

GOVERNORS BELIEVE THIS COUNTRY EASY FOR INVADING FORCE

Majority at Conference of Present
and Former Executives Feels
Nation Inadequately De-
fended.

SOFT PREY FOR CONQUERORS

Members Will Return Home with
Resolve to Demand Congress-
men Get Busy.

SALT LAKE CITY NEXT PLACE

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—A majority of
governors and former state ex-
ecutives, delegates to the governor's
conference here at the final session
of the conference today agreed that
the United States is inadequately
prepared to resist invasion by a
hostile European force. Discussion
of naval and military preparedness,
selection of Salt Lake City as the
scene of next year's conference and
the election of William Spry, gov-
ernor of Utah, to be chairman of the
conference executive committee were
the outstanding feature of the clos-
ing session.

No resolutions on the subject of
preparedness were proposed, but
several of the executives said they
felt certain that all the governors
would return to their states with the
intention of demanding from their
congressmen support in any program
for strengthening the forces of de-
fense.

Give Crowds Chance.

The conference sessions were removed
today from the state senate chamber
to the more spacious hall of the house
of representatives where a large audience
followed the addresses with frequent ap-
plause.

The discussion by the governors were
prefaced by remarks by William C. Red-
field, secretary of commerce, speaking,
he said, not in behalf of the administra-
tion, but as a member of it. Secretary
Redfield urged restraint of speech and
sobriety of thought in what he termed
these trying times.

"With that spirit of restraint," he said,
"should we not be ready for any
emergency of any kind that may arise?
Should we not at least have the tools
ready, not for offense, but for our de-
fense of our nation?"

Under the head, "What should be the
state's duty in the matter of national
defense?" Governor James F. Fielder of
New Jersey urged an increase in the
standing army by at least 250,000 men,
with an adequate line of trained reservists.
He said he felt that the states should
be ready at all times to furnish 250,000 men
to this reserve body.

Dunne's Advice.
Governor E. F. Dunne of Illinois said
he felt that the nation's main reliance
for a reserve force might well be found in
a requirement that every college and uni-
versity receiving funds, federal or state,
should give four years of military train-
ing to its students.

"If war was declared on the United
States by any of the principal European
nations tomorrow it must be admitted
our situation would be a precarious one,"
he said.

Referring to the need of a great supply
of munitions, as developed by the Span-
ish war, Governor Dunne said that
any fleet from Great Britain or Germany
could take possession or destroy all
means of manufacturing ammunition in
the United States, such plants being al-
most entirely within 100 miles of New
York City.

KING OF SWEDEN IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27.—(Via London.)—
King Gustave had a narrow escape from
serious injury yesterday at Jerna. As he
was entering his car to proceed to Stock-
holm the train started with a sudden jerk,
throwing him down. His foot was jam-
med between the car and the platform
and he fell heavily. However, except for
slight bruises, he is little the worse for
the accident.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vi-
cinity—Cloudy.
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:
Hour. Deg.
5 a. m. 52
6 a. m. 52
7 a. m. 52
8 a. m. 52
9 a. m. 52
10 a. m. 52
11 a. m. 52
12 m. 52
1 p. m. 52
2 p. m. 52
3 p. m. 52
4 p. m. 52
5 p. m. 52
6 p. m. 52
7 p. m. 52
8 p. m. 52
9 p. m. 52
10 p. m. 52
11 p. m. 52
12 m. 52

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday..... 72
Lowest yesterday..... 52
Mean temperature..... 58
Precipitation for day..... .34
Temperature and precipitation depart-
ures from the normal:
Normal temperature..... 72
Deficiency for the day..... -20
Total deficiency since March 1..... -62
Normal precipitation..... .11 inch
Deficiency for the day..... -.21 inch
Total deficiency since March 1..... -.34 inches
Excess since March 1..... .45 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911, 72 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912, 72 inches
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.
Station and State Temp. High-Rain-
Wind
Cheyenne, part cloudy..... 58 .00 S. 10
Denver, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Des Moines, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Lander, part cloudy..... 52 .00 S. 10
North Platte, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Omaha, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Pueblo, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Rapid City, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Salt Lake City, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Santa Fe, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Shawnee, clear..... 52 .00 S. 10
Sioux City, part cloudy..... 52 .00 S. 10
Valentine, part cloudy..... 52 .00 S. 10
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

ARMY MATRON DEAD FROM FIRE AT THE PRESIDIO



MRS. FRANCES WARREN PERSHING.

FIRE VICTIM HERE ON HER BRIDAL TRIP

She and Her Husband Visited with
Colonel Swobe and Other
Friends in Omaha.

GENERAL FORMERLY AT LINCOLN

Mrs. Frances H. Pershing, wife of
Brigadier General John J. Pershing,
who was burned to death with her
three daughters in San Francisco yes-
terday, visited in Omaha and Lincoln
on her wedding trip in February,
1905. She and her husband were on
their way to Tokyo, Japan, where the
army officer had just been stationed
as military attaché.

General and Mrs. Pershing met
Colonel Thomas Swobe of Omaha, an
intimate friend, and many other
prominent Omahans during their
visit here. Colonel Swobe and Gen-
eral Pershing were in the same reg-
iment in the Spanish-American war.
In Lincoln the Pershings visited with
a sister of the general and met num-
erous friends.

General Pershing was stationed at Lin-
coln as commandant of cadets at the
state university in 1897 and 1898. He
then had the rank of first lieutenant of
the Tenth cavalry.

Mrs. Pershing was formerly Miss Fran-
ces Warren, and she was a daughter of
United States Senator Francis E. Warren
of Wyoming. She met General Pershing
at Washington while he was in charge
of insular affairs there and the marriage
occurred at the national capital January
26, 1905.

Wedding Trip to Japan.
Immediately afterward General Pershing
was dispatched to Tokyo as military
attaché and the trip to Japan became
General and Mrs. Pershing's wedding
trip.

General Pershing was accompanied by
his wife during all his travels to far dis-
tant parts. When the Japanese-Russian
war began his position at Tokyo was
changed to that of military observer of
the Japanese army. He had formerly
distinguished himself by service in the
Philippines, and several years ago brought
about a transfer which enabled him to
return to the United States.

Colonel Swobe Visits Pershings.
In January, 1914, General and Mrs.
Pershing returned to San Francisco. Col-
onel Swobe was in San Francisco at that
time and visited with the Pershing fam-
ily.

"Mrs. Pershing was a charming woman
and an ideal wife and mother," said
Colonel Swobe. "She was carefully edu-
cated in Washington by her father, Sen-
ator Warren, her mother having died
during her childhood. She was a woman of
large abilities. The news of her terrible
death is a great shock."

**Bryan Commends
Garrison's Letter
to General Wood**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 27.—William
J. Bryan, former secretary of state, who
passed through Kansas City today had
this to say regarding the developments
growing out of ex-President Roosevelt's
speech at Plattsburg, N. Y., military
training camp:

"I am glad to notice Secretary Garrison
is disposed to restrict the camps to the
work for which they were established.
During the last two weeks they seem to
have served more as a platform for
jingoism to talk from than for instruction
in the art of war."

**Sioux Falls Attorney
Guilty of Contempt**

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 27.—(Special Tele-
gram.)—The supreme court today an-
nounced its decision in the contempt
cases brought against Joe Kirby, a Sioux
Falls attorney, and G. E. Hippie and the
Hippie Printing company of this city, on
charges of contempt of court.

MRS. PERSHING AND CHILDREN KILLED

Wife of General and Three Daugh-
ters Suffocated by Fire Which
Partly Destroyed Home.

SON AND GUESTS ARE SAVED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Mrs.
Warren Pershing, wife of
Brigadier General John J. Pershing,
United States Army, and three of
her four children were suffocated to
death in their quarters at the Presi-
dio of San Francisco early today.
Their bodies were badly burned. A
Mrs. Boswell, a relative, and her two
children escaped, as did Warren
Pershing, 5 years old, and three ser-
vants. The dead children are Helen,
8; Anne, 7, and Mary, 6. Mrs. Per-
shing is a daughter of Senator War-
ren of Wyoming. Her husband, com-
manding the Eighth brigade, United
States infantry, is at El Paso, Tex.,
in charge of the border troops.

Mrs. Boswell Jumps from Roof.
Mrs. W. O. Boswell was the first of
the people in the house to discover the fire.
She was aroused by smoke and awakened
her children and called to Mrs. Pershing.
Then she opened the door from her room
to the hall. A gust of smoke drove her
back and she saw flames in the hallway.
She took her children to the stairway,
but found it cut off by fire, and re-
turned through her room to the roof of
the front porch.

The noise of the flames by this time
had aroused Lieutenant Eugene Santschi,
Twenty-first infantry, Private C. J. Haz-
lett and another soldier, who broke in
doors in the house, but were forced back
by the flames. Then Mrs. Boswell, from
the porch roof, threw her two children,
Philip and James, 3 and 6 years old, to
the men below, still calling to Mrs.
Pershing, and jumped herself. Her maid
previously had jumped and been caught.
Mrs. Boswell fell in a flower bed,
wrenching her back. She was taken to
the Paeidlo hospital.

Warren Pershing was found uncon-
scious on the floor of his room by
Johnson, the Pershings' aged negro ser-
vant, who led a rescue party into the
house. He was revived at the Presidio
hospital.

In the corner of the house, most burned,
the rescuers found Mrs. Pershing dead
on the floor, with her arms across one
of the children, who was on the bed.
On another bed was another child; the
third lay on the floor. The bodies of all
were considerably burned.

The house occupied by the Pershings
was the best of a collection of old frame
buildings scattered about the main post
and east of the presidio. Many
of these were built as temporary barracks
at the time of the Spanish-American war
and still are occupied. Their shoddy
appearance was somewhat at the
opening of the Panama-Pacific ex-
position by a coat of paint, but they re-
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Carranza Capital Moved to Mexico Sunday, August 29

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—General Car-
ranza will move his capital to Mexico
City Sunday. All the departments of his
government, except the office of foreign
affairs and interior, already have been
moved from Vera Cruz to Mexico City.
The remaining departments will go
with General Carranza himself.

President Wilson's appeal to the Mexi-
cans for peace, especially referred to
Mexico City as the place where the cap-
ital of any government applying for recog-
nition must be established. Carranza's
move was regarded in Latin circles as
one of the steps in his effort to obtain
recognition by the United States.

General Carranza's inquiry as to
whether the Pan-American diplomats in
appealing to him for a peace conference
were acting personally, or with the sanc-
tion of their respective governments, will
be answered today. Officials stated that
Carranza would be informed that they
were acting with authority of their
respective governments.

General Carranza today cabled his
agency here, saying:
"It is utterly untrue that any deaths
from starvation are taking place in Mex-
ico City. The food situation has grown
steadily better from the date of Gen-
eral Gonzalez's occupation to the present
time."

Art Smith Lands With Bump When Aeroplane Balks

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 27.—(Special
Telegram.)—Art Smith, boy aviator, had
a mishap in his second flight at the
state fair today, but was not seriously
hurt.

His machine did not seem to work
right and he descended after being up
only a short time.

His machine struck the track with
considerable force and turned over. Smith
walked away uninjured, but did not make
his night flight.

**STOP OFF IN
OMAHA
THE GATE-CITY-OF-THE-WEST**
Here are the dates for our
coming Ak-Sar-Ben
events:
Sept. 29, Carnival begins
Oct. 5, Floral Parade
Oct. 6, Electrical Parade
Oct. 8, Coronation Ball
Oct. 9, Carnival Ends

FRENCH SPORTING CELEBRITIES NOW AIRMEN—This photo was taken at a French aero base in Northern France. Second from the left is Georges Carpentier, the famous French boxer, and next is Somes, French champion cyclist. Somes had just brought down a German aviator in an exciting aerial battle.



FOITIK COMES TO SURRENDER SELF

Former Paying Teller of Live Stock
National, Short Six Thousand,
Returns Here.

WALKS INTO MARSHAL'S OFFICE

V. V. Foitik, formerly paying teller
at the Live Stock National bank, who
disappeared January 30, leaving his
accounts \$6,410 short, returned yes-
terday from Australia and volun-
tarily gave himself up at the office
of the United States marshal.

Foitik had been in the employ of
the Live Stock National bank for ex-
actly seven years, having been paying
teller for a long period, when he left.
With only \$12.50 of the thousands
he had taken he started south, going
through the southern states, through
Mexico, California and Oregon. On
June 10 he shipped as a deck hand
on a freight ship bound for Australia.
He landed in Australia some weeks
later and stayed there but seven days
having decided that he would return
and give himself up.

He shipped for San Francisco on an-
other freighter, landing in the United
States August 17. He then beat his way
to Omaha, getting here Wednesday. He
saved himself up Friday.

Foitik has a wife and two children,
one a girl 13 years old, and the other a
boy of 3, living in the South Side, and
he gave as his reason for his return the
fact that he could not forget that they
needed him. He said that he had taken
the money a little at a time, and that
he had spent it being a "good fellow."
"No one," said Foitik, "is to blame ex-
cept myself."

Rate to Withdraw Loading in Transit Ordered Cancelled

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The proposal
of railroads operating in what is known
as the Central Freight association and
Western Classification territories, to dis-
continue generally the practice of stop-
ping freight cars in transit to complete
loading or partially to unload, was re-
jected by the Interstate Commerce com-
mission as unjustified. The commission
had suspended until September 30 the
effectiveness of the withdrawal of the
practice, and today ordered the cancella-
tion of tariffs which would have made
the change. Commissioner Harland dis-
sented.

The Day's War News

THE RUSSIANS, falling back under
German pressure along the line
from the east of Kovno southward
to Grodno, have evacuated the
fortress of Olita, thirty miles
south of Kovno.

MATERIAL ADVANCES are claimed
for the Teutonic armies operating
in the vicinity of Brest-Litovsk,
the capture of which by the Ger-
mans was announced yesterday.

FRENCH AVIATOR has dropped ten
shells on a German factory for
making asphyxiating gases at
Dornach, Paris reports.

FRENCH AEROPLANE squadrons
have made raids on the railroad
stations at Muelheim, in Baden, and
at Ivroy and Clergues, in the Ar-
gonne. They also have dropped
explosives on St. Baustant and Es-
sey, in the Woerre district.

LATEST NEWS from the Darda-
nelles comes through the war of-
fice at Constantinople, which re-
ports the repulse of weak attacks
against the Turkish left wing at
Seddul-Bahr.

SINKING OF THE British steamer
Palmgrove, presumably by a Ger-
man submarine, is reported to Lon-
don. The crew was saved.

Garrison Says It Will Be Big Job to Save Roosevelt from Himself

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Secretary
Garrison made public today Major Gen-
eral Wood's reply to the secretary's tele-
gram of yesterday directing that no rep-
etition be permitted of the incident at the
Plattsburg camp, precipitated by former
President Roosevelt's speech to the men
in training there.

"Your telegram received and policy laid
down will be rigidly adhered to," General
Wood telegraphed.

"I have just read Mr. Roosevelt's state-
ment," said Secretary Garrison in a state-
ment today. "I see he blames the whole
thing on me. He takes the position that
it is notorious that he has the habit of

making indiscreet speeches and that it,
therefore, was my duty to find out if he
intended to go to Plattsburg, and if so to
head him off and save him from himself.
Well, maybe that's so, but it's rather a
large order. He is a very active man and
I am a very busy one, and it's going to
be a pretty hard job for me to keep my
eye on him all the time. The colonel's
attitude about himself reminds me of the
story of the Maine farmer, who was on
his way to the railroad station one morn-
ing when he met a friend. 'Where are
you going?' said the friend. 'I'm going
down to Bangor to get drunk,' and
great Lord, how I do dread it."

WELSH MINERS ARE AGAIN ON STRIKE

**Men Charge that Wage Award Does
Not Measure Up to Promises of
David Lloyd-George.**

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND OUT
LONDON, Aug. 27.—Reports from
the South Wales coal fields this morn-
ing state that 25,000 miners al-
ready have joined the new strike.

The recurrence of labor troubles is
due to growing dissatisfaction with
the award of Walter Runciman, pres-
ident of the Board of Trade, who
acted as arbitrator in the recent
strike. The situation was strained
further when the colliers learned
that Mr. Runciman had declined to
accept a deputation representing them.

Miners Charge Bad Faith.
The miners charge Mr. Runciman
with going behind the arrangements
made by David Lloyd George and de-
mand that Mr. Lloyd George make
good his promises to them.

Dispatches from Cardiff at the time the
strike was settled last month said that
the terms accepted by the miners as a re-
sult of Mr. Lloyd George's trip to Wales
provided for a substantial increase in
wages and other concessions to the strik-
ers, which were considered by them as
tantamount to an admission of their
claims on nearly all the outstanding points.

Mr. Lloyd George won the men over not
only by promising concessions, but by
emphasizing the fact that uninterrupted
operation of the coal mines was highly
essential to the conduct of the war.

Mr. Runciman's award contained wage
concessions, but rejected a number of
demands relating to working conditions,
hours of labor and arbitration arrange-
ments.

Plattsburg Troops Playing War Game

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 27.—A week
of war practice upon which the regiment
of business and professional men at the
camp of instruction embarked today con-
stitutes a part of an elaborate theoretic
war with a foreign power.

War was theoretically declared by the
European power yesterday and the first
brigade at Plattsburg received informa-
tion that the Red army of invasion had
crossed the Canadian border, seized the
railroad junction at Rouse's Point, N. Y.,
and had taken Malone, N. Y. The com-
mander of the Blue army of defense, of
which the businessmen's regiment is a
part, decided to advance against the
enemy at Rouse's Point before he could
be reinforced from Malone.

Between 5,500 and 6,000 men will figure
in the maneuver.

**Tomorrow the Best
Colored
Comics
—with—
The Sunday Bee**

SLAVS POUR OUT OF OLITA; READY TO FLEE GRODNO

Evacuation of Great Niemen Fort-
ress Followed Report Russ Are
Preparing to Abandon Last
Stronghold on Line.

FALL OF BREST IS NOT TOLD

Public Hasn't Yet Learned Offi-
cially of Capture of Key-
stone Position.

JUST ONE PLACE IS NOW LEFT

BULLETIN.
VIENNA, Aug. 27.—(Via London)
—The Russians who were defeated
at Brest-Litovsk are retreating on
both sides of the railway to Minsk,
according to an official statement
issued today at the Austrian war
office.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Rus-
sians apparently have decided to
evacuate Grodno, the one important
stronghold on their principal line of
defense which they still retain. A
message from Petrograd to Reuters
Telegram company quotes the
Russky Invid as stating that Grodno
be given up when the retreat of the
defenders has been covered.

The message indicates that the fall
of Brest-Litovsk, announced in Ber-
lin yesterday, was not made public
in Petrograd at 1 o'clock this after-
noon at the filing of the message.

Olita Abandoned.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—(Via London.)
—The Russian fortress of Olita, on
the Nieman river, twenty miles south
of Kovno, has been evacuated. Offi-
cial announcement to this effect was
made here today.

The text of the statement by the Ger-
man army headquarters follows:
"Western theater: In Champagne and
in the Meuse hills French trench works
were destroyed by mines. In the Vosges
a weak advance by the French was easily
repulsed.

"Eastern theater: Army of Field Mar-
shal von Hindenburg: Battles at Bausk
and at Schonberg, southeast of Mitau
and in the region of Kovno continue. We
took 2,400 Russian prisoners and four
cannon and three machine guns were
captured."

"Southeast of Kovno the enemy was
defeated. The fortress of Olita has been
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Cold Wave Covers Eastern States

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Weather
bureau experts said today that the cold
weather which covered the east Thurs-
day will last only till Sunday and Mon-
day and vanish into the Atlantic with
summer close on its trail.

The cold wave came down from Medi-
terranean Sea, over Lake Superior to the
borders of the south and today extended
east from the Missouri river. The coldest
place in the United States in the affected
zone this morning was Sault Ste. Marie,
with a temperature of 34, but White
River, Canada, recorded 32. The low
temperatures, however, lasted only until
the sun rose and weather bureau experts
figured that practically no damage has
been done to crops.

THE WANT-AD WAY.



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urday evening. Telephone TYLER 1009
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