

MESSAGE FROM KAISER RELIEVES CAPITAL TENSION

Asserts if Americans Lost Lives, Such Result Contrary to Intentions of German Government.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The German ambassador's message was described by those who saw it as very fair in tone.

As soon as Secretary Lansing received the message he forwarded it to President Wilson.

It was also said in the communication that the German government will deeply regret such a loss of life and would tender the sincerest sympathies to the American government.

The text of the letter given out by Count von Bernstorff reads: "The German ambassador received the following instructions from Berlin, which he communicated to the Department of State:

"So far no official information is available concerning the sinking of the Arabic. The German government trusts that the American government will not take a definite stand at hearing only the reports of one side, which in the opinion of the imperial government cannot correspond with the facts, but that a change will be given to Germany to be heard equally.

"Al though the imperial government does not doubt the good faith of the witnesses whose statements are reported by the newspapers in Europe, it should be borne in mind that these statements are naturally made under excitement which might easily produce wrong impressions. If Americans should actually have lost their lives this would be naturally contrary to our intentions. The German government would deeply regret the fact and begs to tender sincerest sympathies to the American government."

The ambassador made no comment upon the statement and an attaché said that it spoke for itself. The statement was given out from Count von Bernstorff's rooms in an uptown hotel.

Count von Bernstorff denied a statement attributed to him earlier in the day, in which he was quoted as having said he believed it improbable that there would be a break in diplomatic relations between this country and Germany.

"I have made no statement whatever," he said, "except to announce the message received from Berlin and to say that I had telegraphed it to Washington."

TURKISH EXPEDITIONARY WAR CARAVAN, made up of camels, stopping to renew its water supply at an oasis well.



FRANK HANGED BY PARTIES UNKNOWN

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict Without Any Testimony About Identity of Lynchers.

PANEL OUT BUT THREE MINUTES

MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—Without being able to elicit from any one of eleven witnesses a single clue as to the identity of any person connected with the lynching of Leo M. Frank, near this city last Tuesday morning, a coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Frank came to his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown.

City and county officials testified that they had endeavored diligently to get at the facts of the lynching, but so far their efforts had been of no avail.

The nearest disclosure as to what happened in the oak grove near the Frey gate when J. A. Benson, a Marietta merchant, who drove by the place soon after the lynching party had parked its automobiles by the roadside and had led Frank to the tree where death awaited him, testified.

Mr. Benson said he had a "pretty good suspicion" as to what was going on, but he did not stop to see it and he did not recognize anybody in the party.

Dr. C. D. Elder, the first witness, testified to viewing the body of Frank while it was still hanging in the oak grove near the Frey cotton gin. Dr. Elder did not know Frank personally, but he told the body was that of Frank. He was not present when the body was cut down. When he saw it he said the body still was in the hands of the lynch party.

"Do you know any of the circumstances surrounding the hanging?" asked Mr. Dorsey.

"Absolutely nothing," replied the witness. "You were among the first to reach the scene?"

"Secret Documents" Show France Feared Russia Would Provoke War

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has published further extracts from secret documents found by the Germans on taking possession of Brussels.

The latest installment deals with the period of the Balkan wars. The Overseas News agency in a summary given out for publication says: "Concerning Russia's policy, the Belgian minister to Berlin, (Baron Beyens), in a letter written October 24, 1912, reports statements made by Jules Cambon, then French ambassador at Berlin, writing as follows:

"The French ambassador, who apparently has special reasons for speaking as he does, told me repeatedly that the greatest danger to the maintenance of European peace was the lack of discipline and the personal conduct of Russian diplomats in foreign countries. They are all ardent Pan-Slavists and they have largely to carry the burden of responsibility for present events. They will, without doubt, secretly instigate Russian intervention in the Balkan conflict."

"The same ambassador wrote on April 4, 1913: 'The arrogance and contempt with which the Serbians receive the complaints of the Vienna government can be understood only by reason of support they hope to find in St. Petersburg.'"

"The Serbian charge d'affaires here said recently that his government would not have maintained its attitude of the last six months, without regard to Austrian representations if it had not been encouraged to do so by the Russian minister, M. Hartwig, a diplomatist of lawless school."

"Concerning France, the Belgian minister at Paris (Baron Guillaume) wrote on February 14, 1913: 'M. Poincaré was collaborator and instigator of M. Millerand's militaristic policy.'"

THREE TRANSPORTS FILLED WITH TEUTON TROOPS ARE SUNK

Petrograd Journal Announces Loss of Trio of German Soldier Vessels in the Gulf of Riga.

ALLOWED TO GET NEAR LAND

Craft Are Then Sent to Bottom with Human Cargo by Terrific Artillery Fire.

CANNON DUEL LASTS TWO HOURS

LONDON, Aug. 24.—From details of the attempted German landing in the Gulf of Riga last Saturday, as published in a dispatch from Petrograd to the Central News agency, that three large transports filled with troops approached the shore under cover of a German squadron.

The German ships were allowed to come close to land before a terrific artillery fire was opened by the Russians.

A duel between the cruisers and shore batteries continued for two hours, when the last transport was sunk. Only a few crowded boats then remained and these were soon smashed to pieces by the Russian fire.

The German squadron managed to destroy some houses with their long range guns. During the attempt to land at Pernoff, the Germans also descended on Gains, to the south of Pernoff. Two lighters, filled with troops, on attempting to reach the beach at Gains, were sunk by Russian shells.

CAPTURE OUTPOST BY BREST-LITOVSK

Position on Emaucade Near Great Russian Stronghold Taken by Teutons.

SLAVS' LOSSES VERY HEAVY.

BERLIN (Via London), Aug. 24.—A hill at Kopytov to the southwest of the Russian fortress of Brest-Litovsk, has been stormed by the Teutonic forces, according to an official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

The official statement given out today by the German army staff reads: "Western theater: During yesterday's visit to Zeebrugge (Belgium), the British fleet fired from forty to seventy shots at our coastal fortifications. We have to deplore on account of this bombardment the loss of one killed and six wounded. In addition three Belgian inhabitants were wounded by stray shells. There was no material damage."

"In the Vosges mountains, north of Muenster, fighting was suspended throughout the day, but the French again attacked our positions on Barrenkopf and to the north of that place in the evening. The attacks were repulsed. A few mountain chassours were taken as prisoners. During the battle, which was reported yesterday, a section of the trench on Barrenkopf remained in the hands of the enemy."

"At Leo, southwest of Dismude, a French biplane was shot down by one of our battle aviators. "Eastern theater: North of the Niemen river there are no changes in the situation."

Army of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg: On the remainder of the front of this army progress was made. During the battles to the east and to the south of Kovno our troops captured nine officers and 3,000 men and took eight machine guns.

"Army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: On the plain situated to the northeast of Kleezele and in the forest district southeast of this place, the enemy yesterday again was defeated by our troops, the pursuit reaching the Ballowieksa forest. The enemy lost more than 4,500 men in prisoners and nine machine guns."

"Army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: Before the attack of the German and Austro-Hungarian troops advancing across the Pulva, the enemy evacuated his positions. Our pursuit continued. "On the southwestern front of Brest-Litovsk a hill at Kopytov was taken by storm. Our troops are advancing through the marshy district to the northeast of Vladova, pursuing the enemy, whom they defeated yesterday."

Villa's Government is Said to Be Face to Face with Crisis

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 24.—Villa's government is facing a crisis, according to persons who recently arrived from Mexico. When Villa discussed peace proposals with General Scott two weeks ago, it is pointed out by observers, his headquarters at Chihuahua and Torreon were filled with more than 7,000 wounded, who had been treated in those cities up to the end of July, and that others were being cared for in the rude improvised hospitals south of Chihuahua.

With the arrival of General Canute Reyes and 12,000 men at Torreon and the consequent apparent improvement in the Villa cause, it is expected by the men who are in close touch with Villa leaders that some of his generals will oppose the peace plan and will try to overthrow the Villa cabinet.

Fifteen Villa officials have been executed within the last few days on charges of malfeasance in office. General Obregon, Villa commander, is reported as moving toward Saltillo, hoping to command the railroad to Torreon.

Washington Asks Haiti to Accept Finance Treaty

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 24.—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 finances, as well as administration of the country, under a receiver general and American officers.

The plan includes the arrangements of the debts of Haiti to foreigners and an agreement to cede no Haitian territory to any foreign power, except the United States. The Haitian government is requested to reply to this communication not later than noon of Wednesday.

BERLIN SILENT ABOUT REVERSE IN GULF OF RIGA

Later Russian Report Says that an Additional German Cruiser Was Put Out of Action in Recent Engagement.

TEUTON ADVANCE CONTINUES

Russians Retreating Slowly and Compel Central Powers to Fight for Every Step Won.

FRENCH CAPTURE TRENCHES

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The German admiralty today announced that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The latest details concerning the Riga naval battle have failed to clear up the situation. Petrograd advices make it appear certain that the Germans met with a severe reverse, although official Berlin reports remain silent concerning the Russian claims. The Russians now state that an additional cruiser must be added to those already reported sunk or put out of action. Whether the German battle cruiser attacked by a British submarine was sunk remains to be told, the official report from Petrograd having given no details beyond stating that it was torpedoed.

Except for the report from the marine ministry at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend, which is admitted by Berlin, no official news has been received of the results of the allied bombardment of German positions on the Belgium coast.

The Russian armies have not stopped the Austro-German advance, although they are compelling the central powers to fight for every step won. Severe encounters continue before Brest-Litovsk, but the Baltic campaign is making little progress, although a decisive stroke here by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has long been expected.

On the western front, with the exception of an infantry attack which is said to have won for the French some German trenches in the Vosges, the warfare is marked by comparatively ineffectual artillery, bomb and mine combats.

Petrograd Fears Revolt Says Vice Consul Zimmerman

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The steamship Hellig Olav, with passengers and cargo from Copenhagen, arrived here today. Officers of the ship said they were held up by British cruisers in the North Sea on three occasions during the trip, but were allowed to proceed after identification was established. Among the passengers was H. W. Zimmerman, American vice consul at Rostov, Russia.

Mr. Zimmerman, who has been in Russia for nine years, said there were many well informed persons in Petrograd who feared revolt more than the advance of the Germans. Only a few weeks ago, Mr. Zimmerman declared, Petrograd was placarded with inflammatory appeals to the people to rise.

HURRICANE DESTROYS MANY BANANA TREES

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The hurricane which recently swept over the West Indies destroyed 90 per cent of the banana trees on the north side of the island of Jamaica, according to officers of the steamer Commodore Rollins, which arrived today. The steamer brought a large cargo of bananas which were cut from the trees felled by the hurricane.

THE WANT-AD-WAY

Advertisement for 'The Want-Ad-Way' featuring a cartoon character and text: 'This man almost every day through the WANT-AD-WAY glances. And he's found a real good place in the BUSINESS CHANCES. Now when he starts his business with WANT-AD-WAY he will thrive by using them most every day. The business to revive. SEE WANT-AD-WAY he'll be using. For they're the kind that pay! The business can't go backwards. We'll use them every day. The best business opportunities are always to be found in the "BUSINESS CHANCES" columns of THE OMAHA BEE. Because they produce the best results if your business is for sale place a "BUSINESS CHANCE" ad in today's Bee. Telephone TYler 1949 now and PUT IT IN THE OMAHA BEE.'

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Victoria—Fair with slowly rising temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with columns for time (Hour, Temp) and weather conditions (Clear, Partly Cloudy, etc.) for various locations like Omaha, Council Bluffs, and Victoria.

STOCK VALUATION CONTRACTS VOID

Conditions Imposed on Stock Shippers by Railroads West of Chicago Declared Invalid.

UNJUST AND UNREASONABLE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Valuation of cattle, horses and other animals in live stock shipping contracts made by forty-five railroads west of Chicago were today declared to be unjust and unreasonable and ordered cancelled by the Interstate Commerce commission. The commission declared the scheduled valuations were not representative of actual values of animals shipped.

The decision upholds complaints brought and supported by the American National Live Stock association, the railroad commissioners of Iowa, Colorado and South Dakota, the Arizona corporation commission, the Corn Belt Meat Producers association, the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas, and numerous live stock exchanges and associations.

The commission's decision says the Cummins amendment to the Interstate Commerce law has "in effect abolished in interstate commerce the whole system of release rates based on agreed valuations as distinguished from actual value." New rates were prescribed.

Bulgarians Conclude Parleys with Turkey

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says: "A Wolff telegraphic bureau message from Berlin states that the Bulgarian government has informed the Bulgarian minister at Berlin that Bulgaria negotiations with Turkey have come to an end."

Roumania Prepares to Move Troops

COLOGNE, Aug. 24.—(Via London.)—According to the Cologne Gazette the railways of Roumania have received orders to place all rolling stock at the disposition of the minister of war on September 14.

EASTMAN KODAK IS DECLARED A TRUST

Federal Court at Buffalo Holds Rochester Concern to Be a Monopoly.

HAS CHANCE TO REORGANIZE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The Eastman Kodak company of Rochester is a monopoly in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, according to a decision handed down here late today 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.

French War Office Reports Successes Over the Germans

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities reading as follows: "Last night saw some artillery engagements in the sector to the north of Arras between the Somme and the Oise, and also in the Argonne."

"In the Vosges there were yesterday some very violent encounters on the heights. To the east of the River Fecht and to the north of the Schatzmannelle. In spite of several counter attacks the enemy found it impossible to recapture the ground they had lost. Equally on the Barrenkopf we retained the advantages won during the evening of August 22."

"The Germans have delivered another attack against our trenches across the Sondernach, but they were repulsed."

The Day's War News

RUSSIAN AUXILIARY SHIP has been torpedoed and sunk at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, the German admiralty announces. TEUTONIC ARMIES are closing in further upon Brest-Litovsk, German army headquarters recording the capture of a hill at Kopytov, southwest of the Russian fortress. FURTHER PROGRESS by the Austro-Germans against the Russians in all the fields of operations except to the north of the Niemen, in the Baltic provinces, is claimed by Berlin. FRENCH HAVE SUCCEEDED, despite many counter attacks by the Germans, in retaining the ground recently won on the heights in the Vosges, Paris claims. Berlin concedes the loss of but a single trench in the severe fighting in this region recently. GERMAN ARMY STAFF declares no material damage was done by the bombardment of Zeebrugge yesterday by a British fleet.

ABSENCE OF FORE DOOR SAVES SIX LIVES

LEOLA, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—To have the automobile in which they were riding overturn into a ditch filled with water without any of them being killed or even severely injured was the experience yesterday of Henry Young and members of his family of Leola. They were passing over a long stretch of high grade when something went wrong with the car's steering gear. Young stopped the car by setting the brakes, but the wheels were very close to the edge of the grade and the ground being soft the car toppled over into the water. Young was able to extricate himself owing to the fact that the car did not have doors in front. After strenuous efforts he succeeded in rescuing his wife, another woman and their three children from their perilous position. Young believes that all of them would have been drowned had he been driving a fore-door car.

CARAVEL SANTA MARIA FOUND UNSEAWORTHY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Caravel Santa Maria, built on the model of the famous vessel in which Christopher Columbus crossed the Atlantic in 1492, is so unseaworthy that it will not be able to make the voyage from New York to San Francisco for the Panama-Pacific exposition, according to experts. The Caravel left Chicago in 1913 in company with its sister ships, the Nina and Pinta, but were caught in the ice on the way and the two latter were compelled to return to Chicago. The Santa Maria reached New York and was laid up for repairs, with the intention of towing it to Colon, through the Panama canal and thence to San Francisco. It is estimated that it would cost \$15,000 to make it seaworthy again.

The three caravels were presented to the United States by the Spanish government after the close of the world's fair at Chicago.