

4 PERISH IN FLAMES

WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN OF BRIGADIER GEN. PERSHING BURNED TO DEATH.

FIRE AT PRESIDIO BARRACKS

Family About to Join Army Officer in Command at Mexican Border—Husband and Father Overcome by News of Tragedy.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Frances Warren Pershing, wife of Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, U. S. A., and three of her four children were suffocated to death in their quarters on Friday at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Their bodies were badly burned. Mrs. Walter O. Boswell, a relative, and her two children escaped, as did Warren Pershing, five years old, and three servants. The dead children are Helen, Anne and Margaret, all under eight years old.

Mrs. Pershing was a daughter of Senator Warren of Wyoming. Her husband, commanding the Eighth brigade, U. S. infantry, is at El Paso, Tex., in charge of the border troops.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 30.—News of the death of Mrs. Pershing and three of her children reached Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the Eighth infantry brigade here, through Associated Press dispatches. Gen. Pershing was overcome by the tragedy. He had been preparing a home for his family, which he expected would leave San Francisco for El Paso this week. He said he would leave immediately for San Francisco.

SOMETHING TO LEARN



GRANT U. S. DEMAND

VON BERNSTORFF ASSURES LANSING THAT KAISER WILL YIELD TO U. S.

TO DISAVOW ARABIC ATTACK

American Government Asked to Carry Out Mediation Plan Between Britain and Germany—Crisis Between Nations Averted.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Diplomatic developments in the Arabic case are such that it can be said authoritatively that the end of the entire controversy with Germany is in sight, with Germany prepared to concede all the demands of the United States on the understood condition that this government carry out its suggestion of mediation between Germany and Great Britain on the freedom of the seas.

All danger, therefore, of a break between the two governments appears to have passed.

Germany has informed the United States officially that for several months her submarine commanders have been acting under instructions not to torpedo passenger vessels without giving warning.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, assured Secretary of State Lansing that if the evidence shows conclusively that the submarine commander disregarded his instructions and torpedoed the Arabic without warning, the German government will disavow the act and offer reparation for the lives of the Americans. Mrs. Joseph L. Brugiere and Dr. Edmund T. Woods.

From the German standpoint, the principal points in the last note of the United States were the demand that Germany disavow the sinking of the Lusitania and promise reparation for the loss of American lives; the request for assurances that there would be no repetition of the offenses in the future; and the suggestion that the United States attempt to bring about an understanding between Germany and Great Britain regarding the freedom of the seas.

It was announced here that Germany is prepared to accept the three proposals, and that coupled with its representations on the sinking of the Arabic, there will be a declaration equivalent to a disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania and an offer to pay indemnity for the lives of the Americans who went down with the vessel.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Port au Prince, Haiti, Aug. 26.—The American government has addressed the government of Haiti, expressing its desire that there be accepted without delay the draft of a convention for ten years under which there shall be established an effective control of Haitian customs as well as administration of the finances of the country, under a receiver general and American employees.

New York, Aug. 27.—James Connor Roche, an Irish dramatic actor and poet, and formerly a war correspondent, died in a hospital here. He was seventy-two years old.

London, Aug. 28.—The Arabic carried no gold for the purchase of war supplies for the allies when she was sunk, according to an official statement issued by the White Star line.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—Brest-Litovsk, the mighty Russian fortress behind which the grand Russian army retired after the fall of Warsaw, was captured by the Austro-German troops on Thursday after one of the shortest sieges in history. The capture of the fortress was announced by the German war office. The victory is considered one of the most brilliant since the war began. Brest-Litovsk was the pivot of the second Russian line of defense.

62 FRENCH FLYERS IN RAID

Bombs Dropped by Allies on Dillingen, Prussia—Berlin Says Four Airmen Were Brought Down.

Paris, Aug. 28.—The greatest air raid since the war began was reported by the French war office on Thursday. Dillingen, in Rhenish Prussia, Germany, was attacked by 62 war aeroplanes of the French. One hundred and fifty bombs were dropped upon the town, during much damage to the blast furnaces and arms factories.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—The text of a German official statement issued here on Thursday follows: "Two enemy air squadrons dropped bombs in the Saar valley, both above and below Saar-louis. Several persons were killed or injured. The enemy paid for his exploit by losing four aircraft."

ALLIES' CONSULS ATTACKED

London, Aug. 30.—The Russian and British consuls and their military escort have been attacked at Kenghever, Persia, by an armed band led by M. O. Schmemmann, German consular agent at Tabriz.

New Director of Mines Bureau. Washington, Aug. 30.—President Wilson appointed Van H. Manning of Mississippi to be director of the bureau of mines in the interior department to succeed the late Dr. Joseph E. Holmes.

STOCKMEN UNDER SUSPICION

Reports Reach State Veterinarian That Quarantine Against Cattle in Morrill County Is Evaded.

Word has come to the state veterinarian from Sheriff Dyson of Morrill county that the quarantine established against scabby cattle is being evaded.

Morrill county is divided about equally north and south by the Platte river, which enters the county at the northwest corner and flows directly across the county and passes out at the southeast corner. The northern part of the county has been quarantined for some time for scabies, and according to the sheriff, some of the cattlemen have been driving their cattle across the river in the part not quarantined and shipping them away.

It is claimed that one load from the quarantined territory was shipped to Omaha recently. It was alleged that forty-two head were driven across and the sheriff, following the instructions of State Veterinarian Anderson, has notified all station agents to keep watch and see that no more cattle are shipped. This may result in quarantining the whole of Morrill county.

According to an opinion by Attorney General Reed, county assessors must assess express companies upon their local property without any regard for the state tax of 2 per cent.

The opinion is given to County Attorney De Vore of Keith county, who claims that the express companies there were insisting that as they paid the state tax of 2 per cent, that they were exempt from the local tax called for in the Smith 2 per cent tax upon the gross receipts of each company at the local station.

According to the state's attorney, county assessors shall pay no attention to the state tax and go ahead and assess the local companies the same as if the state law was not in effect.

The state railway commission has issued a long 32-page order covering the crossing of railroad tracks by electric and telephone wire and also the crossing of wires of different companies. Electric wires carrying over 700 volts when crossing under a track shall be in pipes and conduits and four feet below. If under 700 volts, two feet. Alternate currents over 700 volts the minimum clearance above or below other wires shall be eight feet, direct currents two feet insulated and four feet bare wires. Trolley wire must not be less than 22 feet above a track at each crossing. In many instances the commission recommends that opposing forces get together in an agreement as to crossings.

Believing that the money expended on a proposed plan to straighten the Nemaha river south of Humboldt would not bring the results wanted, State Engineer Johnson has refused to approve the plans of people of Richardson county who have formed a new drainage district. Engineer Johnson does not believe the ditch proposed would be adequate to carry off the overflow. According to his figuring a ditch 100 feet wide would be necessary. The plans prepared by the county surveyor of Richardson county would cover the drainage of about 600 square miles.

The Beeson form of fire insurance policy formerly required by the State Board of Insurance while L. G. Brian was commissioner, has been declared off by the present board and hereafter the policy of fire insurance may cover property in a general way and not itemize the articles insured. The board has also cut out the clause providing the insured should keep his electrical equipment in condition according to the rules of the national organization.

Damp weather this summer has caused many windows and doors to stick. Here's a tip from the University of Nebraska college of agriculture that may help. A window frame that cannot be raised may be loosened by running the edge of a case or putty knife between the sash and stop, or by rubbing a piece of moistened soap on the stop, or the application of a few drops of machine oil in the same manner.

The automobile show at the Nebraska state fair September 6-11 will be the best and biggest in the history of the state. Barney Oldfield's appearance and the superb auto races will attract automobile owners from all parts of the state. Prospective buyers can inspect all the leading 1916 models by visiting the fair.

"Billy" Sunday will be the big feature of the Nebraska state fair the opening day, September 6, according to information received by Secretary Mellor. Sunday had been invited to speak at a meeting by a special committee of the Lincoln Young Men's Christian association, which had first obtained permission from the fair authorities. Mr. Mellor has received further word from Joe Stecker, the champion wrestler, that he will be on hand to give exhibitions Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the race track.

BIG MILL BLOWS UP

POWDER FACTORY AT ACTON, MASS., PARTLY DESTROYED.

WORK ON WAR ORDERS DELAYED

Other Companies Making Explosives Suffer—Police Think Explosions Attempt to Cripple Plants.

Acton, Mass.—With a shock that was felt within a radius of forty miles, the glazing mill of the American Powder company, which, since the outbreak of the European war, had been working to its capacity, blew up August 29.

The actual money loss to the company was not heavy, but it was stated that work on large orders probably would be held up for several weeks. Property owners in surrounding towns, particularly in Mainard, were heavy losers because of the shattered windows.

Police expressed the belief that the explosion had been caused with intent to cripple the plant. An official of the company said that it would take several weeks to install new machinery and until this was done work would be at a standstill.

Armed guards have been stationed about the works for several weeks.

Two Killed as Mill Goes. Wilmington, Del.—Two workmen were instantly killed and considerable damage was done to property by an explosion of two black powder mills of the Dupont Powder company in the upper Hagley yards, near here. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Effort to Wreck Munitions Train.

Gary, Ind.—An apparent attempt to wreck a train carrying gun cotton was revealed when it was found that the plates holding two rails had been removed a short distance from the Actna Powder works. The train was about due to leave the works and was loaded with munitions of war bound east for shipment to the war zone. The police did not credit reports that the alleged attempted derailing of the train had any connection with the murder of the Rev. E. A. H. Kayser, a few days ago, but said the possibility of such a connection would be investigated. The murder of Kayser had been declared to have been the result of his pro-German sympathies.

Shrapnel Factory Damaged.

Baltimore, Md.—The plant of the E. J. Codd company, machinists at Canton, a suburb, was damaged by fire of a mysterious origin. The company recently obtained a subcontract for the manufacture of shrapnel shells, and the shops were being refitted for the work. It is feared that a considerable part of the machinery was damaged.

Big Guns for Canal.

Washington.—The coast artillery force on duty at the Panama canal will be increased to full strength of twenty-eight companies or about 2,000 men, it was learned, the former policy of maintaining the big gun crews at about half strength in peace time having been abandoned.

Under the general readjustment plans of the army, full garrisons for the canal defenses have been determined upon and it is considered certain that a big increase in the coast artillery corps will be asked for when congress reassembles.

Plans are now before the army fortifications board for the equipment of new fortifications of the first class with sixteen inch rifles, having a range of about twenty miles.

Five Thousand Homeless.

Little Rock, Ark.—More than 5,000 persons are homeless within a radius of 200 miles of Newport, Ark., and many others marooned in their houses by flood have been living in upper stories or on roofs for four, five and even six days, it was said here by W. C. Welty, agricultural commissioner of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway. After a motor boat trip of a week throughout the flooded section, Mr. Welty reported that he found conditions serious, thousands of acres of rich farm lands under water, heavy loss in live stock and personal property, but that apparently there had been no loss of life and the refugees were being well cared for in various camps.

Young Robbers Confess.

Chicago, Ill.—Two girls and six boys, none more than 18 years old, comprising two separate gangs of burglars, have been arrested and have confessed scores of robberies.

Car Plunges into Creek.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Weakened by a cloudburst, one of the spans of a Santa Fe railroad bridge over Date creek collapsed, plunging the smoking car of a Phoenix-Prescott train into the swollen stream below. Four were killed.

China Affer Submarines.

New York.—It is rumored that the Chinese commission of naval experts recently sent to this country, were negotiating for the purchase of 100 submarines at a cost of \$75,000,000.

RUSS FLEE GRODNO FORTRESS

Military Property Being Removed. Says Dispatch—Olita Stronghold Is Taken.

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—Grodno is being evacuated. Only sufficient troops to delay the German advance are now in the fortress. Military property has been removed.

Olita, a Russian fortress guarding the Niemen river between Kovno and Grodno, has been captured by the Germans, the general staff reported at Berlin. The fall of this city, on the bank of the Niemen, opens the way for another drive toward Vilna, to the northeast, and Grodno, to the south.

For the second time the German admiralty issued a statement at Berlin declaring that the Russian admiralty claim that the battle cruiser Molke and other German warships had been destroyed in the Gulf of Riga, is a "fake."

"No such battle took place," the admiralty said.

The Russians allege that they captured some German ships. They probably mean those steamers captured by the Germans and sunk to block the passage.

GERMAN ARRESTED AS SPY

U. S. Agents Seize Reservist of Kaiser at Washington—Photos of Fortress Found in His Possession.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The secret service of the department of justice on Wednesday arrested here on a charge of espionage Gustav Kopsch, a German reservist, twenty-seven years of age, who had in his possession many photographs and films of the fortifications of Fort Monroe and pictures of the proposed fortifications of Cape Henry, protecting the entrance to Hampton roads and Chesapeake bay. Kopsch has been in this country two years. The specific charge against Kopsch is that he violated article 3 of the act of 1911, which prohibits the making of pictures or the having possession of pictures that might impair the defense of the United States. The prescribed penalty is a fine of \$1,000, imprisonment for one year, or both. Kopsch is in jail in default of \$5,000 bond fixed by the United States commissioner.

Kopsch's alleged activities occurred in late July and early August.

2 DIE WHEN SHELL BLOWS UP

Missile Explodes While Being Taken to Proving Grounds at Redington, Pa.

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 27.—Two men were killed and several probably fatally injured on Wednesday when a shell, supposed to have contained a composition of powder and nitroglycerin, exploded while being carried to the proving grounds of the Bethlehem Steel plant at Indian Head, Redington, Pa.

One of the men killed was R. Paul Stout, age forty-six, of Bethlehem, assistant engineer of ordnance. Mr. Stout was in charge of a new test.

Auto Turns Turtle; Two Dead.

Camden, N. J., Aug. 30.—Misses Anna V. and Emily Potts are dead, and three other persons seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident near here. George T. Puzer, boarder in the Potts home, will die.

Wales Strike Is On Again.

London, Aug. 30.—Dispatches from the South Wales coal fields report that 25,000 miners already have joined the new strike there. The trouble is due to growing dissatisfaction with the award of Walter Runciman.

MYSTERY IN MURDER

BELIEVED INDIANA PASTOR HAD GERMAN WAR SECRETS.

Dead Lived Among Slavs and His Pro-Teuton Utterances Aroused Enmity of Neighbors.

Gary, Ind., Aug. 27.—Out of a mass of evidence two theories developed in the investigation of the assassination of Rev. Edmund A. M. Kayser, the Tolleston (Ind.) pastor. Kayser was shot twice while in his study on Tuesday night.

The first, and the police think, more plausible solution of the mysterious murder is that the pastor was the victim of fanatical protagonists of the allies because of his pro-German utterances.

The second theory finds its foundation in the fact that the clergyman had become involved in a factional fight in the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he was pastor, and had received numerous threatening letters as a result.

Kayser's emphatic pro-German stand since the outbreak of the European war often had involved him in street fights. The pastor a month ago appealed for police protection, declaring he had been threatened.

W. K. GREENEBAUM INDICTED

General Manager Charged With Manslaughter in Connection With the Sinking of the Eastland.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Walter K. Greenebaum was indicted for manslaughter in connection with the sinking of the steamer Eastland, in a true bill returned by the July grand jury on Friday. Greenebaum is general manager of the Indiana Transportation company, charterer of the Eastland. Six federal officials of the steamboat inspection service escaped indictment only because the jurors were advised they could not be successfully prosecuted in the state courts.

These are the government officials the jury believed culpable for the Eastland disaster:

Inspectors Robert Reid, C. C. Eckhoff, Ira H. Mansfield and William Nicholas, and Checkers H. G. Oakley and L. A. Lobdell.

WOOD SCORED FOR SPEECH

Garrison Tells Him to Bar Addresses Siege—Big Victory for Teutons Considered Biggest of the War.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Secretary Garrison on Thursday telegraphed Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, expressing his deprecation that opportunity was given at the citizen soldierly camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., for Theodore Roosevelt's sensational speech, and directing nothing similar should be permitted at any of the other camps.

Secretary Garrison referred to Colonel Roosevelt's remarks on the military unpreparedness of the country and the attitude of the administration.

Liner Baltic Safe in Port.

New York, Aug. 30.—The liner Baltic arrived at Liverpool. The Baltic sailed from New York August 18, carrying a 16,000-ton cargo, much of which consisted of war munitions and automobile trucks.

Indiana Wets Win.

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 30.—Walker and Lincoln townships went wet by a majority of 19 in the local option election held on Friday. Out of 488 votes cast, the wets secured 251, while the dries polled 232.

SHOOT OVER BORDER

U. S. TROOPERS CHASE MEXICAN BANDITS IN TEXAS.

Outlaws Invade State Near Progresso—Peace Officers Fight Bandits in a Public Road.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 26.—Twenty armed Mexicans invaded Texas from Mexico and are being pursued west of here in the region of Progresso by 50 United States troopers.

Mexican bandits and American peace officers fought in a public road leading into Falfurrias, Brooks county, and one of four armed Mexicans was probably fatally wounded. None of the Americans was hurt.

Mexicans fired on American soldiers across the Rio Grande, near Santa Maria, for two hours during the night, according to reports received here. Casualties—two United States cavalry horses wounded. The Americans fired a few shots in return.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The Pan-American conference on Mexican affairs will shortly be reassembled to consider carrying out the peace plans proposed to the various factions in the republic.

Favorable replies have been received from Villa, Zapata and their military leaders and the influential civic authorities and prominent citizens to whom the note was addressed, with the exception of Carranza and his military commanders.

BISHOP HEFFRON IS SHOT

Winona (Minn.) Prelate Wounded Twice by Demented Man—Assailant Is Arrested.

Winona, Minn., Aug. 30.—Rt. Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, bishop of the Winona diocese, was shot shortly before nine o'clock Friday morning in the private chapel of St. Mary's college, where the bishop was celebrating mass, by Rev. Father L. M. Lesches, a demented priest, who had been passing the last week at St. Mary's college, diocesan headquarters here, seeking an appointment, which Bishop Heffron had refused to give him. After the shooting the bishop went into the hall of the college, and, with the assistance of priests, was able to walk to his residence. The bishop's assailant was arrested.

RULES KODAK FIRM IS A TRUST

Eastman Company Adjudged Guilty of Trade Restraint by U. S. District Court at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 26.—The Eastman Kodak company of Rochester is a monopoly in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman antitrust law, according to a decision handed down here by Judge John R. Hazel of the United States district court. The decision grants the defendant company an opportunity to present a plan "for the abrogation of the illegal monopoly" on the first day of the November term.

Green Barbed Wire for War.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 28.—Barbed wire painted a foliage green is being manufactured here for use of the armies in Europe. Reports show that a short distance away it is impossible to see the green wire.

To Seize Food for People.

Berlin, Aug. 28.—The reichstag has adopted a Socialist resolution asking the government to organize a bureau to take charge of the food problem. The bureau will have the right to confiscate products.