

BRITISH MAY MODIFY BLOCKADE ORDERS IF U. S. PACIFICS MODIFY

Supplementary Note From England May Open Way for Breaking Deadlock With Germany—London Needs Oil From Tampico.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—If President Wilson should take steps to compel peace in Mexico, and Great Britain should modify its "starvation blockade" of the German coast about the same time, it might be something more than a coincidence, close diplomatic observers of the international situation were hinting here today.

As matters stand, it was generally recognized the German-American negotiations have come to a deadlock. Officials said matters might remain at present on the verge of a rupture, but that as long as the American submarine attacks either on neutral or belligerent merchantmen in the European war zone, such a state of affairs, however, was looked on as too precarious to last.

These seemed to be only one way to do this—to induce Great Britain to call off its starvation blockade or to modify it at least. Persistent rumors were current that this was soon to be done.

One version already stated was that the proposition would be included in the scheduled supplement to the recently received British answer to America's latest protest against the Order in Council. Another account was that the supplement would simply amplify the original answer's defense of the order, but that the modification offer—conditioned on a corresponding German modification of the Kaiser's submarine methods—would come a little later.

These theories, though only theories, were from well-informed sources. Why was the question frequently asked, should Great Britain make such a concession?

In answer it was pointed out that England has been more than anxious for a long time past for better Mexican conditions, and even leaving the Monroe Doctrine out of consideration, is too busy in Europe at present to work for them. Aside from general British policy interests in Mexico which, like those of every other nation with investments there, have suffered enormously by the prolonged chaos south of the Rio Grande, observers called attention to the fact that there has been increasing worry in British Government circles recently concerning the safety of the oil fields and oil holdings, on which it is largely dependent for petroleum and its products for war purposes.

If America guaranteed the safety of all these interests the opinion was expressed that Downing street, London, would be willing to make corresponding concessions to the United States.

From the Administration's standpoint it was suggested the beauty of the situation would be that the President having called the Mexican situation to a standstill before the German-American and Anglo-American controversies became acute can push through the Mexican program without an appearance of haste.

The State Department trade advisers had under consideration with the Carr's embassy the details of the arrangement for a resumption of Mexican shipments to the United States under guarantee that they will not be resold to any of the Allies' enemies.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH, SIX HURT IN \$50,000 HOTEL FIRE

Big Blaze at Seneca Falls, N. Y., Believed of Incendiary Origin.

SENECA FALLS, N. Y., July 29.—One man was burned to death and six injured today when the new Lux Hotel at Waterloo, was destroyed with \$50,000 loss. Police believe the fire was of incendiary origin.

Thomas Barren, manager of the hotel, was burned to death and six injured. Mrs. Charles Barren, was so seriously cut and burned that she may die. James Brady, of Seneca Falls, inhaled fire and seriously injured.

Arthur Barren rescued seven persons before he was overcome and was himself barely rescued in time.

BRITISH AND NEUTRAL SHIPS FALL VICTIMS TO SUBMARINES

Twenty-six Sailors Believed Lost on One Torpedoed Vessel.

LONDON, July 29.—Twenty-six sailors are believed to be perished when the British steamship *Manila*, 1521 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea off Lowestoft Wednesday. A dispatch from Ravinger announced that the *Manila* was sunk on Wednesday and been towed there after being found abandoned with a large hole in her portside caused by an attack by a U. boat.

The steamer *Dovey* has also been submerged in the North Sea. Her crew of nine men was lost.

ENGLAND HAS COAL FAMINE, STRIKE PARTLY TO BLAME

Great Mass-Meeting Held to Stimulate Output—3,000,000 Ton Shortage.

LONDON, July 29.—England is suffering from a coal famine as a result of the entrance of the mine workers into the army and the recent Welsh strike.

GERMAN DEAD LEFT IN ALSACE TRENCHES AS FRENCH ADVANCE

Desperate Fighting Rages in Vosges—Paris Reports Several Positions Taken and Held Despite Violent Counter-Attacks.

PARIS, July 29.—Among the heights of the Vosges mountains the French are meeting with enormous difficulties in their drive toward the Rhine strongholds of the Germans. That fighting is at its most desperate character is shown by an official communique issued by the War Office today.

In one position taken from the Germans the French found 22 corpses and a great quantity of ammunition. At Barrenkopf the Germans left 400 dead upon the field.

During the fighting on the Lingekopf-Barrenkopf line on Tuesday and Wednesday the French took 21 prisoners. The text of the communique follows:

In the Vosges, the usual bombardment during the night. In the sector of Souches there were some conflicts waged with grenades and pistols. In the Argonne the usual fighting with bombs and grenades. In the region of Bagatelle and at Courte Chaussee, near St. Hubert, as well as in the Forest of Malancourt we blew up numerous German posts.

In the Vosges, at Lingekopf, in the positions conquered by us on July 27 we found 200 German bodies, two rapid fire guns, 300 rifle cartridges, a quantity of munitions and equipment. The German troops left on the ground at Barrenkopf more than 400 dead. The exact number of German prisoners taken in the course of recent conflicts on July 27 and 28 is 201.

BERLIN REPORTS TRENCHES RECAPTURED IN VOSGES

BERLIN, July 29.—The German War Office gave out the following official statement:

"Northwest of Souches the Silesian Landsturm last night stormed portions of the trench line as a result of previous fighting, still remained in the hands of the French. We captured four machine guns.

"In the Vosges, on the Lingekopf-Barrenkopf line, severe fighting took place. After four hours of hand-to-hand conflict the French attacks were repulsed by our counter-attacks. We recaptured trenches on Lingekopf which we lost the day before yesterday, with the exception of one small portion.

PUSS ADOPTS BABY RABBITS WHEN HER OWN KITTENS DIE

Bereaved Mother Cat Takes 11 White Bunnies Under Her Care.

Mother love was strong to resist in Pusa, the family cat in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Slevak, of St. Paul, Minn., and when, 10 days ago, she lost her own kittens, she immediately began to search for substitutes.

She found them in 11 tiny white rabbits owned by Willie Slevak, and no mother cat ever was more joyous of her brood than Pusa is of her bunnies. Daily she bathes their faces as she would her own kittens and guards them with the greatest care.

Pusa appointed herself adopted mother of the bunnies the minute they were brought into the Slevak store, which adjoins the home. Willie Slevak has been raising rabbits some time, and when the other day he found 11 brand new ones in the barn he at once carried them into the store to show his parents. When he placed the basket on the floor Pusa hopped into it joyfully and has since refused to be ousted.

BECKER IN WILD RAGE IN DEATH-HOUSE CELL

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"With bitterness and rage in your heart," said Father Cashin.

Becker, unable to control himself, struck the newspaper into the priest's hand.

"Look at that," he fairly shrieked, "look at that. They are trying to damn me and blacken my name. I am in the very threshold of my grave. Could anything be more cruel?"

Father Cashin, whose wonderful influence over Becker had transformed the doomed man from a washbuckling, blasphemous profane fighter into a meek Christian, set to curbing the anger of the priest.

"If it's the last thing I do on earth I want to deny that lying statement," declared Becker. "I was in no way connected with the murder of my first wife, and I did support my child."

"HAPPY HOLLOW" IS A GOOD PLACE TO ESCAPE THE HEAT WAVE



A popular place for the children during the hot weather is the playground out on Wayne avenue. The picture indicates the high favor in which the wading pool is held.

U. S. DIFFERENCES WITH BERLIN TENSER

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tion was made here today that possibly a mail notice of the Leelanaw's voyage had not reached Gerard, and that the German submarine commander was, therefore, not apprised of her identity, her cargo, nor her mission, and that this lack of information may have been the cause of the torpedoing of the ship.

If Gerard received cabled notification of the sailings of American ships he would look to for relief.

The Koenigsche Zeitung advises the Government not to answer the American note. At the same time it prints a letter from its Washington correspondent, which says that American mediation between the warring nations of Europe is impossible.

"This opinion is shared by Germany," the Koenigsche Zeitung adds.

The Vossische Zeitung declares that the Government has resolved not to answer the American note for the present.

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RELIEF OF MEXICO CITY WILL BE U. S. DEMAND

Washington Looks for Steps to Relieve Food Shortage Within 24 Hours.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The United States will insist on speedy action by the factions in Mexico to relieve the shortage of food in Mexico City, it was said here today.

It was expected the demand would be made within 24 hours and would precede the "definite steps" promised by the Administration in "a short time."

The Zapatistas "control the capital, it was understood, and it was thought Villa would be the one the State Department would look to for relief.

Secretary Lansing said that he did not know the whereabouts of ex-Consul General Shanklin, recalled from Mexico City following a clash with the Brazilian Minister, which says that American mediation between the warring nations of Europe is impossible.

The Carranza agency here today received a dispatch from First Chief Carranza, at Vera Cruz, which says:

"It is untrue that suffering through food shortage is becoming worse in Mexico. Aside from the fact that foodstuffs have not been lacking, the oncoming crops, which are now being harvested from the fields, will make it unnecessary to import cereals and will cause immediately a decrease in prices."

Mexican peace plans received another setback as a result of an official denial by General Carranza that he would send delegates to Torreon to treat with representatives of the Villa faction.

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"The trouble lies in the law's inadequacy. It is human nature to follow the line of least resistance. With only a Government inspector and ship owner's present at an inspection, there is just a tendency to let things slide. The inspector has too much discretionary power. It isn't his fault."

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ASK WILSON TO PROBE EASTLAND DISASTER

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Chicago at once to aid in the Federal investigation.

Two boat line officials, two Government inspectors and two officers of the Eastland were held responsible for the sinking of that boat, with the possible loss of 133 lives, in the verdict of the Coroner's jury made public today.

The six men held by the Coroner's jury were charged with manslaughter and "such other offenses as the facts may warrant."

The mortality statistics of the Eastland disaster today showed:

Identified dead, 133. Unidentified dead, 3. Missing, 52. Total, 188.

The six men held by the Coroner's jury were:

Robert Reid, United States steamboat inspector, St. Joseph, Mich., who certified the Eastland was capable of carrying 270 persons safely.

Joseph M. Ericson, chief engineer of the Eastland, and son-in-law of Inspector Reid.

C. C. Ecliff, United States inspector of steamship boilers, St. Joseph, Mich.

William M. Hull, vice president and general manager of the St. Joseph-Chicago Transportation Company, owner of the Eastland.

W. K. Greenbaum, general manager of the Indiana Transportation Company, who chartered the boat for the Western Electric plant.

Harry Pedersen, captain of the Eastland.

The report of the Coroner's jury stood out in bolder relief than other investigations that were under way. Coroner Hoffman said, in handing down the verdict, that all the evidence in his hands confirmed the opinion that the boat was sent to the County and Federal Grand Juries this afternoon.

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MEANING OF TODAY'S WAR MOVES IN BRIEF

The upthrust on Warsaw by Mackensen's forces which have been sweeping northward in Poland since the Lemberg victory is losing its value as a complement to the downthrobs by Hindenburg's army, judges from recent "official" reports. This afternoon the Russian War Office announces that the army of defense of South Poland has checked a furious triple attack by the invaders in the south and recaptured three villages, important in a strategic way. The menace on the east now continues, however, from the north, where the Germans are urging the issue desperately between the Narew and Bug Rivers.

U. S. TO ASK PAYMENT FOR LEEANAW UNDER TERMS OF 1828 PACT

Official Report Shows Sinking of American Ship in Same Category as Frye Case—No Acute Issue Involved.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—With the receipt of virtually complete official report on the torpedoing of the American steamship Leelanaw by a German submarine, the State Department today began preparation of a note to be sent to Germany requesting the payment of damages. The case of the Leelanaw, it now is apparent, will be much like that of the William P. Frye, this Government seeking reparation on the ground that the American-Prussian Treaty of 1828 had been violated.

American Consul Denison, at Dundee, Scotland, reported to the State Department that the captain of the Leelanaw admitted he attempted to escape from the German submarine, but stopped after warning shots had been fired. He had no complaint to make of his subsequent treatment by the submarine commander, who gave the crew opportunity to take to boats.

This report served to remove the Leelanaw case from the zone of complicating issues in the main controversy between the United States and Germany on the subject of submarine warfare. The destruction of the Leelanaw gradually diminished in importance as facts became known in official circles, and the sinking of the vessel now is regarded as an incident for diplomatic exchange rather than one bearing directly on the serious situation which resulted from the Lusitania tragedy.

WILMINGTON EX-MAYOR AS LIGHTNING CHANGE ARTIST

Only a Day Allowed Him to Become Gold-Braided Colonel.

WILMINGTON, July 29.—Dr. Harrison W. Howell, who but recently retired as Mayor of this city, is accustomed to answering "hurry" calls, but Governor Miller has the square-jawed favorite of this city hopping from job to job more rapidly before. And from all accounts there are others who are moving a little faster than the clock—all because of a new honor bestowed on the former Mayor.

Bright and early Monday morning the doctor's wife carried an official-looking envelope postmarked Dover to her husband. It contained the announcement that Doctor Howell had been commissioned a member of the Governor's personal staff. Tuesday morning came and another envelope, similar to the one previously received. It contained an official military order for the doctor to be present at the State Rifle Range "Thursday, July 29, in time for morning roll call without full regiments."

Which left the doctor and his tailors all winter to turn him from a sawbones into a colonel.

The Mariotte carried a crew of 28 men. She was built in 1911 and her dimensions were as follows: Length, 215 feet; beam, 18 feet; displacement above water, 323 tons; below water, 416 tons. Her maximum speed was 15 knots and her submerged speed 10 knots. The Mariotte was equipped with six torpedo tubes.

TROOPERS AT MOUNT GRETTA PREPARE FOR CLOSING DRILL

Work Trains Cavalrymen for Opposing "Hostile Force" Tomorrow.

MOUNT GRETTA, Pa., July 29.—In heavy marching order, the Pennsylvania New Jersey and Maryland troopers left camp at an early hour this morning. Extensive order drills with attack formations and outpost duty was followed by a shelter-hut drill. At noon the troopers were called upon to do their own cooking, using their individual mess pans instructed in the proper use of the mess pans, and assisting the wounded and injured of the field.

The Pennsylvania and New Jersey troopers received their pay today, through Captain Sturza, Quartermaster.

German Acker Nearly Disasterous

NEW YORK, July 29.—Three of the 12 passengers arriving here today on the Holland-America liner *Nordam* had a detention camp at the fall of Warsaw, caused similar in military circles. Had the Post's dispatch, left immediately.

"Tenderloin" Children Entertained

Nearly 500 children, most of whom live in the "Tenderloin," enjoyed the delights of Willow Grove Park today as the guests of the Christian Volunteers, 55 Vine street, and the park management. They left the volunteers' headquarters this morning in specially chartered trolley cars and will not return until late tonight. The outing is an annual event.

Keeping in Touch With Home

You never quite forget the home town, even on the most enjoyable vacations. Keep in touch with home affairs by sending in that your favorite newspaper followed by a letter to the editor of the Evening Ledger before you leave to send your paper to you. Specify the edition desired.

Skull Broken With Bear Glass

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 29.—Frank Campbell, 32, of 12th and Locust streets, State Hospital from a fractured skull, and since 278 searching for an unknown man who had assaulted him with a bear glass. The find of the skull will be of value.

ITALIANS CLOSING IN UPON GORIZIA MEET FIERCE RESISTANCE

Slowly Advance on Austrian Stronghold on Isonzo—Take Outposts and Many Prisoners—Battle for Heights Continues.

ROME, July 29.—An official note published by the War Office last night describes at length the operations on the Carso plateau. It says, among other things, that in the fierce engagements of the last few days the heavy artillery of the Italians gave the best results. The trenches taken were invariably found to be full of dead and the effective cooperation of artillery and infantry caused the failure of the Austrian offensive undertaken with fresh troops a few days ago.

A Hungarian officer who was taken prisoner told of the amazement of the Austrian high command at the Italian field gunfire. Its rapidity resembles the fire of mitrailleuses.

The general opinion is that the hardest part of the lower Isonzo-Carso battle has been accomplished. True, the Italians are not in undisputed possession of all the dominating heights, but desperate hand-to-hand fighting is proceeding on a plateau which will eventually clear the plateau of enemy positions.

At present the Italians are making full use of their substantial gains. The daily hauls of prisoners are significant. They do not show that the Austrian resistance is crumbling, but the fact the enemy posts are being methodically wiped out. The Austrian position is absolutely ideal for defensive warfare.

It was the existence of such a post which rendered the summit of Monte San Michele unattainable. The success at Monte St. Basi, which means six cayerns, shows these vast defenses are not impregnable. A Corizza in a source of danger to the defenders, who were tempted to hold on too long. The battle which has been in progress for 10 days may well prove one of the most decisive of the campaign against Austria.

The public attitude toward the protracted struggle has been wonderfully calm. When General Cadorna's dispatch is published at night there is a rush for the papers, but little notice is paid to the official messages.

"On the Carnic front under cover of a fog the enemy vainly attacked our positions in the Cacciatori Pass between Monte Chidani and Mount Vanna. The Alpine troops attacked and carried part of the intrenchment near Pal Piccolo.

"On the Carso plateau we spent the day reinforcing the positions captured on the previous day. Our progress was rapid and captured several trenches which had been strongly fortified. It is ascertained that we made 100 prisoners on July 28.

"On the rest of the front the situation is unchanged.

AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS NEAR JULIET'S TOMB

ROME, July 29.—The Venice Gazette reports a thrilling battle between an Austrian aeroplane and an Italian zeppelin at Verona, in the course of which the aeroplane came near destroying the famous tomb of Juliet, known as the "Romeo and Juliet." One incendiary bomb dropped so close to the tomb that the ground close by was torn up. The blaze caused was quickly extinguished.

The aeroplane, which was of the Ettrich type and which flew the French tricolor, despite the fact that it was an Austrian, was shot down by the Italian aeroplane. One incendiary bomb was dropped close to the tomb, causing slight damage.

Artillery and air force caused the aeroplane to rise to a height of 2000 meters, where it hovered for a time before concluding further damage could not be wrought, and finally disappeared.

AIR RAID ON ITALIAN COAST CITIES DID GREAT DAMAGE

Vienna Officially Reports Railroad Bridges Destroyed.

BERLIN, July 29.—A remarkable and unexpected raid by Austrian warships and airships on the coast of Italy was reported by the Vienna official statement today. The raid was directed against the railway stations along the line of the Adriatic railways between Ancona and Pesaro.

Tuesday a fleet of light cruisers and destroyers, including the Italian cruiser *Albatross* and locomotives. At Fanno a powder magazine was fired, causing a terrific explosion.

The airships shelled the station, a military barracks and military stores at Ancona.

RUSSIANS HALT THIRD ATTACK BY MACKENSEN

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and ready to capitulate. It is evident Field Marshal von Hindenburg has withdrawn part of the attacking force at Ivangorod and sent aid to von Mackensen.

London views the situation in Poland with equanimity. There is a growing belief that Warsaw itself may not fall into the hands of the Germans, but, in an event of such a surrounding of the Russian army is regarded as a serious question. The Grand Duke is now in position, provided he continues to hold his own against von Mackensen, to retreat to the eastward of the city of Warsaw. The latter is more strongly fortified than Warsaw, and is the centre of supplies for the Russian campaign in Poland.

Copenhagen, telling that even Hedin received yesterday a telegraphic invitation from Field Marshal von Hindenburg to visit the city of Warsaw. Hedin, who caused similar in military circles. Had the Post's dispatch, left immediately.

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