

TRYING TO SAVE THEIR ARMIES

Russians Facing the Problem of Evacuating Warsaw.

CITY HAS BEEN DENUED

Russian Front To Bug River Shaken. Fortress Of Ivangorod May Have Been Left To Its Fate.

London.—The Russians now face the problem of evacuating Warsaw and the surrounding country without losing their armies, while the Austro-German forces are making a supreme effort to get across their line of retreat.

The Teutons are said to have met with partial success in this attempt, a Berlin official report stating that Field Marshal von Mackensen, resuming the offensive, had reached the Lublin-Cholm railway, about midway between those two cities, and that southeast of this as far as the Bug river the Russian front had been "shaken."

One Retreat Line Blocked.

The success of General von Mackensen in getting across this railway, after being virtually stopped by the Russian counter-attack, denies at least one line of retreat to the Russians who might still be between him and Warsaw, and also places the Germans in a position to move against the Bug river front, should this be decided upon.

British military critics, however, refuse to believe that Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, has not provided for all contingencies or that he was not fairly sure of the safety of his troops before indicating to the world that he had decided to take up a new line.

May Have Quit Ivangorod.

Indeed the news contained in the Berlin official statement that the Germans have crossed the Vistula river southeast of Warsaw, between the Pilica river and Kozenice, leads the military writers to the belief that the Russians already have fallen back in this region, and that perhaps even the fortress of Ivangorod has been left to its fate.

There is no news of the situation on the Narwe river or of General von Buelow's wider outflanking movement in Kovno Province. However, the opinion is expressed here that as the German plans contemplate a series of attacks rather than a simultaneous one it is likely that they are waiting for Field Marshal von Mackensen to reach some previously arranged position before they resume their attacks.

Warsaw Denuded, Is Report.

According to dispatches received here, the country around Warsaw which the Russians are leaving to the invaders has been put to the torch, while the city itself has been denuded of everything that might be of use to the Germans if it falls into their hands. It may even be some days before the Teutons occupy the Polish capital, if they finally do, for the Russians are fighting more than a rear-guard action.

In fact, they are still delivering very heavy blows at their opponents and are gaining some local successes, particularly on the Narwe and southeast of Cholm, where they are opposing the efforts of the Austrians to get across the Bug river. However, military critics say that these local successes will not affect the Russian plan of falling back to a shorter and stronger front.

Move On West Expected.

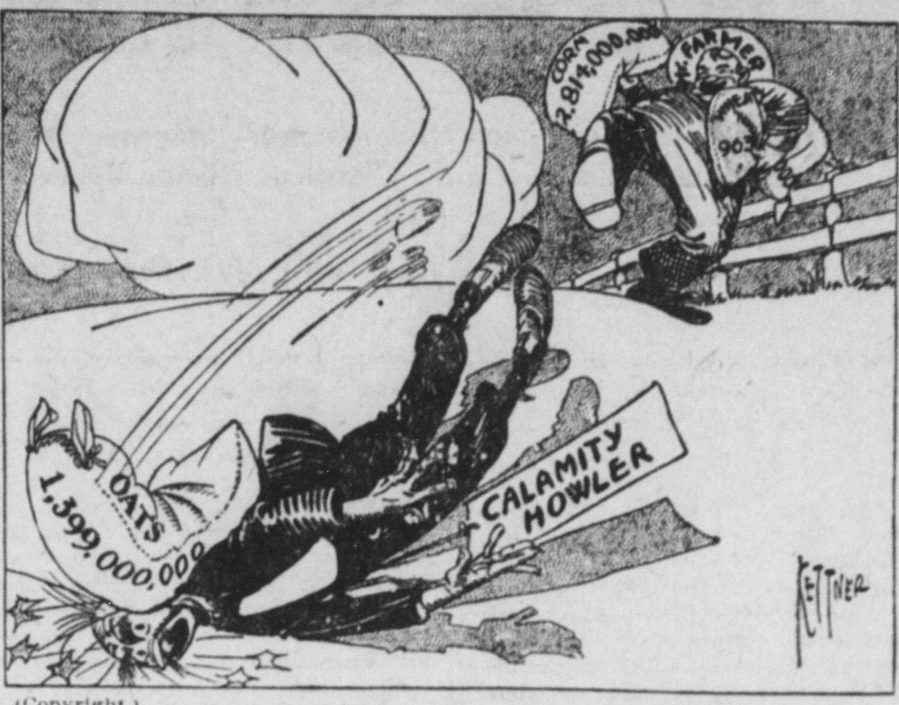
As soon as the present operations against Russia are concluded, whether or not they succeed in destroying any large part of the Russian Army, it is expected that the Germans will turn to the west, a movement which, however, will take a couple of months at least. It will, therefore, be a race between the Teutonic forces and the British and French as to which side will take the offensive in France, where the situation remains as it has been for weeks past, except in Alsace, where the French continue their attacks on the positions protecting Muenster.

Most Brilliant Strategy Of War.

The military expert of the London Times says:

"The great operation against Ruesia which was planned by Gen. von Falkenhayn and has been in course of execution for the past three months is the most aspiring and, in some ways the most brilliant piece of strategy this war has yet produced. General Falkenhayn obviously prepared his plan by the light of the signal failure of the other German plans of the autumn and winter, but his merit is not less because he recognized previous errors and sought to avoid them.

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JUDGE LANDIS SEIZES EASTLAND

Action Puts Vessel in Charge of U. S. Government.

MORE BODIES DISCOVERED

Secretary Redfield Continues Technical Inquiry—Company Officials Not Allowed to Obtain Immunity.

Chicago.—Federal Judge Landis, exercising the power of his office, issued an order seizing in the name of the United States Government the overturned steamer Eastland, on which more than 1,000 lives were lost. The action of Judge Landis was the most drastic taken by any official since the disaster. It was as unexpected as it was drastic.

The order placed the Eastland wholly in the hands of the Federal authorities and lifted the matter of investigation and rescue of bodies from the hands of the police and the State authorities, except in so far as Judge Landis may direct their activities.

Bodies in Engine Room. More bodies of victims of the catastrophe, probably not more than 10 and maybe as many as 50, were discovered in the hull of the Eastland.

Far down in the engine room of the boat divers came upon the forms of men, women and children, wedged so tightly together it was impossible to count them. The bodies had been pushed down between the machinery of the vessel and the boilers.

Redfield Conducts Probe.

With a Congressional investigation of the disaster threatened, the Federal grand jury began taking evidence and Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield went ahead with his "technical" investigation. The first witnesses called before the Federal grand jury were Jack Clark, lookout, and Joe Conrad, an oiler, of the Eastland's crew.

Congressman A. J. Sabath announced before Secretary Redfield's inquiry board began its session that unless the Secretary's probe went as deep as possible into the facts bearing on the Eastland disaster he would demand a Congressional investigation.

William H. Hull, vice-president and general manager of the St. Joseph Chicago Steamship Company, owner of the Eastland, and Walter C. Steele, secretary-treasurer of the company, will not be allowed to testify before the special Federal grand jury.

Their testimony before the Federal inquisitors, in case they were permitted to give it, would automatically render them immune from indictment by this grand jury.

Body No. 396, the "little feller," as the tiny form was spoken of by policemen who stood guard over it at the Second Regiment Armory and later at Sheldon's morgue, was identified as that of Willie Novotny, 9 years old, whose father and mother also went down with the Eastland. The identification was made by two playmates of the lad, and later confirmed by Willie's grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Martenek.

Willie's body will be buried with military honors and every troop of Boy Scouts in the city will be represented in the line that will follow No. 396 to his grave.

To Hunt "Cranky" Ships.

Washington.—Reports having reached the Department of Commerce that other cranky passenger ships, besides the Eastland, are operating on the Great Lakes, department officials stated that special inspection of all such craft in these waters will begin shortly.

The need of a naval architect in the inspection service to inspect all designs for new ships will be brought to the attention of Congress, it was added.

The so-called "hull experts" have none of them, it was stated, any experience in naval architecture, the training of most of them having been confined to navigation solely.

THE HAITIANS SHOWED FIGHT

Americans Met Resistance, But Had No Casualties.

PORT AU PRINCE DISARMED

Now 400 Or 500 Marines and Blue-jackets For Shore Duty Backed Up By The Guns Of The Cruiser.

Washington.—American marines landed at Port au Prince, Haiti, encountered resistance, which was overcome without casualties among the sailors. The following message from Admiral Caperton was given out at the Navy Department:

"Landing forces established in city. Slight resistance during early part of night as advance was being made. This resistance easily overcome. No casualties to our force. Am proceeding to disarm Haitian soldiers and civilians."

The message was the first intimation received by the Navy Department that Caperton's men from the cruiser Washington had met resistance. Previous dispatches merely said he had established his landing force ashore and placed a guard about the French Legation. His first report, however, suggested that a regiment of marines be sent to Port au Prince to enable him to police the entire city.

Admiral Caperton's force was increased by the arrival of 100 marines from Guantanamo on the collier Jason. In all he has available between 400 and 500 marines and bluejackets for shore duty, backed up by the guns of the cruiser.

The French cruiser Descartes reached Port au Prince from Cape Haitien. A small force from the United States survey yacht Eagle was landed at the latter place to guard the French consulate, which has opened its doors to refugees from Port au Prince.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED.

Shot By Snipers At Port Au Prince In Night Attack.

Washington.—Two American sailors have been killed by snipers at Port au Prince, Haiti. Announcement to this effect was made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, following the receipt of a cablegram from Rear Admiral Caperton, in command of the naval forces which took over the military control of the city following the attack on the French Legation and the killing of President Guillaume, of Haiti.

Simultaneously with this announcement, Secretary Daniels issued orders to the battleship Connecticut, at Philadelphia, to get under way at once with a force of 500 marines. These reinforcements will give Admiral Caperton a shore force of approximately 1,000 men, which, he has indicated, will be sufficient to control the city until order is restored.

JAP CABINET RESIGNS.

Minister Of Interior and Others Accused Of Bribery.

Tokio.—The Japanese Cabinet, headed by Count Okuma as Premier, has tendered its resignation to Emperor Yoshihito. This action, following the resignation of Viscount Kanstake Ours, Minister of the Interior, grew out of an investigation by the Ministry of Justice into bribery charges resulting from the Parliamentary elections last March. Viscount Ours's resignation was sanctioned by the Emperor after a report on the situation had been made to him by Count Okuma.

Premier Okuma, believing he should hold himself responsible for the acts of the members of his Cabinet, was the first to tender his resignation. The other Ministers immediately decided to follow the example of their chief. After receiving Count Okuma's resignation, the Emperor summoned the Elder Statesmen for a conference.

MEXICAN CRISIS NEAR TO CLIMAX

An American Carrying Dispatches Assaulted.

A FAMINE IN THE CAPITAL

Carranza, Villa and Zapata Must Get Together—Plenty Of Money In Capital, But People Are Dying of Starvation.

Washington.—Demanding in the name of humanity that food be permitted to reach the starving people of Mexico City, urgent representations were sent by the State Department to Generals Carranza, Villa and Zapata. The notes declare avenues of transportation to Mexico City must be opened to provision trains.

Although the text of the representations was not made public, it is known that the document is a forerunner of a final demand that the Mexican factions end their strife and establish a constitutional government by means of a joint conference.

Officials believe General Carranza, at Vera Cruz, is in a position to keep the railroad to Mexico City from Vera Cruz open for transportation of food at least as far as Pachuca, and that either he or Zapata, in co-operation with Villa, can control the line beyond that point. The dispatch demanding that the road be opened and kept open was signed by Secretary Lansing and went forward immediately to American representatives at Vera Cruz, Torreon and Mexico City.

Official reports from Mexico City today said actual starvation prevailed there and that conditions generally were worse than ever. People of all classes were suffering for food, although there was money in plenty to purchase it.

American Flag Violated.

A message from Vera Cruz detailed an assault upon an American citizen near Puebla and violation of the American flag by Zapata soldiers. It served further to arouse officials here to the extreme gravity of the situation.

A new division of Mexican affairs was created in the State Department. Heretofore Mexican relations have been handled by the Division of Latin American Affairs. Leon J. Canova was appointed chief of the new division.

Advices to the American Red Cross from Charles J. O'Connor, its special representative directing relief work in Mexico City, were communicated to Secretary Lansing. He announced later that a determined effort to get supplies to the capital would be made.

People Dying Of Starvation.

Mr. O'Connor's message, cabled from Vera Cruz, is as follows:

"Scarcity of food is far greater than it was two weeks ago. It is almost impossible to buy corn; vegetables are far less plentiful than they were two weeks ago. People are actually dying of starvation, as I can prove by doctors and nurses. We have had no word of supplies coming from the States. Each time we have started to buy anything here some change of government has made a change of plan necessary. We are ready to distribute food to families, but have not yet been able to secure any at a reasonable price. Conditions are more chaotic than ever, and there is not a single Government official with whom to deal."

BECKER ELECTROCUTED.

His Nerve Unshaken In Walk To Death Chamber.

Ossining, N. Y.—Former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, of New York city, twice convicted for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was electrocuted at 5:45 Friday morning.

He said that he would die game and he did. The early part of his last night he seemed nervous, but after his farewell meeting with his wife at midnight he became calm and lay on his cot in his cell for an hour or so apparently asleep.

Meanwhile the electricians had tested again and again the apparatus of the death chair. The sacrament of communion was administered the doomed man by the attending priests, and as the final offices of the Church were being said the first rays of daylight crept through the barred windows of the cell.

Fathers Cashin and Curry accompanied Becker in his walk to the chair. Physicians and guards and Assistant Keeper Dorrer were also in the party. The official witnesses of the execution included Dr. Joseph C. Stammers, who represented the sheriff of New York city; Max Griffenhagen, Milton Schnaer, a sanitary engineer; Dr. Frank E. Miller and Dr. William S. Bryant.

FRANK CERTAIN TO RECOVER.

Progress For Days Excellent and Condition Satisfactory.

Milledgeville, Ga.—Leo M. Frank's condition was pronounced satisfactory, with no indications of complications. His progress for the past several days has been excellent and his prospects for recovery have reached the stage of certainty.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Latest Doings in Various Parts of the State.

PREPARED FOR QUICK READING

Bethlehem Steel At Full Capacity. Strike Soon Adjusted At Redington Plant—Science Necessary For Farming.

The open hearth department of the Bethlehem Steel Company is running 100 per cent according to a statement by Austin D. Mixsell, vice-president. This means that the sixteen furnaces are working and producing 60,000 tons of ingots a month. Eight of the eleven open hearth furnaces of the Lehigh plant are working and the blast furnace department's capacity shortly will be increased by the blowing-in of one of the \$2,500,000 furnaces. Two other furnaces of this type are about ready to be blown in.

Addressing several thousand persons at Benton, State Zoologist Surface declared the farmer must make his money by increasing the size of his crops and decreasing the cost of production, through scientific farm management, not by raising the cost to the consumer. Farmers whose only ambition is to charge big prices for what they grow are traitors to the public good, he declared.

Alexander Dubitsky, twenty-eight years old, was killed by a fall of coal at Turkey Run Colliery, Shenandoah, while John Kierney, thirty-one years old, was injured seriously in a similar manner at Maple Hill Colliery. Dubitsky was to have been married Wednesday and was working his last week in the mines, intending to go into business.

There was a short-lived strike among the 400 girls employed at the Redington fuse plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company. The girls were getting eight cents a hundred for filling shells, and demanded ten cents a hundred. The trouble was adjusted in short order and the girls returned to work.

Postmaster Martin Klingler, of Allentown, reports that the amount of business transacted for the year ending June 30, was \$211,515.22, a gain of \$18,170.22 over the year before, and, after paying salaries and miscellaneous expenses of \$109,273.35, he remitted to the Postmaster at Philadelphia \$102,241.87.

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen awarded a writ of peremptory mandamus on the Fayette County Commissioners to compel them to accept the non-partisan petition of J. E. Hanly, candidate for Mayor of Uniontown, thus declaring constitutional the non-partisan feature of the Clark Act governing third-class cities.

Ell Hoover, of Conoy Township, driver of an automobile, in company with Mrs. F. Blecker, Mrs. Clayton Peters, Mrs. Edward Boyd and three-year-old daughter and Mrs. K. Zerby, of Elizabethtown, all were injured seriously while descending a hill near Jednota, when the car toppled over an embankment.

On the charge that while under the influence of liquor he operated his car, State Highway Commissioner Cunningham revoked the automobile license of Grover Zeller, Warren, Pa.

STOCK QUARANTEN LIFTED

Pennsylvania Declared Free of Foot and Mouth Disease Save in Federal Restricted Areas.

Harrisburg.—At a meeting of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, the entire State was declared to be free from foot and mouth disease and, in the future, there will be no restrictions upon movements of live stock originating and ending within the State, except from a few premises which are under special quarantine. Cattle and swine originating in Federal closed, exposed and modified areas continue to be forbidden to enter this State, but live stock from Federal free and restricted districts may be brought here for immediate slaughter. Philadelphia and Allegheny counties are still under Federal quarantine and cattle can be shipped from them into other States only subject to Federal regulations.

To Hand Down Decisions.

Numerous decisions in complaints against rates and service of public utilities are expected to be announced by the Public Service Commission early in the coming month. Close to 200 cases are on the docket. Commissioner Ainey, the acting chairman, spent a day, consulting with bureau chiefs regarding the work of the commission and working on cases. Commissioners Pennypacker, Brecht and Monaghan went to Manheim to hold a hearing, while Commissioners Hilling and Magee went to Punksutawney. The telephone schedule will be taken up when the commission meets next week.

Want Price In Writing.

When representatives of the Davidville and Bens Creek Turnpike Company in Somerset county, at a hearing before State Highway Commissioner Cunningham, fixed \$10,000 as the value of their property, Mr. Cunningham asked them to put in writing the lowest price they will take in dealing with the State. He previously has announced that, in taking over toll roads, he will in case of an evident attempt to hold up the State, decline to purchase and build a parallel roadway.

Arrests in Pure Food Act Crusade.

Twenty-eight arrests for violations of the pure food laws were ordered by Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust, mostly in Dauphin, Philadelphia and Lancaster counties, with a few in Mifflin. The cases arose out of discovery that various food products were adulterated, the Dauphin cases being of coffee, cherries and similar articles, while the Philadelphia cases were ten for sale of adulterated soft drinks and five for sale of eggs unfit for food.

Sturdy License Tags.

Automobile license tags for 1916 will be made of a special steel that will not break the enamel when bent, and will be of orange color, with black letters and figures, according to an announcement by State Highway Commissioner Cunningham. The State is asking for bids for 349,579 individual plates and for 35,000 chauffeurs' badges, the specifications for the license plates being different materially from those of the last half dozen years.

Purchase Toll Road For State.

The Dauphin and Berks toll road, between Wernersville and Hummelstown, one of the most traveled stretches of highway between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, will be bought by the Harrisburg Motor Club and turned over to the State. Highway Commissioner Cunningham approved the plan.