

REPLY TO RUMANIA

GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON HER NEWEST FOE—FIGHTING ALREADY STARTED.

FERDINAND HAS MILLION MEN

King's Troops Seeking Entry Into the Plains of Transylvania in Effort to Assist Russians in Their Dash Along the Border Lines.

Western Newspaper Union News Service

Rumania has thrown in her lot with the entente allies by declaring war on Austria-Hungary and almost simultaneously Germany has announced that she is at war with Rumania.

Already the troops of King Ferdinand are seeking entry into the plains of Transylvania through the eastern Carpathians toward Kronstadt, the chief city in Transylvania and in the direction of Hermannstadt, evidently in an endeavor to press northward through Transylvania toward the Bukowina and Galician borders and to take in the rear of the Austro-Germans, who are trying to prevent the Russians from entering Hungary.

Nothing has come through to indicate what preparation has been made by the Bulgarians to offset a probable attack by the Rumanians along the Danube front or a possible attempt by the Russians at Ivan by means of the Danube and through Dobruja or by the Black sea. It is estimated that Rumania will be able to throw nearly a million men into the field.

Except in the Macedonian sector, little important fighting is reported from the fronts. Along the line where the Serbian allies are in contact with the Serbians the British and French and Berlin and Paris report additional gains for their respective forces.

VILLA BANDITS TAKE TOWN.

Satevo Garrison, Sans Ammunition, Surrenders.

Chihuahua City, Mex.—Three hundred Villa bandits captured the town of Satevo, Chihuahua, fifty miles south of here, according to reports to Gen. Jacinto Trevino. The outlaws, under Uribe Arango and Martin Lopez, surrounded the town and, after six hours' battle, the garrison, numbering 200, under Capt. de la Fuente, being without ammunition, was forced to evacuate. Villa himself was not with the outlaws, it was said.

The dispatches, which came from Gen. Elizondo, made no estimate of the casualties on either side, but said that both the bandits and government troops lost heavily. In the early hours of the engagement a number of outlaws were captured and executed.

BANDIT HOLDS UP COLLECTOR.

Gagged and Left in Clump of Bushes—Robber Secures \$3,000.

Detroit.—An automobile bandit is said to have held up and robbed Harold Isbell, a collector for the Standard Oil company, of approximately \$3,000. Isbell was found bound and gagged behind a clump of bushes in a suburb of Detroit and declared he had been dragged there by the bandit who had driven his machine across the path of Isbell's car, forcing him to come to a stop. Isbell told the sheriff that as he came to a stop the bandit pointed a pistol at him, and, being unarmed, he was compelled to surrender a small bag containing about \$2,000, collected from various gasoline distributors just outside the city limits. Isbell's cries attracted a workman, who released him.

Borden and Party Safe.

Chicago.—News of the safe arrival at Nome, Alaska, of John Borden, millionaire Chicago sportsman, and others of his party, who were shipwrecked in the Arctic was received by Mrs. Borden in a cablegram from her husband. Borden said the entire party was safe and in good health, but gave no information regarding his future plans.

Ben Williams Dead.

Gulfport, Miss.—Ben Williams, once bodyguard for Jefferson Davis, president of the confederacy, and who was President Wilson's caddy when he played golf at the country club here two years ago, died here. The negro was well known over the country because of his history, thousands of postcards bearing his picture being sold.

Year's Profits Large.

New York.—The annual statement of the Pacific Mail Steamship company shows that the year's profits amounted to more than 21 per cent on both preferred and common stock.

Army Reserve Corps.

Chicago.—Commercial organizations of all large cities throughout the middle west will be asked to aid in forming the quartermaster's reserve corps of the United States army.

Chinese Laborers for France.

Paris.—One thousand Chinese laborers arrived at Lyons. They constitute the first contingent of Chinese who are to be brought to France for work in munition factories.

Swiss Military Mission.

Berne, Switzerland.—A military mission consisting of officers of the Swiss army will soon leave for Colombia to reorganize the army of that South American republic along Swiss lines. The officers are sent at Colombia's request.

GAINS FOR BULGARS

TEUTONIC ALLIES SMASH FOE'S POSITIONS ON THE SALONIKI LINE.

FRENCH AND SERBS LOSE

Russians Defeat Turks in Big Battle at Rachtia in Armenian Campaign—Slavs Recapture Much From Ottoman Army.

Sofia, Aug. 26.—Definite gains against the French and Serbian forces operating on the Saloniki line, the annihilation of a French regiment southwest of Lake Doiran and a retreat by the Serbs southward from Kastoria are reported in the official Bulgarian war office statement issued. The statement in part reads:

"Bulgarian troops, in advancing south of Florina, occupied on August 23 Kosotour and Kastoria. The defeated Serbians are retreating southward. The Bulgarians operating in the direction of Lerina, Banica and Corchero captured on August 21 a strongly fortified position on the crest of Mount Malka Nizea.

"On the following day they attacked the Serbians on the Vardar in their new positions at St. Spidion, Hill 297 and Teheganaki plain.

"We captured seven officers and 200 men and also a number of quick-firers and machine guns and other material. The fighting continues.

"Additional information shows that the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth French regiment, which participated in the fighting on the 21st, lost 50 per cent of its effectiveness. We found on the field 250 bodies.

"On our left wing in the Struma valley we cleared the left bank of the river of the enemy. We buried 500 of the enemy."

Saloniki, Aug. 26.—In their efforts to throw a line of strong defensive works all the way across eastern Greece, from Lake Thalinos to the Bulgarian frontier, the Bulgars have precipitated a general engagement with Greek troops which is still in progress near the Struma valley.

Petrograd, Aug. 26.—Russian troops have defeated four Turkish divisions (80,000 men) in a great battle at Rachtia near Mosul, capturing two entire Turkish regiments, it was announced officially. Many cannon and much other booty were taken.

Petrograd, Aug. 26, via London.—Russian forces operating in southern Turkish Armenia have recaptured Mush, captured by the Turks on August 8, says an official communication issued by the war department. The statement adds the Russians captured 2,300 prisoners.

TURKISH ARMY FLEES BITLIS

Quits Southern Armenian City Following Defeat at Rachtia—Russ Repulse Teutons.

Petrograd, by wireless to London, Aug. 26.—It is announced that the Russians have resumed their advance along the entire Asiatic front. The Turks have evacuated Bitlis, in southern Turkish Armenia near Lake Van. The flight followed the Russian recapture of Mush and the defeat of the Ottoman forces at Rachtia.

Austro-German forces before Kovel, in Volhynia, attempted to take the offensive in the region of the village of Velick, but, the war office reports, were repulsed.

WILL OPPOSE BREAD "BOOST"

Federal Trade Commission Decides to Look into Baking and Milling Situation if Asked To.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The federal trade commission, according to one of its high officials, will take steps on its own initiative to prevent any increase in the price of bread if the present agitation among bakers for an increase continues.

The commission also will investigate the entire baking and milling situation in the country if a formal request is received from some responsible complainant, even if there is not an increase in the price of bread.

BRITISH SEIZE U. S. BOATS

American Fishing Schooners Captured Off Iceland by Patrol Vessels and Taken to Shetland Islands.

London, Aug. 25.—The American fishing schooner Maxine Elliott of Gloucester, Mass., and Lizzie Griffin of Bangor, Me., seized off Iceland by British patrol boats, have been taken to Lerwick, Shetland Islands. The American schooner Lucinda J. Lowell, on the way from Gloucester to Norway, also was taken into Lerwick, but was released after her cargo of dried herring was unloaded.

Ready for Another Voyage.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—All of the members of the returned merchant submarine, Deutschland, including Capt. Paul Koehnig, have declared their readiness to undertake another voyage to the United States.

New Golf Champion.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 28.—Mrs. E. C. Letts, Jr., of Cincinnati, on Friday afternoon won the women's western golf championship by defeating Miss Laurie Krueger of Chicago, three up and one to go.

THE FOUNDLING



5,000 RUSSIANS SLAIN YIELD EIGHT-HOUR DAY

SLAVS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN FOUR-DAY BATTLE.

Berlin Statement Says Enemy Has Been Halted in Volhynia, Galicia and Carpathians.

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Aug. 25.—Despite their determined attacks in many sections of the front in Volhynia, Galicia and the Carpathian regions the Russians have been unable to gain any ground from the Teutonic forces, according to the Austrian official statement of August 22. The Russian losses in the fighting along the lower Stokhod, northeast of Kovel, were particularly heavy, says the statement.

A correspondent of the Cologne Gazette on the Russian front says that in the fighting near Horodenka, in eastern Galicia, from August 14 to 17 the Russians lost 5,000 killed, while the total of German casualties was 80. Gains for the Teutonic forces in the Carpathians north of Capul, where positions recently taken by the Russians were stormed and recaptured, are announced by the war office.

Petrograd (via London), Aug. 25.—The Germans resumed the offensive south of Brody, where the Russians are attempting to approach Lemberg from the northeast. The war office statement of today says the Germans were repulsed. The Russians captured two heights on the Hungarian front.

DEUTSCHLAND ARRIVES HOME

German Merchant Submarine Arrives at the Mouth of Weser—All on Board Well.

Berlin, Aug. 25 (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—The merchant submarine Deutschland arrived at the mouth of the Weser on Wednesday, according to the Overseas News agency. All on board are well. The Deutschland started on its return trip from Baltimore on August 2. It escaped the cordon of allied ships which were watching for it.

APPOINTS U. S.-MEXICO BODY

Secretary Lane, Justice Gray of Delaware and Dr. John R. Mott of New York Will Serve.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Secretary Lansing announced on Tuesday the appointment of American members of the commission to treat with Mexico. They are: Secretary of the Interior Franklin H. Lane of San Francisco, Justice Gray of Delaware, Dr. John R. Mott of New York. All three have accepted the appointment.

ARMY BILL PASSES SENATE

Appropriation Bill, Minus Provision Which Caused Veto, is Approved by Upper House.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The senate passed the army appropriations bill with an amendment replacing the articles of war in it, but minus the provision which caused the president to veto it last week.

Plague Deaths Decrease.

New York, Aug. 26.—A substantial decrease in the number of infantile paralysis deaths and new cases is reported. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m., 30 children died and 100 were stricken.

Hermit Yachtsman Ends Life.

New York, Aug. 26.—Stephen M. Van Allen, the hermit yachtsman, committed suicide in the cabin of his costly motor boat Hunter on the North river by discharging the loads of a double-barreled shotgun into his breast.

8 DIE IN AIR RAID

HUNDRED BOMBS DROPPED IN ENGLAND DURING ZEPPELIN RAID.

ONE AIRSHIP NEAR LONDON

Raider Driven From Seaport Town by Antiaircraft Guns—Berlin Asserts That City and Batteries Were Bombarded at Night.

London, Aug. 28.—Eight persons were killed and 30 injured in the Zepplin raid on Thursday night, it was announced officially. One hundred bombs were dropped. One Zepplin reached the outskirts of London.

Two or three raiders came in over the eastern counties and dropped over 30 bombs without causing any casualties or damage. Another raider attempted to approach a seaport town, being heavily fired on by antiaircraft guns, was driven off to the eastward after dropping 19 bombs in the sea without reaching their objective.

Another raider succeeded in reaching the outskirts of London, where explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped and casualties occurred among the civilian population as follows: Killed, three men, three women, and two children; injured seriously, three men and four women; injured slightly, four men, seven women and three children. In addition, one soldier was seriously and fourteen were slightly injured by broken glass.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 28.—The city and southwestern district of London were bombed on Thursday night by German airships, an official statement issued by the war office says. Batteries at Harwich and Folkestone were also attacked, says the statement, which adds that "everywhere very good effects were observed."

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING DIES

Head of Peoria See, Succumbs After Long Sickness—Weakened by Hot Wave.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 28.—Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding, noted prelate of the Roman Catholic church in Illinois and a resident of Peoria continuously since 1877, when he was chosen for the position of bishop of the newly created Peoria diocese, died at his residence here on Friday. He had been ill for a number of years, having suffered a paralytic stroke in 1906. Physicians in attendance report that the recent heat wave left the aged prelate in a weakened condition, and his decline was rapid. Bishop Spalding was elevated to the position of archbishop of Seypphopolis in 1909. He was consecrated bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Peoria, Ill., on May 1, 1877. One project of magnificent scope originated by Archbishop Spalding was the Catholic university at Washington. Archbishop Spalding was born in Lebanon, Ky., June 2, 1840.

WOMAN KILLS GUARD OFFICER

Capt. E. J. Sprattling Is Shot and Killed in a Militia Camp by Mrs. H. C. Adams.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 28.—Capt. E. J. Sprattling, F company, Fifth infantry, National Guard of Georgia, was shot and killed in front of his tent at the state mobilization camp near here on Friday. Mrs. H. C. Adams of Atlanta was arrested on the statements of several officers and men that she shot the militia officer. She declined to make any statement. Mrs. Adams was turned over to civil authorities, who placed her in the county jail.

She gave her Atlanta address and said she was married and had three children. H. C. Adams, husband of the woman, said that his wife had been troubled with nervousness and had been treated by Captain Sprattling, who was a physician in private life. Mrs. Adams told her husband, he said, that she had objected to remarks she said the physician made to her.

ALLIED NAVAL LOSS 72 SHIPS

Berlin Asserts They Total 496,050 Tons—25 Teuton Craft of 62,667 Tons Sunk.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—The German admiralty issued a statement asserting that the losses of the British and French navies in line-of-battle ships and cruisers to August 1 comprised 72 vessels with a total displacement of 496,050 tons.

The German losses in the same classes during the same period were 25 warships with a total of 62,667 tons.

It was stated that the list of British and French warships included only those losses which had been established definitely.

Typhus in Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 28.—An epidemic of typhus has broken out in Agualete, Mexico. A letter received from there says that carloads of corpses are being carried out for burial daily.

Germans Blacklist Dutch.

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—Germany has issued a blacklist of certain Dutch firms which are denied German goods and Dutch merchants who supply the blacklisted firms are threatened with a similar boycott.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

A number of officers and privates selected from the troops on the border, have returned, and will do recruiting service in different portions of the state.

As delegates from Nebraska to the American institute of criminal law and criminology, which meets August 29 at Chicago, Governor Morehead has appointed H. B. Fleharty of Omaha, L. W. Colby of Beatrice and T. J. Doyle of Lincoln.

The state board of assessment has fixed the state tax levy at 6.1 mills, a reduction of .7 of a mill from last year and a reduction of 1.7 mills from the year before last. The reduction was made on the general fund levy which was cut from 4.1 mills to 3.4 mills.

A machine gun company has been formed at Camp Llano, and Lieutenant Gardner of the regimental staff, one sergeant and three privates have been sent to Harlingen to receive instructions in machine guns and motor trucks. Captain Paul, formerly of the regimental staff, will be commanding officer.

According to reports from the office of State Superintendent Thomas representatives of rural school districts from all over the state will meet at Lincoln during fair week to discuss problems of country districts and to suggest many needed changes in the present school laws.

As a result of a complaint made to the railway commission a few days ago by representatives of the U. C. T. and the T. P. A. prosecutions will probably be started against the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific railroads for charging higher rates on excess baggage than they are permitted by law to do.

Harvey Musser, president of the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice interurban road, appeared before the Nebraska railway commission with a request to issue \$300,000 additional stock. Mr. Musser said his request was in furtherance of plans to ultimately extend the line to Omaha from its Lincoln terminus at University Place and Bethany.

Horses and mules for the two Nebraska regiments have reached Camp Llano. Each regiment received twelve horses for mounts and sixty-seven mules for supply wagons and ambulances. Most of the animals were unbroken, but were pressed immediately into service and are now working well under the saddle and in the harness.

A consolidated report of the building and loan associations, showing their condition June 30, has been completed by the state board. The report shows seventy-two associations with assets amounting to \$47,917,847. The increase of these associations during the past year in loans is \$5,055,664.96; in stock, \$5,726,809.58; in cash, \$574,566.99; in reserve fund \$15,819.35.

According to the monthly report of the weather man, George A. Loveland, the month of July beat all records in Nebraska for sunshine, the average number of clear days being twenty-three, 11 per cent higher than any July record. Six days were partly cloudy and two days cloudy. July, 1916, came near establishing another record. Only one month, July, 1901, in forty-one years has been hotter.

The constitutionality of the Albert aw has been attacked in an appeal carried to the supreme court from Douglas county by George Brenner. It appears that Brenner was enjoined under the law, and held into court on a charge of violating an injunction. He was fined \$200 for contempt of court and sentenced to ninety days in the county jail. His sentence has been suspended pending the trial of the appeal.

State Superintendent A. O. Thomas has received word that Miss Edith Lathrop, formerly one of his assistants has received an appointment in the rural school department of the national bureau of education. Miss Lathrop passed an examination two years ago for appointment in this department. The state normal board of Nebraska offered Miss Lathrop the presidency of the state normal school at Chadron, but she declined it.

Expenses of conducting the state government and supporting state institutions and enterprises are on a lower per capita basis than in most other states of the union, according to figures which have been collected from two dozen states in the central and eastern sections.

Fire losses in Nebraska have greatly decreased from preventable causes, and fire hazards have been removed in scores of cities and towns, through the efforts of employes under charge of State Fire Commissioner Ridgell.

Short courses in home economics are now being held in farm homes, country schools, churches and halls under the auspices of women's clubs, directed by the county agricultural agent, and instructed by the home economics department of the university college of agriculture. In this way the farmer's wife who wants to become a pupil of up-to-date home economics can attend the courses without much difficulty. The first county short course was held at a farm home near Pender, and forty women attended the course, which lasted four days.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Erie, Pa., Aug. 25.—Two heavy cranes, said to have been overloaded, broke at the National foundry, killing at least four workmen and injuring six or seven others.

London, Aug. 24.—There is no foundation for the Berlin report that Norman Angell, the pacifist, has been sentenced to prison for refusal to perform military service. Mr. Angell is beyond the age limit of liability for such service.

\$500,000,000 Teuton Relief.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—The amount raised by German municipalities for relief of families of soldiers has reached about \$500,000,000. The federal treasury will turn over to the municipalities about \$125,000,000.

Plague Closes All Schools.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 28.—Samuel G. Dixon, state commissioner of health, decided that all schools—public, private and parochial—must remain closed until September 18, because of infantile paralysis.