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IOWA BANK TELLER IS ARRESTED AFTER 'CONFESSING' AGAIN

Leo Perrin, Deposed Employe of Cedar Rapids Institution, Said to Have Made New Admission of Guilt.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Money Spent, According to Alleged Statement, in Paying Indebtedness.

BAIL FIXED AT FIVE THOUSAND

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 12.—Leo Perrin, deposed paying teller of the Cedar Rapids National bank, was under arrest tonight charged with embezzlement of $20,070 from the institution.

He was taken into custody this afternoon after he had made an alleged confession that the money lost by the bank August 4, supposedly in a holdup, really was taken by him.

According to bank officials, he explained, however, that the money was not obtained on August 4. Half of it, they say, was taken a year ago, and the remainder August 3. The bogus holdup, Perrin is quoted as saying, was staged the day following the second theft, as he feared discovery. The alleged second confession was made in the directors' room of the bank to Cashier Kent C. Ferman, Vice President Glenn M. Averill and Detective Michael McGuire. All day, it was said, Perrin has stuck to the repudiation he made last night of his first confession. He insisted, it was said, that $10,000 which the police had recovered had been loaned to him by James E. Cagney of Chicago. Confronted with a statement from Cagney, denying any such loan, he finally gave in, it is said.

He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace F. A. Nugents and formally pleaded not guilty. Bail was set at $5,000 and the prisoner, in custody of Detective McGuire, was allowed to hunt the city for a bondsman.

Perrin accounted for an additional $9,000 of the money in his confession, bank officials say. He spent it, they say, to pay a mortgage, promissory notes, installments due on land in Minnesota, Oregon, Idaho and New Mexico, and indebtedness on gold mining stock.

Cagney Denies Making Loan.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—James E. Cageny of the Peerless V. Bell company, talking to detectives and newspaper reporters today, denied that he ever loaned $10,000 or any other sum to Leo Perrin of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

"I lived in Cedar Rapids for a time and we did our banking with Perrin at the Cear Rapids National," said Mr. Cageny. "That's all I know about it."

Court Refuses to Quash Indictments Against T. Taggart

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 12.—Judge W. H. Eichhorn, in criminal court today, overruled the motion to quash the indictment against Thomas Taggart, democratic national committeeman from Indiana; Mayor Joseph E. Bell, Chief of Police Samuel V. Perrott and 123 others, charged with election irregularities. The court held that forty-three of the forty-eight counts in the indictment were valid. The state elected to place Mayor Bell on trial first, although the defense asked to go to trial with Mr. Taggart. Mayor Bell's case was set to begin September 7.

Denver Woodmen Win First Prize

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 12.—Prize awards in the drill team competition at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woodmen of the World at the Panama-Pacific exposition were announced today. Denver camp No. 1 was awarded first prize of $1,000; Portland (Ore.) camp No. 107 was given second prize of $500, and Multnomah camp No. 77 of Portland, Ore., was awarded thir prize of $250.

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Showers; not much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

5 a. m.	62
6 a. m.	61
7 a. m.	63
8 a. m.	67
9 a. m.	71
10 a. m.	72
11 a. m.	75
12 m.	78
1 p. m.	79
2 p. m.	79
3 p. m.	82
4 p. m.	82
5 p. m.	82
6 p. m.	81
7 p. m.	79
8 p. m.	77

Comparative Local Record.

	1915.	1914	1913	1912.
Highest today	83	93	90	96
Lowest today	61	64	70	62
Mean temperature	72	78	80	79
Precipitation	0	.35	.02	1.84

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1st, and compared with the past two years:

Normal temperature	76
Deficiency for the day	4
Total deficiency since March 1, 1915	557
Normal precipitation	.12 inch
Deficiency for the day	.12 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	19.90 inches
Excess since March 1, 1915	.17 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	4.63 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913	4.11 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m	High-est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, part cloudy	70	78	.00
Denver, clear	76	82	.01
Des Moines, clear	78	82	.00
Dodge City, clear	82	88	.00
Lander, part cloudy	78	84	.00
North Platte, cloudy	76	82	.00
Omaha, clear	79	83	.00
Pueblo, clear	78	84	.01
Rapid City, cloudy	68	78	T
Salt Lake, clear	88	90	.00
Sante Fe, part cloudy	76	90	.00
Sheridan, clear	84	86	.00
Sioux City, clear	78	82	.00
Valentine, cloudy	76	82	.00

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.
—indicates below zero.

THAT DRIVE ON WARSAW—One of [illegible] troop trains, with the left-overs riding on the roof, after the coaches had all been filled, cheering the advance into the enemy's territory.

MUNGER FUNERAL TO BE SATURDAY

Short Services at Residence Here, After Which Body Goes to Fremont for Interment.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT GRAVE

Funeral services for Judge William Henry Munger, who died Wednesday night at his residence, will be held in Omaha Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the family residence, 1624 South Thirty-second avenue, with Rev. Mr. Buss of the Congregational church of Fremont officiating.

The body will then be taken to Fremont and escorted from the train to the residence of his brother-in-law, Frank Fowler, where, at 2:30, after a few words and prayer by Rev. Mr. Buss, Fremont lodge No. 15 of the Masons, of which Judge Munger was a charter member, will take charge from the house to Ridge cemetery, where interment will be in the family lot with Masonic services.

The pallbearers for the Omaha services will be all officials of the federal court, as follows:

T. C. Munger	John Nicholson
S. R. Rush	F. S. Howell
W. P. Warner	R. C. Hoyt

Arrangements have been made with the Union Pacific on its 11:55 train Saturday noon, Omaha to Fremont, to accommodate the funeral party and friends desirous of attending the services and interment at Fremont.

Judge Munger was born in Bergen, Genessee county, New York, October 19, 1845. At the age of 20 years he went to Cleveland, O., where he entered a dry goods store kept by an uncle. While thus employed he read law during his spare time, and after about a year entered the law office of a local firm as a clerk. He found time to read law, and at the end of two years made a flying trip to Elyria, where he was admitted to the bar in September, 1868. He announced his intention of going west and of establishing himself in one of the thriving towns along the line of the great transcontinental railroads then being constructed, and of which he had heard so much discussion.

Came to Fremont in 1868.

Selecting Fremont as his destination, he reached that town on his twenty-third birthday in October, 1869, his earthly possessions after arrival consisting of exactly $2.50. The day after his arrival he secured work in a lumber yard, and during the ensuing winter picked up a fee now and then by trying a small lawsuit. In the spring of 1869 he formed a partnership with Z. Shed, a local lawyer with a good practice, which continued about two years, after which he formed a partnership with W. C. Ghost, this being dissolved in 1874. In 1875 Judge Munger was a member of the constitutional convention, and in 1878 entered into a partnership with J. M. Woolworth of this city, which continued for one year. During the score of years following this period Mr. Munger devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his profession, yield-

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General Dodge to Consult Specialists

General G. M. Dodge of Council Bluffs, who built the Union Pacific railroad, will leave for New York Monday, where a consultation of specialists will be held in an attempt to cure him of an illness of long standing.

General Dodge has been in or near Omaha most of the time since the first rail of the Union aPcific was laid. He served in the civil war with the union army and was a brigadier general, being an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, of Grant and of Sherman. He is 84 years old and is still remarkably active in spite of his age and his long continued illness. The general will return to Council Bluffs after the consultation.

WAR PROBLEM IS READY FOR TROOPS

Fourth Regiment to Take Part in Sham Battle in Hills in Saunders.

DRESS PARADE IN FREMONT

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The sham battle which the Fourth regiment, Nebraska National Guards, at Camp L. D. Richards, south of Fremont, will stage, will take place some time during the forenoon Saturday.

Arrangements for the skirmish were completed today. The reds will be opposed to the Blues, and it is expected that the battle will take place in the hills in Saunders county, across the bluffs. The officers have made the war problem and the ten companies in the camp will be equally divided into two companies and required to work it out. An umpire will decide on all movements. Neither side knofs the position of the start and will have to depend entirely on their scouts.

The aeroplane squad is preparing for some trial flights and the machine will be used in the army maneuvers.

Captains McQuillan and Schaeffer of the aviation corps are in camp assembling the two machines. It is expected to have the machines ready to take part in the regular drills and regular army instruction work tomorrow.

The dress parade in which the entire regiment of 640 men took part, was held on the streets of Fremont this afternoon. Colonel Eberly, who is in command, and Adjutant General P. L. Hall of Lincoln, Neb., and their staffs headed the parade. The Friend band furnished music. The ten companies of the four battalions marched in line.

No definite arrangements have been made regarding the military parade and review by Governor Morehead until word is received from the chief executive.

Engineer in Harvest Field Shot and Slain

HOLDREGE, Neb., Aug. 12.—Vincent Winklemeyer of New York City, an electrical engineer working in the harvest fields for his health, according to papers found on his body, was shot and killed early today in a box car between this town and Funk, Neb., when he resisted the attempts of two unidentified men to rob him. E. R. Lee of Lincoln, Neb., and Fred E. Cullom of Kansas City, Mo., were wounded in the fight with the robbers, who escaped.

THOUSANDS OF ITALIANS LEAVING UNITED STATES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 12.—Four thousand Italian reservists from the Pittsburgh district have applied to the Italian vice consulate for transportation to Italy to join their respective regiments. Joseph Natalie, the Italian vice consul, declined to enter into details, saying that because of the neutrality of the United States he had no desire to create the impression that active recruiting was in progress here.

Attaches of his office, however, said that all applicants were told how to proceed.

WORD GOES OUT TO FLANDERS OF WESTERN SWEEP

German Forces in West Told Work in East Is Done and Advance Soon to Begin on Other Front.

PEACE CERTAIN IN OCTOBER

Teuton Forces Are Reported by Berlin to Have Occupied Zabrow and Lukow.

BAVARIANS CONTINUE CHASE

LONDON, Aug. 12.—A significant order of the day predicting a resumption by the Germans of a vigorous offensive in the west has been issued to the Teutonic armies in Flanders, according to the Amsterdam Telegraf. An extract from this order, telegraphed by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph, follows:

"Our work is now practically finished in the east and we are about to begin in the west. Peace is certain in October."

Russians Begin Offensive.

GENEVA, Aug. 12.—(Via Paris.)—A dispatch to the Geneva Tribune from Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol, says:

"German operations have been suspended on the Kovno-Suwalki-Grodno front because of a lack of reinforcements, no new troops having arrived since August 4.

"The Russian offensive at Kovno is of the greatest importance, as the German first line troops, chiefly Prussian landwehr, suffered terrible losses August 8 and 9. In this section, as well as in the region between Lomza and the Bug, it is remarked that many regiments are much below the average in strength.

Lukow Taken.

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—(Via London, 4:35 p. m.)—Austria-German forces pursuing the Russians, who are retreating from the Warsaw salient, have occupied Lukow, according to an official announcement by the German army headquarters staff today. Zahrowo also has been captured, the statement adds.

The text of the statement follows:

"Western theater: In the Argonne, north of Vienne-Le-Chateau, we captured a French group of fortified positions and took seventy-four unwounded prisoners, including two officers, and captured two machine guns and seven mine throwers. The enemy suffered heavy losses.

"During an engagement which led to the capture of an enemy trench, northeast of La Harasee, a few prisoners fell into our hands. The remainder of the occupants fled, leaving behind forty killed.

"Eastern theater: South of Niemen, troops belonging to the army of General Von Eichorn repulsed with sanguinary losses an attack begun by the enmy with strong forces in the Dvina section. The enemy left 700 prisoners in our hands. The army of General Von Scholtz threw the enemy back across the river Gas.

Twelve Guns Captured.

"South of the Narew since the 8th this army has taken 4,950 prisoners, including eleven officers, and captured twelve machine guns.

"The army of General Gallwitz took Zambrowa by storm and penetrated further in an easterly direction by way of Androchow.

"One of our airships dropped bombs on the railway station at Bialystok. Extensive explosions were observed.

"The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, continued pursuit of the enemy, and while continually engaged in rear guard fighting crossed the Muchawka section. Lukow has been occupied.

"The army of General Von Mackensen having broken down strongly fortified enemy positions after sharp fighting, the Russians began a retreat during the night along the entire front betwen the Bug and Parazew."

Commits Suicide and Blames Girl for It

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 12.—C. H. Lockridge, 49 years old, a special agent for a Los Angeles street railway company, shot and killed himself here today. Miss May Tennison, 24 years old, an inspector for a film company, was shot and seriously wounded here August 9. She accused Lockridge of being her assailant. In Lockridge's pockets were found letters blaming Miss Tennison for his act. Miss Tennison is recovering from her wounds. She formerly lived in Los Angeles.

The Day's War News

BERLIN REPORTS a French airship raid on Zweibruecken and St. Ingbert, in Rhenish Prussia, to the northeast of Nancy, in which eight persons were killed by bombs dropped from aeroplanes. The property damage is said to have been small. Saarbruecken, in the same section, was bombarded by French airships last Monday.

FREQUENT AUSTRIAN ATTACKS on Italian positions in Cadore are reported from Rome, which declares that the Italians have succeeded in holding all their recently taken positions.

FORMER PREMIER VENIZELOS of Greece has returned to Athens, where the pronouncement of his policy, expected to have an important bearing on the Balkan situation, is being awaited. It is considered doubtful if this will be made until after the opening of the Greek Parliament on August 16.

PARIS WAR OFFICE reports a renewal of German attacks in the Argonne, where the French lines were penetrated at one point. Last night's assaults were declared to have been completely repulsed.

Day Before Labor Day May Be Known as Thrift Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 12.—Designation of the Sunday preceding Labor day each year as Thrift day was asked of President Wilson and governors of states in resolutions passed today at the second day's session of the first international congress for thrift at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Labor organizations, it was said have promised to support this movement.

Only 2 per cent of Americans are independent of a daily income, it was said by S. W. Straus of Chicago, president of the American Society for Thrift. He said 66 per cent of the people who die in this country leave no estates and 97 per cent of Americans at the age of 65 are partly or wholly dependent on chairty.

"Unless the conditions are corrected," Mr. Straus said, "we will reach a state of national poverty some day. All European nations for generations have been compelled to practice thrift. It is through the churches and the schools that the lessons must be taught."

A letter from William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, pledging his moral support to the thrift movement, was read to the congress.

MANY SALES MADE AT TRACTOR SHOW

Best Buying Crowd that Ever Attended Exhibition, Say Manufacturers of Big Machines.

ONE FIRM DISPOSES OF FIFTY

"The best buying crowd that ever attended a tractor show," is what the tractor manufacturers are saying at Fremont of the crowds attending the National Farm Tractor demonstration there this week.

One firm reports the sale of fifty tractors up to Thursday afternoon. Another firm reports selling twenty-five tractors. Others tell of from a dozen to twenty sales, and altogether General Manager Hildebrand estimates that 150 tractors have been sold to farmers already this far.

A representative of the International Harvester company said Thursday that if today is as good a day as Thursday, the week will total far greater sales of tractors than did the week's show at Hutchinson, which is the show that up to this time has held the record for total of sales

Foreign Buyer a Booster.

Mr. Mohler, representing the Austrian government, who has been on the ground all week looking the tractors over and buying machines for various lines of agricultural work in his country, says:

"I have been in this country over a year now studying agricultural conditions as I have studied them always in my own country. I believe I am safe in saying that within ten years there will be a tractor on every farm in the state of Nebraska. Every indication is that the tractor is indispensable to agriculture and is here to stay."

Mr. Mohler has just placed an order with the manufacturers of the Holt Caterpillar tractor of Peoria, Ill., for sixty machines. He bought sixty of the eight-cylinder, 120-horsepower Caterpillars for use on some of the big ranches in Austria. He says there are many ranches in Austria of from 5,000 to 20,000 acres and, in his opinion, he has found the machine he wants for these.

With special trains from the Albion branch and the Sioux City branch Thursday, the demonstration had the largest crowd yet seen this week. Conservative estimates placed the crowd at between 10,000 and 12,000.

The Sioux City special brought in 500 and the Albion train brought between 400 and 600. Dozens and dozens of automobiles came in from Grand Island, Holdrege and even farther west.

Many See Wrestling Match.

Hundreds and, perhaps, thousands of people came Thursday in order that they might be in time to see the Stecher-Henderson wrestling match, which was pulled off in Morris park at night as a special feature of the week's festivities.

Fifty of the tractors gave demonstrations in plowing and other work on the big field during the day. This is the greatest amount of tractors that has yet been out at any time. There are wet spots in the fields, where the ground is too wet to plow. If the day is fair today, it is expected that all of the ground will be in shape to plow and it is expected that the eighty tractors will all be out.

Dynamite Demonstrations.

Special demonstrations in dynamiting ground and stumps were also given during the day. Moving pictures of all the work were made.

The accessory manufacturers who are demonstrating the technical points of the engines, are greatly pleased with interest that is being shown in these special schools of instruction. This is what is known as the short course in tractors, and the room is always crowded with farmers and ranchers who are anxious to learn the last and most up-to-date detail of the motor of each machine. The accessory men say this is the best indication of all that the tractor is here to stay, that the farmer feels he must have it, and that the day of horsepower farming is rapidly drawing to a close.

Here is today's program:

Omaha Ak-Sar-Ben and live stock men's day.
9:30 to 12—Private demonstration.
10 to 11:30 a. m.—Tractor short course.
Free dinner, South Omaha Union Stock Yards' barbecue.
1:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Public demonstration.
Union Pacific Railroad, North Platte, Grand Island, Columbus, Omaha divisions excursions.

Tractor Built Like Fine Pleasure Car

To read the technical descriptions of many of the farm tractors at the Fremont demonstration, one might easily imagine he were reading of an automobile instead of a farming machine. For example, notice this, taken from advertising matter on the four-plow tractor, manufactured by the Kinnard-Haines company of Minneapolis: "It is equipped with the four-cylinder, vertical valve-in-the-head type of motor of the well-known Flour City design; two speeds forward and one reverse; Hyatt roller bearings throughout, except the motor bearings; spring mounted in front and automobile steering device."

And, like the automobile manufacturers, the tractor men are coming to the smaler and lighter machines that will give general, all-round, good service at small cost. The "Kinnard" is one of these, being especially adapted to small and medium farm work.

MEXICAN NOTE IS SIGNED BY WILSON

Joint Communication Prepared by Pan-American Envoys Ready for Transmission.

CARRANZA DENIES DISORDER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred at length today on the Mexican situation. Details of yesterday's conference in New York of the Latin-American diplomats were given to the president.

Just before Mr. Lansing went to the White House he announced that the appeal to the factions and leaders in Mexico will not be sent today, as arrangements for its transmission by telegraph and mail to remote parts of Mexico are not complete. The communication has been finished, signed, approved by president.

With the return of the president it was again reiterated that the Inter-American peace plan does not contemplate in any way the use of force, or the impairment of Mexico's sovereignty or interference in its domestic affairs. The purpose of the appeal is to influence Mexicans themselves to hold a peace convention and the government created by that action will be accorded recognition whether or not the acquiescence of all the factions is obtained.

Secretary Lansing declined to comment on General Carranza's letter of protest against the Pan-American peace plan. He said no reply had been made. However the feeling is that when the Pan-American conferees' appeal is read it will be evident that Carranza has been misinformed as to the purpose of the peace plan and there is a confident hope that some of his hitherto close supporters will give their adherence to the idea of a peace conference.

General Carranza issued from Vera Cruz today, through his Washington agents, a denial that any outrages either were committed or contemplated against the foreigners within his jurisdiction.

Foreign Minister Acuma cabled that the demonstrations in Vera Cruz had been merely manifestations of allegiance to Carranza.

"The people protested," said Minister Acuna, "when they heard of the conferences being held in the United States in an endeavor to decide upon matters exclusively in the province of Mexican sovereignty, but the people have not manifested any hostility to citizens of any nationality."

Foreigners Safe, Says Carranza.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 12.—"The statement that foreigners in Vera Cruz are in danger is false. The constitutionalist government guarantees lives and property to individuals of whatever nationality."

The foregoing is the text of a cablegram signed by General Carranza and

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Five Persons Killed in Collision Near Columbus, Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 12.—Five persons were killed and more than a score were injured, some of them seriously, early today when a heavily loaded freight train crashed into a special train bearing a party of members of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Mount Sterling, O., many of them accompanied by their wives or other members of their families.

The accident occurred at Orient station, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad, fourteen miles south of Columbus. The excursionists were returning from an annual outing at Cedar Point, near Sandusky. The excursion train had stopped to take water when the freight train crashed into it.

Members of the freight crew said they knew the excursion was ahead of them, but understood their orders gave the freight train a clear track. The dead:

LOGAN HOLLER, Pickaway county farmer.
MARGARET SOLLARS.
THORNIE NEFF.
THAD MITCHELL.
CARL REICHELSDERFER, who died in a hospital here shortly after noon.

All of the above are from Mount Sterling or that vicinity.

Barnes Compares T. R. and Bismarck

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 12.—William Barnes, jr., today warned the constitutional convention, now in session here, that if a stop was not put to what he termed "socialistic" or class legislation, there would be established in this country an autocratic state, similar to that of Germany, "denying utterly the American theory of equality."

Incidentally, the republican leader compared Theodore Roosevelt to Bismarck, and asserted that the progressive party had inaugurated and was advocating the identical policy which had caused the socialist party in Germany to become the largest single group in the Reichstag.

Mr. Barnes' warning and attack upon the progressives was contained in a speech urging the convention to adopt his amendment prohibiting the legislature from passing minimum wage, old age pensions or similar laws.

TEUTON ADVANCE IS NEAR BANKS OF RIVER DVINA

Baltic Flank Under Von Hindenburg Now Less Than Three Hundred Miles from City of Petrograd.

RUSSIAN SCHEME IS A FAILURE

Czar's Second Line of Defense Back of Warsaw Seems to Have Been Made Untenable.

BATTLE EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Baltic flank of the German armies, under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, has virtually attained the banks of the river Dvina, between Riga and Dvinsk, with Petrograd less than 300 miles away in a direct line.

Thence southward the line sweeps west, with the Russian fortress of Kovno still holding out, but next week may see a great battle on the road toward the Russian capital.

The second line of defense upon which the Russians proposed to fall back after abandoning Warsaw has all the appearances of having been rendered untenable, and the British and Russian press is beginning to see in the Austro-German plan an ambitious plunge deeper into Russia, with Petrograd as the goal.

In the meantime the Russian rear guards are fighting desperately, especially in the critical Dvina region and at Kovno, to capture which the Germans are making a terrific sacrifice of men.

It seems plain now the Germans purpose no great demonstration in the west, but intend rather to press to the utmost their so far brilliantly successful Russian campaign on the theory that conditions in France and Belgium are such that neither the French nor the British immediately will attempt a general offensive.

During the lull in activity on the front in France and Belgium the British public is looking to the Dardanelles to bring the relief Russia so badly needs, though the task of opening the straits remains a difficult problem, which some think may only be solved by a change in the Balkan situation. Both Germany and the entente powers are exerting the hardest pressure on Bulgaria, as that country is considered to be the key to the situation.

Petrograd Real Objective.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 11.—(Via London, Aug. 12.)—The Novoe Vremya, discussing today the theory that Petrograd is the real objective of the German offensive, says:

"There is an enormous difference between the war of 1812 and the present conflict. The Germans are hurling against the Russian forces, equivalent to seven such invasions as that of Napoleon and supported by the latest technical appliances, whereas, in 1812, the Russian army in the latter respect was fully on a par with the French.

"The Germans are infinitely better posted as to the position of Russia than Napoleon, and they are incapable of regarding Moscow as the key to the empire. They know that Petrograd is the political center and it is only half as far from Riga as Moscow.

"It is only a night's railway journey between Riga and Petrograd, and the distance over good roads and two lines of railways do not offer insuperable difficulties. This is no second war of 1812, but something far more serious."

The Rech advises the population of Petrograd that air raids on the capital are likely in the near future, and that a hostile cavalry force may possibly get near the capital. It saws, however, that there is on fear of anything further at present.

Italian Official Report.

ROME, Aug. 12.—(Via Paris.)—The following statement issued at Italian army headquarters, under date of August 11, says:

"In Cadore, while our artillery continues to operate against powerful de-

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