

# 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 Narew 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 circle 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.

## ILLINOIS HIT BY STORM

Levee at East Alton Gives Way—Town Flooded—Ten Die in St. Louis County.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 23.—The levee of Wood river at East Alton gave way on Friday night and sent flood waters rushing through the streets, tearing down barns and houses and forcing many people to upper stories. Appeals for motor boats and skiffs to rescue hundreds of marooned persons were sent to Mayor Beal of Alton.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—A gale and flood of rain that rivals the tropical hurricane that has devastated Galveston and the surrounding country is sweeping up the valley of the Mississippi toward Chicago and the great lake region.

The heaviest twenty-four-hour rainfall in the history of this city interrupts traffic, is destroying property and lives.

Ten persons are dead in the flood, 5,000 have been driven from their homes in St. Louis county and 500 were marooned on their house tops or on the tops of street cars.

The rainfall was 5.20 inches between 7 p. m. Thursday and noon Friday. The rain continued without cessation Friday afternoon. No estimate of the damage to property could be obtained.

The St. Louis business district suffered nothing worse than flooded sewers, but the residence sections and outlying territory was hard hit by the flood.

The police used rowboats from the park lagoons to rescue marooned residents.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 23.—Inestimable damage to crops in process of harvesting has been caused by a terrific downpour of rain which has been general in Illinois for the last twenty-four hours. The northern section of the state is the worst sufferer because a larger percentage of the grain remains unharvested. At Pinckneyville the deluge brought a sudden end to the soldiers' reunion. In the vicinity of Mount Vernon thousands of acres of corn are destroyed.

## BRITISH SUBMARINE IS LOST

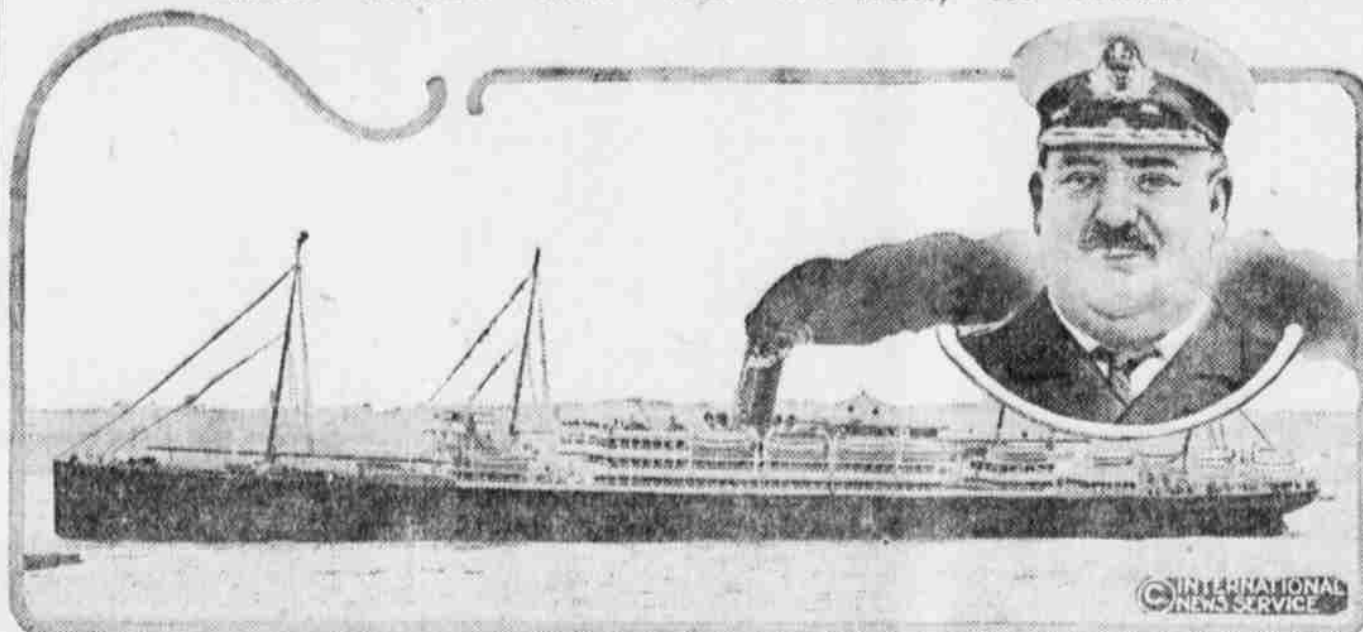
Goes Aground and is Pounded to Pieces and Fifteen of Crew Drown.

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.

Says He Killed Father. Wausau, Wis., Aug. 23.—Alfred Wehrley, son of Peter Wehrley, a real estate dealer, has solved the mystery of the shooting to death of his father by confessing to the deed. He said he had been estranged from his father.

French to Discuss War. Paris, Aug. 23.—Public interest has been aroused in an extraordinary degree in the session of the chamber of deputies, which reassembles after a recess. The government's conduct of the war will be discussed.

# LINER ARABIC AND HER CAPTAIN, W. FINCH



## TAKE TWO BIG FORTS

GERMANS CAPTURE KOVNO AND NOVOGEORGIEVSK.

Kaiser's Armies Smash On Toward Petrograd, Taking Many Prisoners and Guns.

London, Aug. 20.—Kovno, the great Russian fortress protecting the northern end of the Russian second line of defense through Brest-Litovsk, on which the Slavs promised to make their final stand after the fall of Warsaw, has been captured by the Germans.

This announcement, made officially in Berlin on Wednesday, together with a simultaneous announcement that the Russian armies in Poland have retired to Brest-Litovsk, and bombardment of that—the greatest of all the Russian fortifications—is about to begin, indicates that the "masterly retreat" of the Russians in Poland has resulted merely in their retirement to a position equally insecure. Russia's position today is by far the most serious since the start of the war.

Official announcement was made here of the capture of the important Russian fortress of Novogeorgievsk.

## CONSULS ACCUSED BY U. S.

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

## IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

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 Mineral 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.

## TWO BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK

Small Cruiser and Destroyer Torpedoed by Submarine Craft—Flight Off Jutland.

Berlin, Aug. 21, by wireless.—German torpedo-boat destroyers have sunk a small British cruiser and a British destroyer by torpedoing them in an engagement of small craft off the west coast of Jutland, the German admiralty announce.

Louis B. Clark Wins Shoot. Chicago, Aug. 23.—Louis B. Clark, vice-president of the Hibernian National bank, won the Grand American handicap. He shot 96 in regular competition, and was tied. In the shoot-off Clark made 20 straight.

Mountain Climber Killed. Tacoma, Aug. 23.—While climbing Gibraltar rock on Mount Rainier with a party of eastern tourists, G. F. Ordway of Boston slipped and plunged to death down a canyon. Mrs. Ordway saw her husband fall.

## 700 MEXICANS DIE

CARRANZA FORCES REPULSE ATTACK BY VILLISTAS NEAR MONTEREY.

TWO RAIDERS ARE EXECUTED

General Villa Accepts Plan for Peace Suggested by Pan-American Note—Answer to Appeal Received at El Paso—Addressed to Lansing.

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 Monterey, according to advices received on Thursday at the Nuevo Laredo Carranza headquarters. The Villistas were attempting to capture Monterey, 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.

## 400 DIE IN TEXAS STORM

Galveston and Other Cities Along the Gulf Coast Are Greatly Damaged—Loss Enormous.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 19.—Protected by the sea wall, which withstood the battering of the waves hurled against it by the force of a wind ranging from 90 to 124 miles an hour, Galveston escaped the hurricane which broke over that city Monday night and Tuesday morning with a minimum loss of life and a relatively small loss of property.

The heaviest loss of life will be found to have been sustained by the shipping and dredges anchored out in the bay. The total, including those lost in the city, from ships and in the lowlands of Galveston, may reach 250 to 300. The exact number, however, probably never will be known. With the deaths reported in Virginia Point, Texas City, La Porte, Houston and other near-by coast cities, the grand total will approximate 400 lives.

It is estimated that the property loss at Galveston may reach \$10,000,000, but in the face of this the citizens are jubilant, for the sea wall, built at a tremendous cost following the great storm of 1900, has done its duty and stands intact. Great holes have been torn in the pavement of the boulevard just inside the sea wall for practically the entire distance from Seventh to Nineteenth streets, and in places the wall itself has been undermined.

Outside of Galveston the property loss is estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$52,000,000.

Lions Kill Trainer in Cage. Northfield, Minn., Aug. 23.—Pleasure was turned quickly into tragedy here when four lions attacked and killed Maj. John Dumont, an animal trainer of a carnival company which appeared here on Thursday.

Frank's Body Laid to Rest. New York, Aug. 23.—Leo M. Frank's body was laid to rest in the family lot in Cypress Mills cemetery on Friday. His widow, his parents, and a few other relatives and friends stood beside the grave.

## 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 situation precipitated by 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.

## 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 Genazzano.

He was successively secretary to the papal nuncio in Bavaria, apostolic delegate to Ecuador and Peru, and nuncio at Brussels and Vienna.

## HIGHER RAIL RATE APPROVED

Tariff on Iron and Steel From Chicago Points is Indorsed 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.

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

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.

# LOSE ELEVEN SHIPS

GERMAN WAR CRAFTS SUNK BY RUSSIANS IN RIGA BATTLE.

## WARSHIP MOLTKE AMONG THEM

Big Super-Dreadnought, Costing \$12,000,000 Sent to Bottom—Italy Declares War On Turkey.

London.—A dispatch to the Central News from Petrograd says that the Germans lost the battle cruiser Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats in the Riga battle last week.

The report says the Germans tried to make a descent near Pernpin (Pernnigel, on the east shore of the Gulf of Riga, some thirty-five miles north of Riga). Four barges crammed with soldiers took part in the descent. They were repulsed by the Russian troops with out the co-operation of artillery, the Germans being exterminated and the barges captured.

The German battle cruiser Moltke was a vessel of 23,000 tons and carried 1,107 men. It was a sister ship of the famous Goeben, which became a part of the Turkish navy after the commencement of the war and was rechristened Sultan Selim.

The Moltke was 500 feet long and was armed with ten eleven-inch guns and twelve six-inch guns and twelve twenty-four pounders. In addition, its armament included four twenty-inch torpedo tubes. It was built in 1911 and had a speed of about twenty-eight knots.

The Moltke was in the battle with the British fleet in the North sea last January when the German armored cruiser Bluecher was sunk. In 1912, the Moltke was in the German squadron which visited the United States to return the visit of the United States battleship squadron at Kiel during its trip around the world. The cost of the Moltke was about \$12,000,000.

## Italy at War With Turkey.

Rome.—Italy declared war on Turkey August 21. The Italian ambassador at Constantinople asked for his passports and departed. Ostensibly, Italy's reason for declaring war was that Turkey refused to permit Italian reservists to return to their native country to take up arms against Austria, Turkey's ally. Rome newspapers also charged that the Turks were plotting to regain Tripoli, annexed by Italy following the Turko-Italian war of 1912, and that Italian subjects in Turkey have been mistreated.

Reports two weeks ago were that Italy had concentrated 150,000 troops and a fleet of transports near Tarranto to aid in the Dardanelles campaign.

Germany is expected to be at war with Italy before long. Berlin newspapers several weeks ago declared Italian newspapers were paying the way for war with Turkey by printing stories of alleged Turkish outrages against Italians.

Twenty Drown in St. Louis Flood. St. Louis.—The Meramec creek, lined on either side with numerous pleasure resorts, club houses and summer cottages, went several miles out of its banks Sunday, swept away most of these buildings, and increasing to twenty, it is reported, the number of lives lost in St. Louis county as the result of the flood which followed the recent rainstorm here. The Meramec rose at the rate of a foot an hour all day Sunday and until late at night. Hundreds of persons were marooned in club houses and cottages along the river, following a forty-hour rainfall.

Six persons were said to have been drowned at Valley Park and two at Meramec Highlands. Many other persons were missing and the fear is expressed by county officials that the death list may aggregate several score persons.

## 265 Killed in Texas.

Galveston, Texas.—A total of 256 known dead residents of southeast Texas coast points and crews of wrecked craft of all kinds, sixty-five persons missing, many of whom are believed to have perished, and property damage close to \$50,000,000 was the toll taken by the hurricane which swept this section recently.

These figures were reached from a careful compilation made of what are considered the most authentic reports of life and property received since the cessation of the gulf storm.

Hold Up Bank Near Police Station. Los Angeles, Cal.—Three men held up the manager, bookkeeper and a depositor of the Boyle Heights suburban branch of the Homes Savings bank and escaped, bank officials said, with \$3,000. The bank is across the street from the police station.

German Protest War Loan. Denver, Colo.—The German-American Alliance of Colorado, through its executive committee, dispatched a letter to President Wilson protesting against British war loan in U. S.

# MANY HOGS ARE VACCINATED

From July 1 to August 10 Over 12,000 Have Been Treated—700,000 Died Since January 1.

From July 1 to August 10 of this year 12,301 hogs have been vaccinated, according to reports in the office of the state veterinarian. To do this 373,774 cubic centimetres of serum have been used and 8,263 centimetres of virus. Thirty-seven permits have been issued to manufacturers of serum, thirty-two of them to those of other states who desire to sell serum in this state. There have been 1,500,000 hogs treated up to April 1. Seven hundred thousand hogs have died since the first of the year, 95 per cent of them from hog cholera.

The Department of Agriculture of Nebraska has been carrying on an extensive investigation during the past year on the chemistry of the processes which take place during the ensiling of various green crops. Special attention has been given to silage made from mixtures of alfalfa and sweet sorghum. Six small silos holding about one ton each were filled in September, 1914, with various mixtures. Two of these silos were opened this month, and the silage in each was found in perfect condition. The first silo contained a mixture of one part sweet sorghum and one part alfalfa, while the second contained one part sweet sorghum and two parts alfalfa. Alfalfa alone will not make a silage because the plant does not contain enough sugar to insure sufficient acid to preserve the silage.

The extermination of prairie dogs in Dundy county has raised a question concerning payment to the road overseers for their services in dealing death to the little animals. County Attorney General C. A. Ratcliffe has asked the attorney general whether or not the road overseers must wait for a tax to be collected from the owners of the land where the dogs were killed or shall the county board pay the claims immediately. Deputy Attorney General Barrett in reply holds that the claim should be paid upon presentation and not delayed until the tax is collected.

An old cannon, said to have been used against Indians in Nebraska in territorial days, has been donated by the G. A. R. post at Wilber to the museum of the state G. A. R. in the state house. The ancient gun is only thirty-six inches long. It is called a "Black Tom" gun, a kind that carried a three pound solid shot. It is mounted on small cart wheels. Assistant Adjutant General A. M. Trimble is custodian of the G. A. R. museum. No history of the gun has been received.

Ex-Governor Holcomb of the Board of Control is in favor of establishing a brickyard at some suitable point in the state and manufacture brick to be used in paving the roads of the state. The legislature voted an appropriation two years ago for the establishment of a reformatory which would have in connection with it a brick-making plant, but the Board of Control was unable to find anything that appealed to them and the appropriation was allowed to lapse back to the state.

R. L. Holland, a federal game inspector, brought glad news to State Game Warden Rutenbeck recently. Holland reported there were more ducks in northwestern Nebraska and especially around Cherry county than he had ever seen before. He said old settlers told him the fowl were more plentiful than ever before in the history of the state. This is due to the federal law which abolishes spring shooting, he says. The fall hunting season will open September 1.

Two hundred and fifty elevators are now operated over Nebraska by farmers. There are seventy-five assessment insurance companies which are farmer owned, twelve co-operative stores and three creameries. The information was collected by the state agricultural school.

The state railway commission has authorized the Lincoln telephone company to extend the Germantown service to Seward upon the payment by Germantown subscribers of the Seward rate. Those who desire the Seward service added to the service they now get may have it by paying \$2.50 a month for individual business phones. The rates at Germantown are \$1.50 for business and \$1 for residence phones.

The State Railway commission has issued the first public warehouse permits under the new public warehouse law.

The Drivers and Traders State bank is a new institution given a charter by the State Banking board, with a capital of \$10,500. The officers are Andrew N. Ventis, president; Christian Schilt, vice president and Fred H. Crone, cashier. The bank is located at Haigler.

The attorney general's office has made an official ruling that a county board is not warranted in spending any public funds for the improvement or maintenance of a road not established as a public highway.