

AT SERVA MAY ROUSE BALKANS

Shelling of Belgrade Expected to Precipitate War Crisis in Fortnight

ALLIES' HOPES RISE

Situation Threatens Life of Peninsula Countries—Parliament in Session

ROME, Aug. 15.—Mating of Austro-German troops along the Serbian frontier and the bombardment of Belgrade, coming at a critical time in the Balkan negotiations, may throw the balance in favor of the Allies and bring Bulgaria, Rumania and Greece into the war.

Despatches from Bucharest and Sofia early today said the greatest alarm has been caused there by news that the Austrians have resumed the offensive on the Serbian frontier, preliminary to an Austro-German drive through the Balkans to the relief of Turkey.

Both the Greek and Serbian Parliaments met today. The decisions they are to make, possibly within the next fortnight, probably will settle the fate of the Balkan States and will have a tremendous influence on the outcome of the world war.

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Three elements entering into the situation are counted upon by the representatives of the Allies here to force the Balkan States into quick accord, possibly within a fortnight. They are: The certainty that the present lack of Turkish ammunition makes this a most favorable time for intervention; the fact that the Allies have landed reinforcements and have reorganized the success at the Dardanelles which might cause the Balkans to lose their opportunity to share the fruits of victory should the Allies reach Constantinople without them; and, finally, the concentration of Austro-Germans against Serbia.

This last factor, the newest in the Balkan situation, is of the utmost importance. Both Bucharest and Sofia dispatches today indicated that the latest move of the Austro-Germans has aroused great dissatisfaction.

FRENCH MINE WRECKS BIG GERMAN TRENCH

Chasseurs Occupy Position in Vosges—Teutons, Buried by Explosion, Taken Prisoners.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—French chasseurs in the Vosges exploded a big mine under the German trenches at a point between Burnhaupt and Ammersweiler, wrecking the enemy's works along a wide front, in yesterday's fighting.

Through this gap the "blue devils" charged, driving the Germans who survived the bomb explosion down communication trenches leading to the rear. The collapse of the earthworks impaled a number of Germans who were dug out and made prisoners. The chasseurs also captured two bomb machines and a mitrailleuse.

The official communique follows: "In the course of the night there was intermittent cannonading in the region of Boulay and on the plateau of Houy, to the north of the Aisne; combats with bombs and grenades in the sector of Quennewillers and in the western Argonne."

SUBMARINES BUSY

Sinking of English Fishing Smack and Swedish Steamship Reported

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The British fishing smack White City, of Sunderland, has been sunk by a German submarine. The Swedish steamship Sverige has been beached at Newcombe Sands in a sinking condition. The damage to the Sverige was caused either by a mine or a torpedo fired from a German submarine.

ATLANTIC FLEET LEAVES PORT

Off From Newport for Block Island for Maneuvers

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 15.—The Atlantic fleet steamed out to sea this morning for maneuvers off Block Island.

GERMAN ARMIES NEAR BREST-LITOVSK LINE

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The first defenses were erected there by his military engineers in 1897.

There is no city at Brest-Litovsk. It is essentially an army stronghold, dominating the Vistula, the Narva, the nearby railways and several strategic heights.

PRISONERS FLEE JAIL AS WATCHMAN FIRES FUSILLADE OF BULLETS

Six Men Flee Through Bars of Cells in Camden County Workhouse—Calmly Disregard Revolver Shots

OFFICIALS SHIFT BLAME

Rix men escaped from the Camden County Workhouse, known as the "pickery," early today, by filing the bars from their cells, chasing a large dump under fire from the watchman and scaling a high picket fence. They then scattered and disappeared in the meadows.

The prisoners were John Moore, George Herman, Thomas Cooke, John Kelly, James Duffy and John Sweeney. Each was serving a sentence of 30 days imposed by Recorder Stackhouse last week on charges of being drunk and disorderly.

According to the 38 other prisoners in the workhouse, the six men last night passed around word that they had obtained files and could release every prisoner. Each prisoner was urged to join in a general jail delivery.

Thirty of the 38 prisoners declined to join in the plan. This delayed the escape of the six. They worked all night on the bars of their cells. About dawn this morning they were clear into the plant.

Frederick Rider, the single watchman at the Pickery, heard the noise made by the prisoners when they dropped from the windows of their cells. He could not distinguish them in the dim light until they had traversed half the distance to the high fence.

Rider then opened fire, calling on the men to halt. He emptied two revolvers, apparently without hitting any of the escaping prisoners. While he was still firing the men calmly grouped at the fence and assisted each other over to freedom.

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Only 30-day prisoners are sentenced to the pickery, which is under the supervision of the Highway Department.

LAST OBSTACLE GONE; OPEN TRANSIT BIDS

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On the Frankfort work seven were Philadelphia firms and three New York firms.

THE BIDS.

The bidders and amounts follow for the Broad street subway:

For the Frankfort elevated:

James D. Dorney, 1204 East Montross street, Philadelphia, \$1,700,000

As the figures on the last-bid were read Director Taylor said:

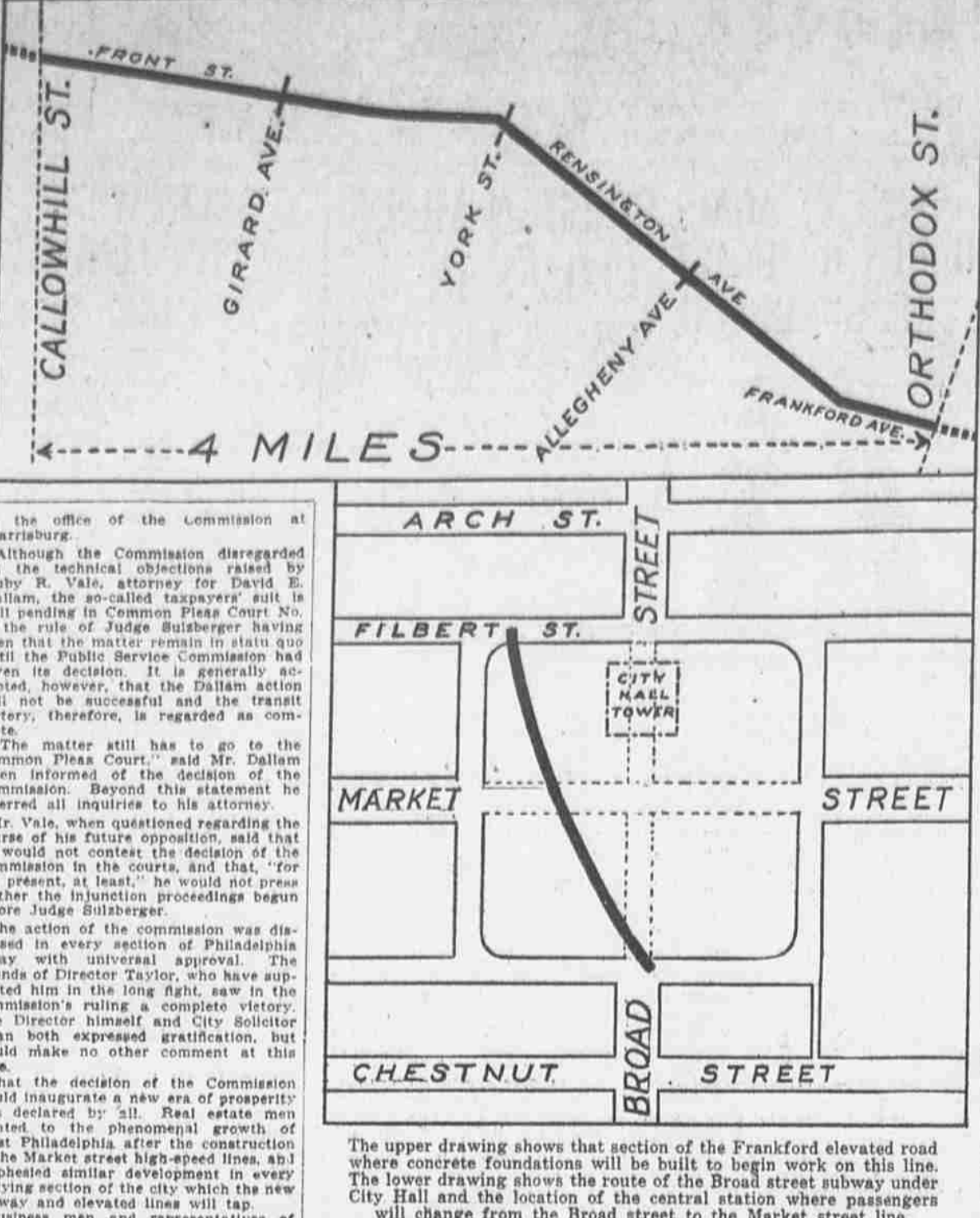
One of the bids of James Connor, contractor of this city, was not to be considered, as no bond had been filed with the City Solicitor in compliance with the law governing the awarding of city contracts. This bid was \$154,575.

MAY SAVE \$1,000,000

The Public Service Commission, by having a certificate of public convenience, not only gave its approval to these two high-speed projects, but likewise made it possible for the City of Philadelphia to save approximately \$1,000,000 by prompt action in awarding construction contracts at this particular time, when the cost of materials and the price of labor both are low.

Swearing aside all objections which had been raised by the opponents of the Taylor transit program, the Commission stated that the rapid transit improvement planned for Philadelphia are proper for the service, economical, convenient and safety of the public.

WHERE PHILADELPHIA'S TRANSIT WORK WILL BEGIN



The upper drawing shows that section of the Frankford elevated road where concrete foundations will be built to begin work on this line. The lower drawing shows the route of the Broad street subway under City Hall and the location of the central station where passengers will change from the Broad street to the Market street line.

NAMES JAPANESE GIRL BENEFICIARY OF WILL

Former Philadelphian's Estate to Pay for Her Schooling and Provide Annuity

Edward Rothsay Miller, a former Philadelphian, who resided in Tokyo, Japan, for many years, left an estate estimated at about \$100,000. He died at East Hampton, L. I., August 7. In his will, admitted to probate today, he directed Harry L. Jeffrey, of Ardmore, executor, to pay the expenses of maintenance of Shigeo Miura, the third son of his wife, until she is educated to the age of 21.

JITNEYS SAFE, SAYS DIRECTOR PORTER

Police Head Reassures Drivers They Will Not Be Molested During Bond Negotiations

Director Porter told members of the Philadelphia Jitney Association today that they could assure the bondsmen company it need have no fear of being harassed by the Department of Public Safety if arrangements for the \$2500 bond required of them in ordinance injunction contest are completed.

The Director, at a conference with the jitneys, said that the police authorities would regard the jitney men in the same manner as they have heretofore and that all breaches of the law would be treated according to the usual custom in such matters. If fines are imposed, he said, they will be collected in the usual way, and the bonding company will not be inconvenienced by any attempt to hold them responsible for such petty matters.

QUICK WORK ON 'L' LINE.

The specifications for the construction of the 'L' line, call for the completion of the work in eight months. The erection of the steel work can be begun as soon as a portion of the foundation is completed.

WOMEN'S SILK HOSE STOLEN AND WORN—BY MAN OF 60

Owners Show Leniency to Spare Feeling of His Aged Mother

PITMAN, N. J., Aug. 15.—A 60-year-old man accused of stealing more than two bushels of silk stockings from a clothing store and wearing them, was released by the police today when the owners of the store articles refused to prosecute.

MINISTER ENDS LIFE IN JAIL

Was Accused of Girl's Murder, but Denied the Charge

POINTS MADE BY U. S. IN NOTE TO AUSTRIA

That both Austria and Germany during the Beer War made a practice of shipping munitions to Great Britain under conditions that allowed them to have their protest against.

WILSON WILL FIGHT ARMS EMBARGO WHEN CONGRESS CONVENES

Rejoinder to Austria on Munitions Export Protest Regarded as First Broadside in Campaign

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The Administration will oppose all efforts to place an embargo on arms when Congress reconvenes. Taking advantage of the opening afforded by the Austrian note of protest against the expectation of the observance of the strict principles of the law under the conditions which have developed in the present war is insufficient.

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Following are salient extracts from the text of the American note to Austria-Hungary on shipment of munitions from the United States to Great Britain and its Allies:

"The Government of the United States is surprised to find the Imperial and Royal Government implying that the observance of the strict principles of the law under the conditions which have developed in the present war is insufficient.

"It is pertinent to direct the attention of the Imperial and Royal Government of the world of the Austria-Hungary and Germany, particularly the latter, who during the years preceding the present European war produced a great surplus of arms and ammunition, which they sold throughout the world to the detriment of belligerents.

"The United States has always depended upon the right and power to purchase arms and ammunition from neutral nations in case of foreign attack. This right, which it claims for itself, it cannot deny to others.

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"The President's new argument concerning munitions here see the firing of the first gun against the Bryan peace program, arranged by the former Secretary of State.

TO COMBAT BRYAN THEORY.

It has been accepted here, for several weeks, that when Congress reconvenes Mr. Bryan will be on the ground to lead a campaign for enforcement by Congress of his peace program.

SELF-DEFENSE ARGUMENT.

In framing the strongest part of the note refusing to accept the Austrian suggestion on the ground that the United States would be unable to cope with an aggressive foe in a case of war if forbidden to purchase munitions abroad, the President has raised an argument that is expected to prove very potent in the South.

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PRO-GERMAN ACTIVITY IN U. S. NOT ILLEGAL, INVESTIGATION SHOWS

Propaganda Work by Embassy and Agents Within Legitimate Sphere—State Department Agents Report

ALLIES IN SAME BOAT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The United States has no authority at present to interfere with the spreading of pro-German or pro-ally propaganda in this country.

From time to time complaints have been heard that efforts were being made to involve this country on one side or the other. But in every instance where investigation was made it was found that the facts had been greatly exaggerated.

This has been especially so in connection with the allegation that the German Embassy had foreknowledge that the German Lusitania would be torpedoed. Secret Service agents, detailed to the State Department, and officials of the Department of Justice were directed to investigate, and their reports indicated that there had been no violation of any existing law.

So far as the spreading by publication of material intended to influence public sentiment in magazines, "movies" and the like is concerned, the United States Government cannot interfere so long as the matter is not seditious. Officials of the Department of Justice say that both sides have taken advantage of this to the limit, but in no case has there been any cause for interference by Federal officials.

Although without official confirmation, it was reported that the Administration will inquire whether any officers or agents connected with the German Embassy or Consulates have been guilty of misconduct. If so, their recall will be requested.

Promotion of pro-German propaganda, indeed, not only is a legitimate activity, but comes near to being the diplomatic duty of German representatives in this country, officials privately said, but they agreed that the methods of such a campaign might overstep ethical, if not legal, bounds.

THE WASHINGTON principals mentioned were absent from the city today. Ambassador Bernstorff at the Long Island summer embassy and Captain Day, naval, and Von Papen, military, attaches, in New York, it was understood. The Department of Justice, it is admitted, is investigating charges that certain officials connected with the German Embassy have had knowledge of alleged passport frauds and also have kept the German military authorities informed on movements of troops from Canada.

SHORE POLICEMEN DAZZLED BY BRILLIANT BAR THEY RAID

It's All Mahogany and Silver and Crystal—Sixteen Arrested

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 15.—When a strong-arm squad of bluecoats broke into the Star Social Club, at 1609 Baltic avenue, yesterday, they found a bar that compelled the admiration even of hardened policemen. The furnishings were of mahogany, silver and cut glass. On the shelves back of the mahogany were various things from officers to marshalling chairs. Present also were 15 men drinking out of season, and Ellison Swan, president, all of whom were given transportation to police headquarters.

With them the raiding party took 16 crates of beer, 27 bottles of whiskey and 14 jugs of wine and fancy rum.

ONE-DAY OUTINGS

From Market Street Wharf Atlantic City, Cape May, Wildwood, Ocean City, Holly Beach, Seaside, Vineland, Camden, Crest, Sea Isle City, Avalon, 7:00 A. M. daily; additional on Sundays Atlantic City 7:30 A. M., Wildwood Beach 6:45 A. M.

\$1.25 Barrenge Pigeon, Bay Head, Point Pleasant, Manasquan, Piquan, Ocean City, 7:00 A. M. Sundays 7:30 A. M., Thursdays 7:00 A. M.

\$1.50 Beach Haven 7:15 A. M. Sundays 7:20 A. M., Tuesdays 6:50 A. M., Thursdays 7:00 A. M.

\$2.00 Baltimore, The Monumental City

\$2.50 Washington, The Nation's Capital 7:35 A. M. Sundays, August 22; September 5, 19; 26. Thursdays 7:00 A. M., 7:03 A. M. Thursdays, August 19; September 2, 19

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