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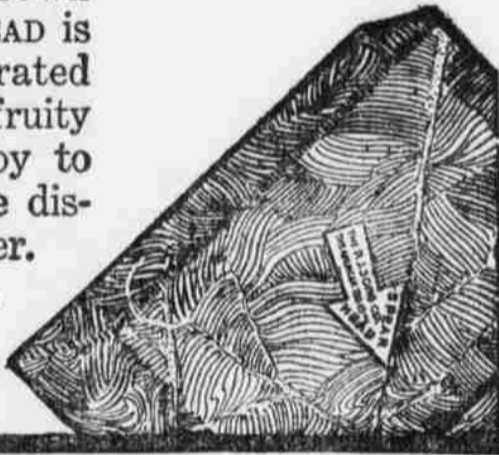
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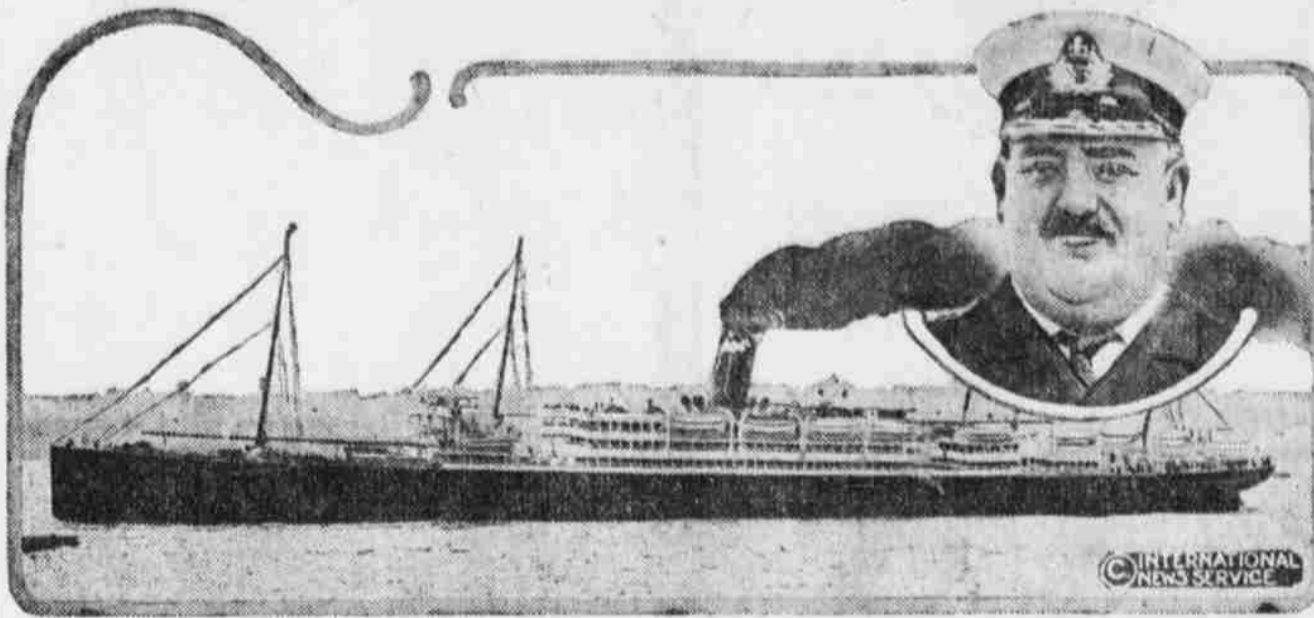
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700 MEXICANS SLAIN

CARRANZA FORCES REPULSE ATTACK BY VILLISTAS.

Two Raiders Executed—Villa Accepts Plan for Peace Suggested by Pan-American Note.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 21.—Seven hundred dead and a large number wounded was the result of a battle Tuesday between Carranza and Villa forces near Monterrey, according to advices received on Thursday at the Nuevo Laredo Carranza headquarters. The Villistas were attempting to capture Monterrey, but were repulsed and retreated westward. Villa lost 500 and Carranza 200, according to the report.

Two Mexicans held in jail at San Benito in connection with the Austin killing in the Sebastian raid last week were taken out in the absence of a guard and killed.

The killing at Mercedes of four Mexicans, alleged members of the band which killed Private Windhouse, is confirmed.

The official text of General Villa's reply to the Pan-American appeal for peace which reached El Paso from Chihuahua follows in part:

"In replying I have the honor to inform you that the convention government is strong enough through its own force and power to continue the fight defending the institutions belonging to the Mexican people, but taking into consideration the friendly and brotherly attitude of the United States of America and our sisters, the Latin-American republics, we cordially accept the good offices of your excellencies toward calling a reunion of delegates of the contending parties recognized in Mexico. It will be possible for them to reach a satisfactory agreement, thus saving the national honor."

The Villa reply is directed to Secretary Robert Lansing and to each of the Latin-American diplomats who had signed the message.

8 DROWNED NEAR ST. LOUIS

Meramec River Sweeps 35-Mile Strip of Buildings—Thousands Flee—County Under Water.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Eight persons are reported to have lost their lives when the Meramec river, lined on both sides with pleasure resorts, club houses and summer cottages, went several miles out of its banks following a sudden rise, which started Sunday at the rate of a foot an hour. Six persons are said to have been drowned at Valley Park and two at Meramec Highlands. The river is five feet higher than ever before in its history, and so rapid it did the flood come on that many persons were forced to climb into tree-tops. A report that was not confirmed stated that every building on either side of the river for 35 miles had been swept away. The additional eight lost brings the total dead in the flood following the recent severe rainstorm to 22 in St. Louis County.

BRITISH SUBMARINE IS LOST

Goes Aground and is Pounded to Pieces and Fifteen of Crew Drown.

London, Aug. 23.—The British submarine E-13 has been lost with 15 men off the Danish coast, while on her way to the Baltic sea. Fifteen men were saved. Official announcement of the loss of the E-13 was made on Friday by the admiralty. She was under orders to co-operate with the Russian Baltic fleet off Riga, against the German fleet.

Root Heads Bar Association. Salt Lake City, Aug. 20.—Ellihu Root of New York was unanimously elected president of the American Bar association.

Senator Shively Ill. Laporte, Ind., Aug. 24.—United States Senator Benjamin F. Shively of Indiana is reported critically ill at the home of his parents in Brookfield, Pa. Senator Shively has been in ill health for months.

Posse Fells Bank Bandits. Perryburg, O., Aug. 24.—In a battle two auto bandits were wounded and two others captured by a posse. Louis Golin and Albert Bates were wounded. Roy Schilling and Edward Boyle were arrested.

85,000 RUSS TAKEN

SIX GENERALS CAPTURED BY GERMANS IN FALL OF NOVO-GEORGIEVSK.

CZAR'S MEN ARE RETREATING

Number of Cannon Taken by Teutons Has Been Increased to More Than 700, an Official Statement From Berlin War Office Says.

Berlin, Aug. 23 (by wireless).—Novogeorgievsk, mightiest fortress of the czar, has fallen. The capture by German troops of the great stronghold at the junction of the Vistula and Narw rivers was officially announced here on Friday.

Six Russian generals and 85,000 soldiers were captured by General von Beseler's troops when they took Novogeorgievsk. The number of cannon has been increased to more than 700, an official statement says.

General von Gallwitz's troops have taken 2,650 Russian prisoners, the statement adds. The Russians retreated east of Kovno and in the district of Dawina as far as the road from Augustowo to Grodno.

With the capture of Novogeorgievsk the Germans have taken the last of the Vistula fortresses and removed a danger that existed as long as that stronghold was held by the Russians. The pursuit of the retreating Russian armies can be continued without any possibility of a sudden sortie.

Novogeorgievsk was captured under the eyes of Emperor William himself, he having arrived there while the German troops were making their attacks.

The fortress fell after a siege of 12 days, during which the mighty German guns poured a rain of shell upon its fortifications. The outlying forts were taken one by one while the German circles drew closer daily to the main fortifications.

The German general staff accompanied Emperor William to Novogeorgievsk to watch the closing act of the military drama enacted there.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Rome, Aug. 20.—The Turkish government has revoked permission to Italians to leave the country and among the Italian subjects held up on Turkish soil are 6,000 reservists, according to a Bucharest dispatch.

London, Aug. 20.—Two more neutral ships have been sunk by German submarines, it was announced here. They were the Norwegian steamers Minerva and Romulus. The crews of both vessels were saved.

Paris, Aug. 20.—Albert Thomas, under-secretary of war, has issued a warning to manufacturers that a scarcity of railroad rolling stock will make difficult the delivery of coal unless it is ordered in advance.

CARDINAL VANNUPELLI DIES

Dean of Sacred College Was One of Most Influential of Those Eligible to Papacy.

Rome, Aug. 21.—Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, dean of the Sacred college, is dead at the age of eighty-one. Cardinal Vannutelli was one of the most influential of those members of the Sacred college eligible to the papacy. He was one of the six cardinal bishops who take their title from the suburban sees of Rome. He was bishop of Porto, Santa Rufina and Ostia. He was proclaimed cardinal by Pope Leo XIII, March 14, 1887. The cardinal was born November 26, 1834, at Jenazano.

Residents Quit Canal Zone. Washington, Aug. 24.—Population of the Canal Zone has decreased 20 per cent, or 7,780 persons, within a year. The decrease is attributed to the completion of the canal and reduction in the number of employees.

Clarence Funk Seriously Ill. South Bend, Ind., Aug. 24.—Clarence S. Funk, formerly of the International Harvester company, is reported seriously ill at the home of J. D. Oliver, but efforts to learn the nature of his illness have proved futile.

U. S. FACES CRISIS

ARABIC TRAGEDY INVOLVES DIGNITY OF U. S.

Washington Official Says Sinking of Liner Puts Honor of Nation at Stake.

Washington, Aug. 21.—"This is no time for hasty action. The situation created by the torpedoing of the Arabic is too serious to permit snap judgment. Neither the president nor the state department will make a single move in the case until all of the facts have been gathered by American diplomatic and consular agents and are before them.

"The honor and dignity of the nation are involved, but the people can rest assured that their interests are safe."

That was the only word forthcoming from administration sources regarding the sinking of the White Star Liner Arabic. The statement came from the one man in the government service who knows the president's mind.

By direct order of the executive, all officials were prohibited from talking for publication. The slogan of "suspend judgment until we have all of the facts," enunciated by the president to Secretary of State Lansing within half an hour after the word of the sinking of the liner reached this country, will be rigidly adhered to.

CONSULS ACCUSED BY U. S.

British and German Agents in San Francisco Aid Neutrality Violations 'Charge.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Allegations that the Imperial German consulate and A. Carnegie Ross, British consul at San Francisco, furnished a quarter of a million dollars, directly and indirectly, to men under indictment for violations of the neutrality of the United States are made in indictments made public by John W. Preston, United States district attorney.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Attorney General Gregory reported to President Wilson that investigation into charges of activities of German agents in this country had so far disclosed nothing to lead to action by the department of justice.

The attorney general discussed the alleged activities of German agents in this country generally with the president. Later, he said no general investigation had been ordered by the president, but that any charges of violation of the neutrality of the United States would be carefully looked into by the department of justice.

HIGHER RAIL RATE APPROVED

Tariff on Iron and Steel From Chicago Points Is Endorsed by Commerce Body.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Increased rates on iron and steel from the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, Chicago and intermediate territory to Utah, Colorado and Kansas points were approved by the Interstate commerce commission. The decision makes an exception as to iron bars, steel bars, steel sheets and structural steel in carloads from St. Louis to Denver originating east of the Mississippi.

DR. JOHNSON EDUCATOR HEAD

President of South Carolina College Gets 479 Votes as Against 184 for His Woman Opponent.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 20.—Dr. David B. Johnson, president of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial college of Rock Hill, S. C., was elected president of the National Education association by a vote of 479 as against 184 received by Miss Grace C. Strachan, district superintendent of schools, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Martial Law for St. Marc. Washington, Aug. 21.—Martial law has been declared in St. Marc, Haiti. Admiral Caperton notified the navy department. This makes the third Haitian city controlled by United States marines.

War Veterans Elect Chief. Detroit, Mich., Aug. 21.—The Association of Veterans of Foreign Wars has elected Gus E. Hartung of Denver commander in chief and Chicago has been selected for the 1916 encampment.

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