least 2 cents per gallon within the next ten days, according to the way Food Commissioner Harman has figured out. The standard retail price in Lincoln for several months has been 20 cents per gallon. The food commissioner believes that his present crusade will result in a better grade of oil being sold in this state, while market conditions will force the price down, and thus consumers will benefit at both ends.

WANTED ON BORDER

PRESIDENT ORDERS OUT ALL GUARD UNITS

DENY ALL RUMORS OF PEACE

Said to Be No Significance in Appointment of Russian Minister.—New York Greatest Port in World.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—All the national guard units included in President Wilson's call on June 18, not yet on the Mexican border have been ordered there by the war department.

Between 20,000 and 25,000 additional troops will thus be added to the border forces. National guard forces there will number approximately 125,000 and the total of all troops on the border or in Mexico will be 175,000.

Secretary Baker made a formal announcement that the troop movement had nothing whatever to do with the Mexican situation as such, and was solely to relieve thousands of troops now held in mobilization camps only because they lack a few recruits to bring units up to the fixed minimum strength.

Greatest Port in the World.

Washington.—New York city has usurped London's proud position as the foremost port in the world—the only door of commerce through which \$2,000,000,000 trade is flowing annually. Figures from the New York and London commerce journals available confirm this assertion.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, imports and exports to the total of \$2,169,000,000 passed through the great American metropolis, while London during the corresponding 1914 calendar year registered a foreign trade of \$1,485,607,410.

New York's exports reached, during the period, \$1,193,581,000 as against London's \$262,855,300.

Britain's first port, however, maintains the import supremacy with a total of \$1,222,952,110. New York's imports were \$975,837,421.

DENY ALL RUMORS OF PEACE.

No Significance in Appointment of Russian Minister.

Petrograd.—The rumors which were circulated after Premier Sturmer's appointment as foreign minister that Russia might entertain proposals for a separate peace, have elicited a definite denial of such a possibility from the new foreign minister. In denying the rumors to a correspondent of the Ruskyy Slovoe, Premier Sturmer said:

"I have learned that my appointment is commented upon in some circles as forecasting a separate peace. I desire to strengthen the public belief that the change in the post of foreign minister must not be considered in any sense an indication of the variation of Russia from the line of conduct of the last two years toward her allies. The agreement with them will not be changed.

Warning of Freight Car Shortage.

Washington.—Carriers, shippers and consignees have been warned by the Interstate Commerce commission of a threatened car shortage and their attention called to the need for close supervision of loading and unloading. The commission urged that cars be not used for storage purposes and suggested that the carriers return cars to their home lines as quickly as possible. Heavy movements of grain are said to be partly responsible for the threatened shortage.

Lowest for Eighteen Years.

Washington.—Increase in population by immigration amounted to only 169,061 during the fiscal year of 1916. Statistics announced by the immigration bureau show the influx of aliens was lower than it had been for eighteen years.

An Event of Importance.

Washington.—The linking up of the masses of North and South America through the news arrangement entered into by the United Press and La Nación, leading newspaper of South America, was hailed here as an event of great importance.

Lincoln, Neb.—That Lincoln has an excellent chance for one of the rural credit banks is the opinion of Congressman C. F. Reavis of the First district of Nebraska, who arrived Thursday to meet the officers of the Commercial club with the idea of perfecting an organization for the purpose of securing one of the banks.

"Secretary McAdoo assured me something more than a month ago," said Mr. Reavis, "that the board would visit Lincoln for the purpose of listening to any claims that might be advanced for such a bank.

Revised List of Contraband.

London.—The German minister has issued a revised list of contraband says a Stockholm dispatch. At the same time it is announced that commanders of German warships have been instructed to sink all ships bound for enemy ports carrying cargoes which consist wholly or in part of contraband, either absolute or relative. The loss to Swedish commercial interests from the stoppage by Germany of timber exports to England and France, the dispatch adds, is estimated at 6,000,000 pounds sterling.