

GERMAN-AMERICANS SCORE GOVERNMENT

Resolutions Allege Favoritism to England and Neglect of American Interests in Mexico.

ARMS TRAFFIC CALLED UNMORAL

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 4.—Protests against the "immoral traffic in arms and ammunition" with England, the English viewpoint in public opinion on the European war and criticism of the government's attitude toward Germany were expressed today in resolutions unanimously adopted by the National German-American Alliance, assembled here in its eighth annual convention.

The resolutions were recommended for adoption by the resolutions committee after the refusal to report favorably "an open letter" addressed to President Wilson, which was carried to the floor of the convention by a minority report of the committee.

President's Policy Criticized.

The resolutions declared the loyalty of German-Americans represented at the convention to be steadfast, but say, "We deplore that our government has on the part of England practically permitted violations of international law and interference with commerce, to the detriment of American interests and has on the part of another country, Mexico, openly aided the destruction of American life and property, while in the case of Germany it quickly assumed a threatening and uncompromising attitude."

WALL OF WATER SWEEPS THROUGH MIDDLE OF ERIE

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persons reported missing was begun by the police at noon.

Erie citizens responded generously to the call for funds for the suffering and homeless issued by Mayor Sierra. Mayor Sierra announced that a thorough investigation of the disaster will be made, calling attention to the fact that warnings of danger from Mill creek had been given in 1903 when it overflowed its banks and caused some loss of life.

Mayor Asks for Militia.

Mayor Sierra has made a request for a company of the Sixteenth regiment of the Pennsylvania National guard to patrol the ruined section of the city.

The entire police and fire forces of the city worked throughout the night on the ruins, recovering the fourteen bodies from an area that included approximately one-half of the devastated district. The rain worked under the direction of Mayor W. J. Stern and the four members of the city council.

The district swept by the flood extends from Twenty-sixth street and French street, in the uptown business section, to Tenth and State streets, a distance of about a mile. The release of the water held back by the dam sent a huge wave, five feet high toward the city and by the time it reached the first buildings on Twenty-sixth street, it was cresting with a mass of debris that acted like a huge battering ram on everything in its path.

Four blocks on either side of the stream, including State street, the main business artery of the city, were covered to a depth of from six inches to five feet of water.

Gas Supply Cut Off.

Early today gas mains all over the city were cut off, and telephone street car and electric lighting service were interrupted.

The charitable societies, the Army, hotels and hastily organized shelters gave refuge to those who saved only their lives and a few meager belongings.

The darkness, the danger of broken electric wires, and the twenty-five mile current of the flood made the work of rescue extremely perilous, and details of the drowning of twenty-five, thought lost in the flood, were obscure. The life-saving crew from the Lake Erie shore front and the members of the naval militia have already started the search for bodies.

The narrow escape of Fire Chief McMahon, with four firemen in a successful attempt to rescue three women led to the report of their death, but they jumped to safety from second story windows as the house was washed away from under them.

Passenger Trains Stalled.

The washing out of the main line of the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads stalled a dozen or more passenger trains here, with no prospect of their departure for a couple of days.

One crowded train, bound for New York, was brought to a stand on the viaduct, forty feet over the path of Mill creek, and those on board for hours watched houses and household goods swept down the torrent.

The rush of the water down State street flooded nearly every store on the thoroughfare and floating wreckage added to the damage by smashing hundreds of display windows.

Throughout the night the torrent of rain continued, with only brief intervals. Only the wide mouth of the creek at the lake shore prevented a much more serious devastation. Piles of debris on the streets intersecting the path of the flood were heaped up fifteen feet high in some cases.

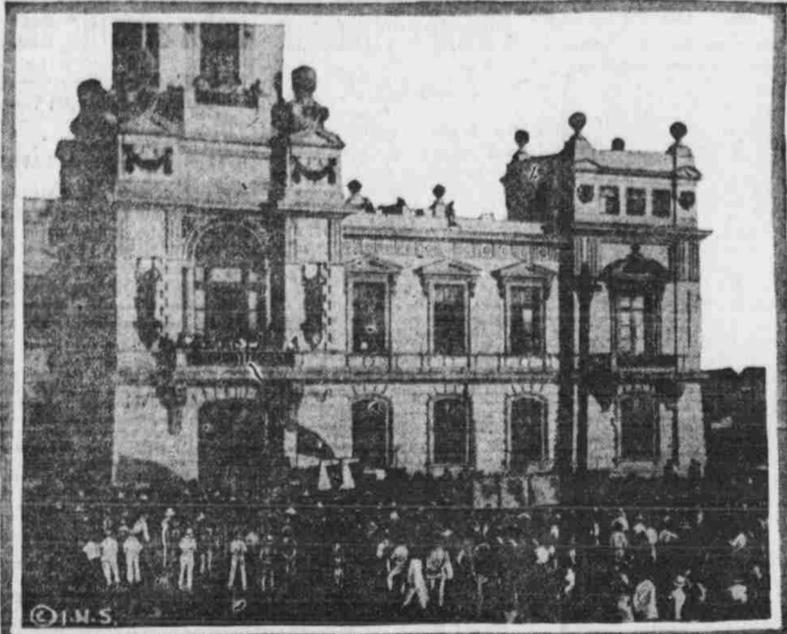
A dozen of the largest plants in the city will be closed down for ten days or two weeks, and the machinery on the first floors can be repaired and debris cleared away.

Early today, as the details of the disaster began to collect, the story of firemen Sherry and Bates stood out among the stores of heroic acts. Taking a girl from her home on the creek bank, they started down the telephone pole which had enabled them to reach her when the house fell against the pole and all three were swept into the swift current. A block further down, the trio were pulled from the stream by other firemen.

All Traffic to East Delayed.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Traffic between the east and the west over the Lake Shore and Nickel Plate railroads was completely tied up from the time the cloudburst hit, so over Erie, last night until noon this morning. Without any precedent in depth and extent, among the trains recalled today and sent over the Michigan Central Canadian line to Detroit was the

MEXICAN SITUATION GROWING MORE ACUTE—The labor unions recently held a parade in Vera Cruz, Mexico, protesting against the free distribution of food to the poor of the city by American Consul Canada and the American Red Cross society. Photo shows Carranza addressing the crowd from the balcony of the federal building, telling them "to keep up the good work."



MEXICANS PROTEST AGAINST FREE FOOD IN VERACRUZ.

Southwestern Special, leaving New York at 4 p. m.

The rain storm which culminated in the cloudburst at Erie, covered all of northern Pennsylvania and western New York. It began with a terrific downpour yesterday afternoon and continued practically without cessation all through the night and well into the day. In no place except in the immediate vicinity of Erie, however, did it approach the cloudburst stage.

New York City Flooded.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Streets in New York City and its suburbs were turned into yellow rivers, surface and elevated traffic was badly crippled, wires were blown into a tangled network, trees were uprooted and hundreds of cellars were flooded, in a torrential downpour that broke over the metropolitan section this forenoon to the accompaniment of a sixty-mile gale.

In the height of the gale a small schooner went to the bottom.

A captain and a sailor were drowned in a small boat.

Along the northern coast of New Jersey the gale wreaked damage difficult to estimate.

Seabright, swept by the ocean three times within eighteen months, was battered again.

In a dozen parts of New York City and Brooklyn the streets lay under water from two to three feet deep.

For more than forty-eight hours New York had been water-logged, when the heavy rain began about 5 a. m. today. Within four hours thereafter the rainfall totaled one and one-half inches in the city. At Sandy Hook the total was 2.3 inches, shortly after 9 a. m. the storm tapered off, but the heavy rainfall ceased and in its stead there came a steady drizzle.

Many Small Craft Wrecked.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 4.—One of the fiercest storms that ever visited this section swept Chesapeake bay last night, causing damage which will run into the thousands of dollars. Heavy damage was reported to the corn and fruit crops in Baltimore and Howard counties. Along the bay and river shores hundreds of small craft, mainly pleasure boats, were torn from their mooring and cast ashore. So far as learned there was no loss of life.

The Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria, which has been tied up at this port ever since the European war began, broke her lines and was carried into the dock, sylvan railroad pier adjoining the dock, demolishing about sixty feet of the concrete retaining wall. The Bulgaria apparently was not damaged.

Houses in low lying streets in Elkton were flooded and the occupants driven to the upper floors, from which they were taken in row boats.

Deadlock Ensues Over Booze Seizure Case at Mason City

MASON CITY, Ia., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The spectacle of a jury being called to hear a case and then refuse to return a verdict, is not common, but it comes once in a while. Yesterday a jury was called in a justice court to listen to the evidence in the beer seizure case, which has attracted state-wide attention. It proved to be a sparring match between six attorneys representing the defendants and the county attorney.

Justice Kimball asked the defendants to introduce evidence to show reason why the property should not be confiscated.

They refused to introduce evidence until the state had offered what it had. The state held back and had nothing to offer. Attorneys for the defendants addressed the jury, calling attention to the spectacle presented by the state and pleaded for the release of the 119 barrels which were seized from the two express companies' offices and the two railroad depots. The county attorney resisted in an argument full of snarls.

The justice looked through all the books at his command, and he could not see how he was able to instruct or enlighten the jury and it retired for deliberations. It finally decided that there being no evidence it was impossible for it to decide on any question and it so informed the court.

Confesses Robbery Of Bank in Iowa

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 4.—H. R. Smith, arrested yesterday, confessed today that he took part in the robbery of the Farmers Savings bank at North Liberty, Ia., July 26. Smith confessed that he received \$200 as his share of the plunder, the police said. The prisoner was taken to Iowa this afternoon.

Germany and Austria Give Up Hope of Getting Aid from Roumania

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—(Via London.)—A warning that nothing can be expected from Roumania, is conveyed to the readers of the Tages Zeitung, in an editorial this morning by Count Ernest Reventlow. His article, which is headed "Roumania's Failing Quotations," summarizes the situation in the following paragraph:

"Those friendly relations with Roumania made sacred by tradition and on the German side, by firm confidence—can hardly longer be considered as existing." Count Reventlow points out Roumania's refusal to permit exports of grain or to permit ammunition for the Turks to pass through its territory, although Russia was permitted to transport munitions to Serbia. He says it had been hoped Roumania would fulfill

its treaty obligations or preserve, at least, an upright and well wishing neutrality, but that the contrary came to pass. Roumania's neutrality became "malevolent," he asserts, with a tendency to enter the conflict on the side of Germany's enemies. The importance of Roumania's aid to Germany and Turkey has been greatly lessened, however, Count Reventlow insists. Before Russia's Galician defeat, Roumania would have been a military factor in co-operation with the Muscovites, he says, but that time is past and her military and political value as an opponent of Germany is vanishing. The period when Roumania could be considered a leading factor in the development of the Balkan states has gone by, the article declares.

ONE CAR THAT COSTS MORE

New Eight-Cylinder Cadillac Arrives and is on Exhibition Today at Local Branch.

LESS PROFIT TO THE MAKER

The new Cadillac eight arrived last night at midnight and will be on display at the show rooms of the Cadillac company of Omaha, 300 Farnam street, which have been decorated for the occasion.

There has been no reduction in the Cadillac price this year and the following facts were brought forth in an interview between George F. Reim, president of the Cadillac company of Omaha, and W. C. Leland, general manager of the Cadillac company of Detroit.

To Increase Price.

Concerning the increase in price of \$106 on the open body styles, in the face of the general tendency toward lower prices on the part of most makers, General Manager W. C. Leland said: "We simply could not continue to produce a car of the Cadillac type and quality at the old price without doing so at a loss; and I don't think anyone expects us to do that."

The general tendency of other makers toward reductions does not particularly interest us.

"We shall continue to use the best materials we can obtain, which are best adapted for their respective uses. Taken as a whole, these do not cost any less than they have been costing. On the contrary, we are paying more for certain materials now than in the past."

Everybody in the manufacturing business knows that skilled mechanics cannot be had for less money today than a year ago. In fact, conditions are rather the reverse. And the best skilled workmen are the kind we use.

Price Was Too Low.

"The price of our Eight was set too low in the beginning. As it was necessary to announce the price at the time the car was announced, and as there had been no manufacturing experience with a car of this type, the cost of production could only be estimated. "In view of certain conditions which arose after the car and the price has been announced, it proved that the estimate was too low."

We might have lessened the cost to the detriment of the car and the purchaser, or we might have increased the price. We did neither. And 11,000 Cadillac buyers have been the gainers."

"Of course, we could not continue on that basis."

Increases in Value.

"In the face of the fact that hundreds of thousands of automobile owners today are seeing their cars depreciated in value from \$100 to \$1,000 or more—because their makers have felt obliged to reduce prices on new cars—the owner of an eight-cylinder Cadillac, on the other hand, sees his car actually enhanced in value."

"Even at the advanced price, there will be a smaller percentage of profit that a person pays on his everyday purchases. And the only reason that even a greater advance may not be necessary is that the car has gained such a strong hold on the public that, from all indications, the volume of business will be larger than ever before."

Omaha Remains High.

That Omaha is recognized as one of the six largest automobile distributing points is evidenced by the fact that

only six cities throughout the United States were allotted more than one demonstrator. Omaha was toward the head of the list and ranks with towns such as New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

RUSSIAN REAR GUARD HOLDING TEUTONIC HOSTS

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tween the Narow and the Oje is making great efforts to advance in a northeasterly direction behind Ostroienka.

"During three days" of fighting, the enemy repeatedly hurled large masses of infantry against our trenches, but while suffering severe losses, they advanced only two or three versts (1 1/2 miles).

"On August 2 our troops, during a particularly desperate German attack, which we repulsed, saw the enemy's cavalry make an onslaught on their own infantry, which had been thrown back in order to force them to attack us again. The German losses here were very great."

"In the southern sector of the battle, near the village of Polshivnitza, the enemy concentrated a large mass of infantry in order to pass across the valley of the Oje, but our artillery smothered his attack at the end of the valley, forcing the Germans in this region to disperse."

"Our losses were very heavy, but our troops are making a valiant resistance to the enemy's plan to deal a severe blow from the Narow line on the rear of the Russian armies which are impeding Field Marshal von Mackensen's offensive in the Viersz valley."

Says Warsaw is Evacuated. BERLIN, Aug. 4.—(By Wireless to Seyville.)—The Overseas News agency today says the Russian legation at The Hague has officially announced the evacuation of Warsaw on account of the lack of ammunition. The bridges over the Vistula river, the same advice says, have been blown up.

Reports prepared at the front and given out by the Overseas News agency say the investment of the Russian fortress of Ivanograd is progressing. Eight of the outer forts have been stormed, according to these advices, and the possibility of the Russian forces within the citadel escaping is constantly diminishing.

The actual evacuation of the Polish capital was not referred to in the Russian official communication issued in Petrograd today, and no confirmation of the report has been received from any other source.

Six Hundred Cases of Cholera in Austria

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 4.—(Via London, 4:15 p. m.)—The number of cases of Asiatic cholera in the Austrian empire on August 1 totaled 629, according to an official announcement made today in Vienna.

Among those who succumbed to the disease was General Von Ziesler, the commander of an army corps, who was the only officer of the entire staff who refused to be inoculated against cholera.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

Table with columns for Ship Name, Arrival, and Sailed. Includes entries for Otago, Palmyra, and others.

ADMIT AMERICANS HAVE GRIEVANCE

London Papers Say Great Britain Modified Rules Because Germany Had Broken Them.

WILL USE IBERIAN INCIDENT

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The comment of the London afternoon papers on the correspondence between Walter H. Page, the American ambassador, and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, admits generally that America and other neutrals have a grievance, but they insist, to use the words of the Westminster Gazette "that Great Britain has been compelled to modify some of the accepted rules because Germany has deliberately broken these rules."

Continuing the Westminster Gazette says: "For the moment we would do well to recognize that on a strict interpretation of international law, neutrals have a grievance upon which they are entitled to insist, but this grievance arises in the main from the peculiar use Germany has chosen to make of the submarine in its war upon merchantmen, both enemy and neutral."

"This same newspaper in reference to the sinking of the British steamer Iberian, in which an American lost his life, notes the silence of the American press on this incident. Then it says:

"The German answer to the American note has been most direct. It has taken the practical form of the killing without warning of American seamen. Apparently, if the American press has its way, no notice is to be taken of this fact. This impression of the real feeling of the United States in this matter will be no fore lost upon Germany than upon this country."

The Evening Standard, in an editorial, says:

"The notes exchanged show that the difference between Great Britain and the United States, although they are by no means irreconcilable."

It points out that Sir Edward Grey unreservedly accepted the main American contention that international law must prevail over national law. Continuing, it argues that the order in council makes national law conform fully to international requirements, but if the United States does not accept this view, then Sir Edward Grey concedes that Great Britain will make no objection to an appeal to an international tribunal. The latter is a very strong point, the Standard sets forth, inasmuch as the United States has elected to stand on international principle.

Authority of Church Spiritual Only, Say Knights of Columbus

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 4.—The supreme council of the Knights of Columbus in convention here, received yesterday the report of the commission on religious prejudices, which expressed the belief that "American fair play will prevail over religious bias."

The report, presented by Colonel P. H. Callahan, chairman, expressed satisfaction for aid by the general public and special mention was made of the fairness shown by the Associated Press and newspapers in general regarding religious matters.

Seven recommendations were attached to the report. The first of these declared a principal cause for prejudice against Catholics arose from an erroneous belief among non-Catholics "that we owe such allegiance to the pope as is incompatible with proper allegiance to our country."

"We should lose no proper occasion to declare the position of Catholics," stated the report, "and the teachings of the church on this matter, namely, that while Catholics acknowledge the pope to be supreme in spiritual matters, they do not hold that he has any authority in civil matters. If any spiritual authority

Three Revolutions Start in Portugal

LISBON, Portugal, July 30.—(Via Paris, Aug. 4.)—Delayed in transmission.—Several national and alarming reports are current in the capital of no less than three separate revolutions in Portugal. Riots and assaults are of daily occurrence.

Political feeling has completely disorganized the army and clashes between the royal and the republican supporters and other factions are frequent.

"Yesterday a quartermaster from the engineers' barracks shot and killed three sergeants of his regiment and then committed suicide. The sergeants were members of a secret society known as the 'White Ants,' and had denounced the quartermaster as belonging to the republican faction, which is accused of conspiring against the present government."

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