

# GERMANS MURDER CONQUERED RUSS AND SACKTOWNS

## Fleeing Women and Children Cut to Pieces by Kaiser's Plundering Huns; Jewish Villagers Persecuted.

London, May 15.—A Russian government wireless received here today reveals the full horror of the German atrocities in the occupied regions of White Russia.

It says that trustworthy witnesses, who produced documentary evidence told of the violence used and of the tortures, executions and savage methods of dealing with the working classes, as well as the plundering and burning of Russian villages by German detachments.

"In the Bobrinsk district, the dispatch says, 'entire villages have been set fire and plundered. In the village of Buda a Uhlan patrol extorted a contribution of several thousand rubles, and when the peasants had paid part of it and were unable to pay more the Uhlans surrounded the village and bombarded it.'

"In other villages peasants, women and children, who endeavored to escape from fires were pursued by Uhlans and cut to pieces with swords or fogged with whips.

"In one village an old Jew was first fogged and then hanged in the presence of all the villagers. Most savage acts were perpetrated in Jewish villages.

"All persons suspected of belonging to the bolsheviks and those in military uniforms were immediately shot."

# MITTELEUROPA SCHEME BOOSTED BY NEW TREATY

(Continued From Page One.) have seen you and have again established in our detailed discussions our entire accord regarding the aims which guide their realization will bring great blessings on our empires.

"I hope soon to be in a position to take advantage of your kind invitation. Heartly greetings to Zita and yourself.

"In true friendship, (Signed) 'William.' Emperor Charles' reply was: 'At the moment of leaving the blessed ground of the German empire on my way home, I feel impelled again to greet you warmly and to express my heartfelt thanks not only for the very gracious but also for the truly friendly reception which you gave me yesterday. I am highly satisfied with our harmonious conference. From my heart and in true friendship, I say, may we soon meet again.'

London, May 15.—The recent meeting of Emperor William of Germany and Emperor Charles of Austria is of absorbing interest to the British public.

There are two viewpoints which appear in the comment on the meeting, one as to the immediate result of the conference and the other as to its future result, and both are of paramount importance.

The first is the effect which the meeting is likely to have in military events, whether another great blow at Italy may be expected to coincide with the daily expected renewal of the onslaught at the Anglo-French front, and whether Austria can be persuaded to send troops to the western front to strengthen exhausted German divisions.

The more distant outcome of the meeting and its cementing of a political and economic defensive alliance of the central powers is a realization that eventually must be faced in the materialization of the Mitteleuropa policy, and it is argued that if this is accomplished, the natural reply of the entente nations would be the placing in operation of the resolutions calling for economic pressure against Germany, known as the Paris resolution, because it is contended that only by the strongest economic pressure could the entente deal with the greatest unit of power ever known in the world's history.

**Kings Attend Uninvited.** Zurich, Switzerland, May 15.—Both King Ludwig of Bavaria and King Frederick August of Saxony seem to have been participants in the great headquarters conference of the German and Austrian emperors, although apparently neither was invited to be present. This is indicated by a statement in the Munich Neueste Nachrichten, which says: "The hour is grave and Bavaria cannot leave Prussia to be the whole arbitrer of German destinies. King Ludwig, therefore, decided to proceed to headquarters. The departure of the king of Saxony to take part in the negotiations—a participation which was not desired in Berlin circles—was due to the same cause."

**Lobeck Will Investigate Cost of Producing Petroleum** (From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Lobeck today introduced a house resolution calling upon the federal trade commission to investigate at the earliest possible time the cost of producing and refining petroleum.

Following were nominated for postmasters today by the president: Charles H. Oldman, Butte; J. R. Ryan, Humphrey; and Stella Caulfield, Newcastle.

Benjamin Norris will give a week to the Red Cross drive, making all his speeches in Ohio. He opens his speaking tour at Warren Friday evening.

Representative Stephens left this evening for Auburn, Ind., where he delivers the graduating address to the Auburn high school tomorrow night. From there he goes to Nebraska, to deliver a series of addresses in the interest of the Red Cross. He will also deliver an address to the graduating class of the Kearney state normal school May 24. Before returning to Washington Congressman Stephens will "file for something," and the knowing ones predict that he will announce for congress.

Democratic National Committee members left for Omaha today.

# Youth in France Sends Burning Message to Fellows Back Home

"I would not change places with any man of service age in the United States who has elected to stay at home."

This is the message of an Omaha boy in France to the fellows back home, contained in a letter from "Tom" Purcell, ice plant company No. 307, American expeditionary forces, received Wednesday by A. King, manager of the grocery department of Hayden Brothers. Purcell formerly was employed in the vegetable department.

He enlisted with 13 men from the Armour packing plant, South Omaha, and has been with the quartermaster's department "over there" since December.

"Our work is hard," he said, "but I'm proud to do my bit—my all—to help Uncle Sam win this war. We get up at 5:45 in the morning, retire at 9:30 o'clock at night. We quit work at 6 o'clock in the evening and we waste no time.

"We have a daily weekly paper that keep us informed of the news back home. We play basket ball, base ball and soccer foot ball. This with our weekly entertainments at the Young Men's Christian association and our own player piano busy every evening, afford ample amusement."

# BLAZE SWEEPS GROSS YARDS AND BURNS MANY SMALL HOMES

(Continued From Page One.) of the company could be saved. H. Gross, president of the company, told a Bee reporter that he carried no insurance on the place, and stated further that he knew no cause for the fire other than the theory that it started from sparks emerging from the cupola of the Nebraska Foundry company, an adjoining structure.

Fire Chief Salter said an investigation would be conducted as soon as possible.

**Distant Houses Threatened.** The ruins stretched over the old circus grounds. Several houses which were built there recently were endangered by the far-reaching flames.

Other nearby homes which were threatened by burning fagots were emptied of furniture and household furnishings for safety. Adjoining streets were filled with furniture, which was saved before escaping flames wrought havoc upon neighboring homes.

**South Side Houses Burn.** In a gale blowing at the rate of 36 miles an hour, with a one-inch garden hose, neighbors kept fire, which eventually gutted the one-story house at 2326 and the two-story house at 2324 South Twelfth street in check, until the household effects in both residences had been removed and assistance be had from the fire stations of Benson and South Omaha, several miles away.

Fire started in the rear of 2326 South Twelfth street about 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. An alarm was sent in but there was no apparatus available at the district station, as all had been called out to fight the big fires in the north part of the city. Half an hour after the alarm had been sent in the horse drawn hose carts of the South Omaha station, three miles away, and the Benson department, five miles away, responded and the flames soon were under control.

The two houses were owned by Joseph Wolf, manager of the Tel-Jed-Sokol hall, 2214 South Thirteenth street. He occupied the larger house and the family of Paul Matjka was a tenant of the smaller house. It is estimated that the damage done to both properties will reach \$5,000, partially covered by insurance. It is thought the fire resulted from a defective flue.

# Ladies' Aid Society Holds Anniversary Celebration

The 20th anniversary of the Ladies' Aid society of Zion Lutheran church was celebrated last night at their annual May festival. Several musical numbers were given, followed by refreshments, which were served in the church parlors.

# Military Exemption Refused Briton With 11 Children

London, May 10.—Exemption from military service has been refused a man with 11 children, one of whom is with the colors. The drafted man has four brothers in the British army.

# Notes of the Fire

The brisk northerly wind carried sparks from the burning Gross yards a distance of more than four blocks. One house, six blocks away, was threatened with destruction when an unruly shingle from the burning sheds flew across the sky and landed on the little home. It was unnoticed until a small flame shot forth from the roof. This was extinguished before any damage was done to the residence.

"Visitations! Visitations! That's what it am," cried an aged negro woman as a great ball of flaming wood fell within her yard and the sparks sent forth little streaks of flames that ate their way toward her home. She was pacified, however, when firemen sent streams of water upon her little home and prevented the flames from destroying her all.

One house within a half block of the wrecking yards caught fire and the front room and a half of the dining room were destroyed before firemen extinguished the blaze. The house presented the appearance of a man's residences after the Easter tornado—half standing and the other portion destroyed.

Assistant Fire Chief Dineen was about "all in" two hours after the fire started, the result of a bad injury to his foot when he stepped upon a nail and from the heavy clouds of smoke in which he worked for several hours. He went to the police station to have his foot dressed by police surgeons.

But one building in the Gross yards was insured, according to the owner. This was the small two-story brick building in which the offices were located. Mr. Gross did not know the amount of insurance carried on this building, but declared that it would not cover the loss.

"Hey, you, Mr. Policeman, get busy and help me carry this stuff back in the house," cried one woman, as she prepared to carry her household goods back into what was left of her home. When the officer declined, the fire victim screamed: "I'm a taxpayer, I am, and you ought to help me out. I'll tell Dean Ringer on you, and then you'll see what will happen."

The freakishness of the flying brands is responsible for saving many homes. At intervals the fiery messengers skipped homes for some distance and then lit in vacant lots, to die a natural death.

# REVOLUTION IN U. S. PLOTTED BY KAISER'S AGENTS

## Rising of German Rifle Clubs Planned, According to Testimony at Hidden Munitions Investigation.

New York, May 15.—Plans were formed in 1914 for a revolution of Germans in the United States in case this country should be drawn into the European war, according to testimony today at the state attorney general's investigation of reports of hidden munitions.

Ivan Norodny, vice president of the Russian-American Asiatic corporation, who admitted he had sympathized with Russian revolutionists before the emperor was overthrown, attributed the revelation of plans for an uprising in the United States to Baron von Gersdorff, friend of the German crown prince and a former agent in Mexico, who was interned after the United States entered the war.

At a dinner at a New York hotel in the fall of 1914, Norodny said, he met von Gersdorff, Captain Hans Tauscher, former Krupp agent in the United States, and another German whom he knew as Lagen or Muck and who was the manager of Mme. Gadski, wife of Captain Tauscher. Norodny quoted von Gersdorff as saying: "The Schuetzenverein (German rifle clubs) has arms in this country and in case of trouble with the United States they will side with Germany. The rifles have come from Germany and in case of war the Germans here will have the Industrial Workers of the World and the socialists."

The efforts of Deputy Attorney

# The Weather

For Nebraska: Generally fair Thursday; cooler in north and west portions; at night in southeast portion; Friday generally fair and cooler.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

| Hour     | Temp. | Deg. |
|----------|-------|------|
| 5 a. m.  | 68    | 70   |
| 6 a. m.  | 68    | 68   |
| 7 a. m.  | 68    | 67   |
| 8 a. m.  | 69    | 69   |
| 9 a. m.  | 73    | 73   |
| 10 a. m. | 77    | 77   |
| 11 a. m. | 80    | 80   |
| 12 m.    | 82    | 82   |
| 1 p. m.  | 85    | 85   |
| 2 p. m.  | 85    | 85   |
| 3 p. m.  | 86    | 86   |
| 4 p. m.  | 86    | 86   |
| 5 p. m.  | 86    | 86   |
| 6 p. m.  | 86    | 86   |
| 7 p. m.  | 85    | 85   |
| 8 p. m.  | 82    | 82   |

Comparative Local Record.

| Year | High | Low |
|------|------|-----|
| 1918 | 79   | 54  |
| 1917 | 82   | 42  |
| 1916 | 84   | 43  |
| 1915 | 84   | 43  |
| 1914 | 84   | 43  |
| 1913 | 84   | 43  |
| 1912 | 84   | 43  |
| 1911 | 84   | 43  |
| 1910 | 84   | 43  |
| 1909 | 84   | 43  |
| 1908 | 84   | 43  |
| 1907 | 84   | 43  |
| 1906 | 84   | 43  |
| 1905 | 84   | 43  |
| 1904 | 84   | 43  |
| 1903 | 84   | 43  |
| 1902 | 84   | 43  |
| 1901 | 84   | 43  |
| 1900 | 84   | 43  |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State    | Temp. | High | Rain- |
|----------------------|-------|------|-------|
|                      |       |      | fall. |
| Cheyenne, clear      | 74    | 78   | .00   |
| Davenport, clear     | 80    | 82   | .00   |
| Denver, clear        | 82    | 82   | .00   |
| Des Moines, cloudy   | 82    | 86   | .00   |
| Dodge City, clear    | 80    | 82   | .00   |
| Lander, cloudy       | 68    | 70   | .00   |
| North Platte, clear  | 88    | 92   | .00   |
| Omaha, clear         | 80    | 82   | .00   |
| Pueblo, pt. cloudy   | 74    | 84   | .00   |
| Santa Fe, pt. cloudy | 72    | 74   | .00   |
| Sheridan, pt. cloudy | 64    | 70   | .00   |
| Soux City, clear     | 80    | 82   | .00   |
| Valentine, cloudy    | 88    | 88   | .00   |

"T" indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

General Becker to learn the names of the owner of 1,000,000 Mauser rifles and 1,000,000,000 cartridges which various brokers had testified were offered for sale in New York by Gustav Lussing, a German-born American citizen, proved futile when Lussing took the stand. He denied the testimony of various witnesses that he had represented himself as the agent of the owners. Mr. Becker announced that he would be called to the stand at the resumption of the investigation May 22.

# CAVALRY CROSSES MEXICAN BORDER IN BANDIT CHASE

El Paso, Tex., May 15.—American cavalry crossed the border at Stilwell's ford, 80 miles south of Marathon, Tex., today in pursuit of raiders who crossed from Mexico yesterday and drove 30 head of cart into Mexico from American ranches along the border. This was announced here today by Major General W. A. Holbrook, commander of the southern department, who arrived from an inspection of the Big Bend border.

# On Trial for Murder.

Richmond, Va., May 15.—Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, a dentist of Middlesex, N. C., was placed on trial today, charged with murdering his brother, December 15 last. Selection of the jury was expected to take all day.

# LEADING MEN OF BISBEE ARRESTED IN I. W. W. AFFAIR

Tucson, Ariz., May 15.—Twenty of the leading mining company officials, employees and business men of the Warren district were arrested at Bisbee this morning on indictments returned by the federal grand jury, which last week completed an investigation of the deportation last July of nearly 1,200 alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World.

A 21st man, for whom the officers had a warrant tonight, was reported to be in New York City. He is said to be a man prominent in mining and financial circles throughout the country.

# Deported 1,186 Men.

The deportation of the 1,186 men in connection with which the federal grand jury returned indictments took place from here July 12, 1917, when armed citizens led by Sheriff Harry Wheeler rounded up the men and loaded them on a special train of 24 cattle and box cars.

# Jury Panel Filled for Trial of Grace Lusk

Waukesha, Wis., May 15.—The jury panel for the trial of Grace Lusk on a charge of slaying the wife of David Roberts was completed late this afternoon.

# Brandeis Employees Pledge Support in Red Cross Drive

H. Baldrige addressed the employees of the Brandeis stores after closing hours last night. He explained the work of the Red Cross and appealed to the employees to do their share toward meeting the requirements of the drive, soon to start. His talk was enthusiastically received and the employees pledged themselves to assist in making a success of the campaign. A Red Cross booth will be established in the Brandeis stores.

# M. J. Greevy Brings Carloads Of Copper Ore to the Smelter

M. J. Greevy, president of the Atlas Copper and Reduction company of Tie Siding, Wyo., is home after spending six months at the camp. Mr. Greevy visits Omaha at this time to bring three carloads of ore to the local smelting works. The Atlas company, according to Mr. Greevy, is cutting native copper on "the roof of America." He says they have the richest copper ore that ever came out of the ground.

# Scoville Re-elected Head Of Guernsey Cattle Club

Chicago, May 15.—Members attending the annual convention of the American Guernsey Cattle club today re-elected Robert Scoville of New York president. William Dempster Hoard, ex-governor of Wisconsin, was elected vice president and William H. Caldwell of Peterboro, N. H., was elected secretary-treasurer.

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