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CAN'T ARBITRATE PRINCIPLE UPHELD BY UNITED STATES

Only Extent of Damages Arising Out of Lusitania Sinking Can Be Placed Before Tribunal.

THIS POSITION OF AMERICA

Probably Will Be No Opposition to Fixing Amount of Damages Thus.

CARTE BLANCHE TO BERNSTORFF

WASHINGTIN, Sept. 3. — The Americanpositiontoward a method of fixing reparation for lives and property lost in German submarine operations, scuh as the Lusitania and the Arabic, has not been finally determined, but there probably will be no opposition to fixing the amounts by arbitration.

As arbitration, however could cover only the extent of damages and not the question of the principle that unarmed merchant ships must not be sunk without warning and opportunity for the escape of noncombatants.

Berlin dispatches, apparently officially inspired, saying Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has wide discretionary powers to speak for his government in the final negotiations over submarine warfare, have caused a large measure of gratification among American officials, who have had many evidences of the ambassador's efforts to prevent a break between Germany and the United States.

Police Officers Use Their Clubs During Crane Strike Riot

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 3.—A riot in which hundreds of persons took part took place outside the Crane Valve company today, and ten police officers were forced to use their clubs to regain control of the situation.

During the scrimmage two pistol shots were heard, but as no one was reported shot, it is supposed some excited person fired into the air. The trouble started, according to the officers on duty at the Crane plant, where a strike of machinists has been in force for several weeks, when several men tried to prevent others from going in.

Two men, alleged to have been leaders in causing the disturbance, were fined and given sentences of six months in jail. Three policemen were injured in the fighting.

Colorado Dry Law May Be Taken Direct to Supreme Court

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 3.—The state supreme court will be asked to take original jurisdiction in action seeking to enjoin officials of the city and county of Denver from granting saloon licenses extending beyond January 1, 1916, it was announced today by Fred Farrar, attorney general.

Colorado's statewide prohibition constitutional amendment becomes effective on that date. City and county officials of Denver will join in the request.

The attorney general will base his request on the ground that every phase of the prohibition situation presents constitutional questions and chaos and disorder will prevail unless there is a speedy decision by the supreme court.

CRUISER TENNESSEE LANDS GUNS AT CAPE HAITIEN

CAPE HAITIEN, Haiti, Sept. 3.—The American cruiser Tennessee, arriving from Philadelphia, debarked 100 artillerymen, with machine guns, today. General Cacos, the revolutionary leader, and his followers declined to lay down their arms and retired in the direction of Hinche and Gonaives. They left behind them, however, troops which took up positions outside the city to shut off communications with the interior.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity —Partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	64
6 a. m.	64
7 a. m.	64
8 a. m.	69
9 a. m.	69
10 a. m.	73
11 a. m.	76
12 m.	79
1 p. m.	80
2 p. m.	81
3 p. m.	83
4 p. m.	83
5 p. m.	83
6 p. m.	81
7 p. m.	78
8 p. m.	[illegible]

Comparative Local Record.

	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.
Highest yesterday	84	81	98	84
Lowest yesterday	63	57	76	68
Mean temperature	74	69	87	76
Precipitation	.00	.09	.00	.76

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	70
Excess for the day	4
Total deficiency since March 1	477
Normal precipitation	.08 inch
Deficiency for the day	.08 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	22.17 inches
Excess since March 1	.09 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	4.96 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913	6.49 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State of Weather.	Temp. 7 p. m.	High-est.	Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, cloudy	68	72	.00
Davenport, clear	78	82	.00
Denver, cloudy	68	74	.00
Dodge City, clear	74	80	.00
Lander, cloudy	58	58	1.42
North Platte, clear	74	80	.00
Omaha, clear	78	84	.00
Pueblo, part cloudy	78	82	.00
Rapid City, clear	70	74	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	60	66	.25
Santa Fe, part cloudy	62	70	.34
Sheridan, cloudy	62	62	.70
Sioux City, clear	76	80	.00
Valentine, clear	78	84	.00

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

LEMBERG'S STREETS DON THE ROBES OF PEACE—Lemberg was captured by the Russians during their great advance, and recaptured several months later by the Austrians. On both occasions the city was under fire and starvation threatened the inhabitants. The remarkable elasticity of the Austrian temperament is illustrated in this photo, taken after the Austrian reoccupation. Except for a small squad of passing soldiers, business and civic life seems to have resumed its normal state.

TURNERS COMPETE FOR WESTERN TITLE

Tel Jed Sokol Athletes Gather in Omaha and Begin Preliminary Competitions.

BOY EXCELS AT THE HIGH JUMP

Tel Jed Sokol athletes of the principal states of the west have begun competition for the western championship at the South Side field at Twenty-first and U streets. More than seventy-five athletes engaged in the games and trains are bringing the remainder of the 150 or more who are scheduled to take part in the meet.

Preliminaries were begun at once. Work on the parallel bars, the running high jump and pole vaults were the principal contests of the morning. Teams from Kansas, Iowa, the Dakotas and Nebraska practiced.

Boy Beats High Jumpers.

"Skin" Krecek, 15-year-old member of the Omaha Tel Jed Sokol division, proved a wonder at the high jump. Breaking his record of 5 feet 3 inches, he exceeded even the 5-foot 5-inch limit, but failed to go beyond the next fraction in three trials. The South Side record for adults was 5 feet 1 inch. The state record among the high schools is 5 feet 7 inches.

Races and shot-put contests will be staged next. The real interest of the tournament will come when the finals in all events are staged in the spacious hall of the South Side union.

Stecher May Not Come.

Saturday evening Joe Stecher, his brother and a team from Dodge is scheduled to take part. The wrestling champion, however, has sent word it is highly probable that he will be unable to appear. A wrestling engagement in Chicago Monday night combined with his engagement at the State fair at Lincoln is the cause of his hesitancy.

Three Balkan States Consent to Revise Bucharest Treaty

ROME, Sept. 2.—(Via Paris, Sept. 3.)—Revision of the treaty of Bucharest has been agreed to explicitly by Serbia, Roumania and Greece, according to reports received here, but it is said these countries are not willing to satisfy entirely Bulgaria's claims to territorial compensation for participating in the war.

But Bulgaria's pretensions apparently are irreconcilable with what its neighbors are willing to grant, and the impression is gaining ground there that it is prolonging the negotiations with the aim of postponing the day when it must reach a decision.

OVERALL BUTTON HOLDS CAUSING DEATH OF MAN

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The truthfulness of the guarantee of the maker of a brand of overalls that the buttons cannot be torn off caused the death of R. Arisumi, 28, a Japanese oiler employed in the local shops of the Union Pacific. Arisumi was sent to a manway above a large flywheel to oil a heated bearing. A piece of wire projecting from the wheel caught a button on his overalls and he was jerked from his footing and whirled around in the wheel for nearly a minute before the machinery could be stopped. With each revolution his body was battered against a brick wall. Every strip of clothing, including his shoes, was stripped from his body and nearly every bone was broken. After the machinery was stopped the button, still attached to a large piece of the overalls, was found held by the wire.

ORDER OF BLACK EAGLE FOR VON MACKENSEN

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton.)—Emperor William has conferred upon Field Marshal Von Mackensen the Order of the Black Eagle, the highest decoration within the emperor's gift, the Overseas News agency announced today.

TORCH APPLIED TO PHONE BUILDING

Firebug at Council Bluffs Makes Four Attempts Thursday Night to Burn Down Exchange.

POLICE FINDING FEW CLUES

Police detectives of Council Bluffs and Omaha are aiding the officers of the Independent Telephone company, Council Bluffs, in the effort to solve the mystery connected with the attempts made Thursday night to destroy the Council Bluffs central office building. The determination is not only to solve the mystery, but to discover the party who placed in jeopardy not only the building, but the lives of the young women operators and other employes of the company. Mysterious warnings had been given that the building was to be destroyed.

There were four attempts to destroy the building, and the cunning and boldness displayed resembled the successive attempts made to destroy the Young Men's Christian association building in the Bluffs several years ago, a crime subsequently confessed by W. E. Cottrell, secretary of the association.

The chief difference in the two cases, however, is that the investigations made yesterday have completely exonerated every one of the present employes of the Bell company, and made it certain that the firebug is an outsider, acquainted with the interior of the building and the habits of the employes.

The first attempt to burn the building was made about 10 o'clock Thursday night, when a fire was started in the southwest corner of the basement, where two coats, hanging on the wall, had been saturated with gasoline and fired.

The Second Attempt.

The second attempt was after 11 o'clock, when another fire was started in the northeast corner of the basement, where some inflammable fluid was poured over a pile of insulated wire and set afire. The insulation burned and both firea required the presence of the firemen.

The third fire occurred during the rest period at midnight, when all of the employes, except four of the young women operators, were out of the building getting their luncheon.

In was in one corner of the parlor adjoining the rest room on the Scott street side of the building. Curtains torn from the windows were thrown upon the floor and surrounded by some of the heavy oaken chairs and set afire. The smoke quickly filled the building. After employes with hand fire extinguishers had suppressed the flames the metal hangings of the curtains were found in the pile of embers. One of the chairs was badly charred and a new $90 carpet rug was ruined. Fifteen minutes before the fire was discovered a dozen of the young women wore in the room, and it is thought the firebug slipped in a moment after they left.

Detectives Are Not Talking.

The fourth attempt was made when the large tarpaulin in the rear of the main switchboard was partly lowered, but not fired, although preparations for doing so were evident. With the exception of badly frightening the operators and causing them hastily to leave the building,

(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

STOP OFF IN OMAHA
THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST
Omaha's next distinguished "stop-off" guest is Rev. "Billy" Sunday. And, as Bishop Bristol says, he is coming to hold his revival here not because Omaha is a bad town, but because it is such a good town.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET ERRATIC

Swift Rise of Ten Cents in Sterling Over Tuesday's Close Followed by Eight-Cent Drop.

SPECULATORS HUNTING COVER

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—It was reported in Wall street today that Great Britain had obtained a preliminary credit loan in New York City to tide over pressing obligations and stem the downward trend of sterling exchange rates until a mammoth credit loan can be floated here.

Foreign money values soared from low to high and back again in frantic and erratic fashion today. All ballast was thrown overboard at the opening of the market and values under the leadership of sterling shot swiftly upward for an extreme rise of 10 cents over last night's quotations. Within an hour they had settled, with many falls and rebounds, to within 2 cents of yesterday's close. In their spectacular flights values held only to a general sense of direction—upward.

Opening Quotations.

Opening quotations on sterling were all the way from $4.70 to $4.75, the latter figure being qouted in only one instance. (Continued on Page Two, Column One.) At $4.72 it was reported there were several transactions. The next quotation to appear on the tickers was $4.68, a decrease within ten minutes of 4 cents. The market finally reacted to $4.65 and there seemed fairly stationary.

In a market where sensations have succeeded one another daily, no such startling variations of valuations had ever been recorded before as that of today. The confusion of the first hour pointed clearly, in the opinion of local bankers, to one thing: That values, upward bound, were groping blindly for a stable position. Analysts of financial matters attributed the quest for higher levels chiefly to the theory that both here and in London the speculators had realized simultaneously that they had long overstayed their position and were rushing to cover.

The rising value of the pound sterling was reflected in the stock market by fewer foreign sales of American securities.

Shortly before noon sterling was quoted at $4.66. The market was then easy. Francs were quoted at $5.91, a gain of 4 cents overnight; reichsmarks, at 80¾, as against last night's close of 80¾ and lires at $6.46, a loss of 1 cent from yesterday.

London Market Erratic.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—There were further erratic fluctuations in American Exchange this morning and the market was nervous for a time. Cable transfers opened unsettled and considerably higher than New York at $4.65 to $4.67. The quotation jumped almost immediately to $4.70, sellers, there being few buyers.

At about noon there were some covering operations which caused a decline to $4.68@4.69½, where the quotation stands for the present.

The rise already has had a detrimental effect on the market for American securities. American railroad stocks are 1 to 3 points below yesterday. Although more stock is coming out, there is not the same inducement to sell as when the transfer rate stood at $4.60.

DAMAGE SUIT GROWS OUT OF SHENANDOAH QUARREL

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Punching the price of a cigar on a meal ticket in violation of the cash system was the cause of a heated argument at the Elk cafe at supper time Sunday night, which has resulted in a suit for $1,000 damages brought by M. E. Beach, vice president of the American Live Stock Powder company and city councilman, against the management of the cafe. He charges in his notice of suit that O. W. Griffith, one of the proprietors, unlawfully assaulted him and used abusive language. The trial will come up in the December term of the superior court. G. W. Brown is attorney for Mr. Beach.

BRITAIN HAS MADE NO PEAGE MOVES; U. S. IS WAITING

Recent Rumors Have No Foundation in Any Steps Taken by the English Government, it is Learned.

AMERICA NOT PUSHING IT

United States Will Make No Further Efforts Until Both Sides Indicate Willingness.

TEUTONS SAID TO BE READY

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—In high official circles here it is learned authoritatively that recent rumors of peace have no foundation in any step taken by the British government or in any statement issued here from authoritative sources.

No member of the government would allow himself to be quoted in discussion of the peace rumors which recently have gained wide circulation. The Associated Press, however, was authorized to make public the foregoing explicit denial.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The United States will make no further efforts to bring about peace in Europe until it has received information that its good offices will be welcomed by both sides in the conflict. This was stated unauthoritatively here today in official discussions of the message from Pope Benedict, delivered to President Wilson yesterday by Cardinal Gibbons.

From the fact that the Vatican is in close touch with Austria, the construction placed by officials on the pope's message is that the Germanic powers would be willing to discuss peace at this time. It was stated by those in closest touch with the administration that similar word will have to be received from Great Britain and its allies before the president will make any further move.

Original Offer Stands.

President Wilson had made it clear several times, that his original offer of services to bring about peace still stands and that he will do everything possible to further the movement. The United States, however, will do nothing likely to endanger its position as a friend to all belligerents, it was said authoritatively.

The pope's message will not be made public by this government, although there would be no objection if Cardinal Gibbons gives it out. Enough of the contents of the message is known, however, to give basis for indicating that Austria, Germany and Turkey are not adverse to discussing peace.

Five Per Cent of British Merchant Vessels is Lost

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—"The Cologne Gazette publishes statistics showing that the losses to British shipping during the war at the minimum amount to 4½ per cent of the whole tonnage," says the Overseas News agency. "Of vessels above 100 tons an average of one in twenty of the British fleet has been lost."

The German Economical association for South and Central America, of which Dr. Bernhard Dernberg has been elected president, was formed by combining the German-Argentine Central association and the German-Brazilian Commercial association. The constitution of the new organization defines its purpose as to foster relations, especially of a commercial and economical nature between Germany and the countries of South and Central America; to collect in the countries in question and distribute among the members of the association, and to the press, commercial, financial, industrial, shipping, lagislative and administrative news.

News Writer Held in Jail in Vera Cruz to Be Released

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Sept. 3.—Henry W. Francis, a newspaper correspondent, who was imprisoned here August 10 by order of General Carranza, charged with distributing news in the United States unfavorable to the Carranza party, is to be released tonight, General Carranza having issued orders to that effect. No explanation as to the circumstances which led to the issuance of the release order have been given.

The State department at Washington has twice made demands for the release of Francis. The most recent representations, on August 27, were said to have been of a vigorous character.

Francis is a British subject, but was in Mexico under employment by an American concern.

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GERMANS FORTY MILES FROM RIGA

Hindenburg Makes Still Further Progress Toward Russian Port.

GRODNO HAS BEEN OCCUPIED

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—The German troops which are advancing on the important Russian port of Riga on the Baltic have made a further consequential gain. Official announcement was made here today that they captured a position noorthwest of Friedrichstadt, which is about forty miles from Riga.

The army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg has captured Grodno, the last of the strong Russian fortresses to hold out.

Announcement was made at army headquarters today as follows:

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army conquered Grodno after rapidly forcing a passage of the Niemen and fighting the Russians in the streets of the city. The Germans reached the Niemen between the Augustowo canal and the Swislocz-Lennewarden line. German cavalry advances to the northwest and west of Vilna. The Russians attempted to oppose our advance, but failed, suffering extraordinarily large losses. Southeast of Merecz the Russians were thrown back, General von Gallwitz' troops broke the resistance of the enemy on the Alekszyce-Swislocz road. Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army captured more than 3,000 Russians as well as one cannon and eighteen machine guns.

Bavarians Busy.

"The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria is still engaged in battle north of Prussany.

"The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen, pursuing the Russians, reached the Jasloida river near Slinek and Bereza and also in the district of Antopol, east of Kobrin. Austro-Hungarian troops are advancing to the east and south of Boloto and Dubowje.

"Southeastern theater of war: General Bothmer's army is advancing and is fighting in the Sereth district.

"Western theater of war: Near Souches attacks delivered by the French with hand grenades were repulsed. In Flanders and the Champagne mines were exploded successfully."

To Go South.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The German and Austrian armies on the eastern front are about to part company, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegram company from Amsterdam. This quotes a message from Vienna announcing that Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, commander-in-chief of the Austrian armies, today bade official farewell to Field Marshal Von Mackensen, the German commander, at Brest-Litovsk, as henceforth the armies of the two commanders were to cease co-operating.

The message says it is believed the Austrian armies that have been operating in Poland shortly will be removed in the direction of Serbia.

Japanese Diplomat Says Carranza Can Save Mexico

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 3.—The first direct news from Vera Cruz since the recent hurricane which broke the Mexican cable, came today in a cablegram which stated that Japanese Minister Adatchi had left Mexico City and was enroute to Japan. Illness caused him to break his journey at Orizaba last night, but his secretary, Senjiro Ohashi, continued to Vera Cruz and in an interview said:

"The situation has been horrible in Mexico City until recently, but due to the constitutionalist administration and the sterling qualities of General Gonzales, matters are rapidly improving and normal conditions soon will be reparied. The people were disposed to be unfriendly to the Carranza government in the beginning, but now they are convinced that he is the only man to save the country. They are waiting his arrival to greet him with enthusiasm."

POSTMASTER REMOVES CONFEDERATE FLAGS

ADA, Okl., Sept. 3.—Angry words were passed and threats made yesterday when Postmaster M. W. Ligon removed from the federal building several confederate flags, which had been placed there in honor of the state encampment of confederate vetertans, now in progress here. Excitement was intense for a while, but the postmaster stood pat on his declaration that none but the Stars and Stripes should fly from the postoffice.

The Day's War News

SURROUNDING OF important parts of the Turkish forces on the Gallipoli peninsula by troops of the entente allies is reported in advices from Athens to a Paris news agency.

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE to the German pressure in the north continues strong and Petrograd in its latest statement claims an advance by its armies defending the Vilna line.

GRODNO IS IN PROCESS of evacuation. The Russians defending a point near the fortress have crossed to the right bank of the Niemen, the Russian war office says, having held the position long enough to secure the safety of the retrograde operations. In the central and southern parts of the line the Russian retreat continues.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT there has been a continuance of the notable artillery activity that has been in evidence lately.

GRODNO, LAST of Russian strongholds in Poland, has been captured by the Germans.

DISPATCH FROM SOFIA, through Berlin, reports the sinking of a British transport, which struck a mine at the entrance of the Dardanelles, with the loss of more than 1,800 men.

EVACUATION OF FORTS OF GRODNO NOW UNDER WAY

Official Report Admits that Troops Are Being Withdrawn from the Right Bank of the Niemen River.

RUSSIAN CENTER IS HOLDING

Further Local Successes Claimed Near Vilna and Elsewhere—German Progress is Slow.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING IN WEST

BULLETIN.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton.)—The army of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has captured Grodno, the last of the strong Russian fortresses to hold out.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The evacuation of Grodno is under way. Petrograd admits officially that Russian forces are being withdrawn from the right bank of the Niemen.

The loss by the Russians of the last of their strong fortresses has been expected and the report that its evacuation is imminent caused no surprise here. It has been evident for some time that Grand Duke Nicholas had no intention of allowing a number of men sufficient to maintain a long defense to be penned up in any fortress which could be invested.

Along the Galician border General Ivanoff continues to retire, but not without inflicting heavy losses on the Austro-German forces, which have been shaken several times by vigorous counter attacks. In the center and the extreme north the Germans are making little progress. The Russians claim another local success near Vilna.

Great Artillery Duel in France.

The great artillery duel continues along the western front held by the French. The ultimate purpose of this activity is still obscure.

The British press is not greatly pleased at the reception by the United States of Germany's promise to modify its submarine campaign. It complains that a promise which does not include protection for merchantmen is inadequate.

Negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria concerning railroad concessions to the latter are again under way. It is not expected in quarters favorable to the entente allies that they will prove successful.

French Official Report.

PARIS, Sept. 3.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities, which reads as follows:

"In the course of last night our artillery displayed the same activity as has been the case recently, without notable incident."

BRIDE GOES TO DENMARK TO ESCORT LOVER HERE

MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Here is a new way of getting a spouse. Miss Christine Larson liked America and desired to live in America. Across the water in old Denmark lived Nils Larson, no relation, but a man bearing the same name. She loved him and he loved her, but his grit failed when he faced the ocean. Miss Larson was braver, and on June 26 she sailed for Denmark, hunted up the man she loved, brought him to this country with her, arrived in Mason City last evening, hunted up a clergyman and the words were spoken that made them husband and wife.

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