



SLAVS' REAR HIT HARD BLOW BY MACKENSEN

Army Driven From Brest Litovsk Suffers Severe Defeat in Retreat

GRODNO UNDER ASSAULT

Vilna Is New Objective as Base for Teutonic Allies' Campaign

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—General Mackensen has inflicted another severe defeat at Muchawic, on the rear guard of the Russian army that was driven from Brest Litovsk. He took 3700 prisoners.

Continuing their drive against the fortress of Grodno, the last stronghold held by the Russians on their second line of defense, the Germans forced the Czar's forces to surrender their positions near that fortress on the eastern border of the forest of Bialyotok.

East of Grodno the Teutonic forces have reached the district of Now-Dwor-Kuznia. The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria has crossed the upper Narwa. Its right wing is advancing against Grodno.

Strong Russian forces have impeded the advance against Brestany, it is admitted.

South of the Niemen the German forces are advancing in the direction of the Grodno-Vilna Railway. Twenty-six hundred Russians were taken prisoners.

The War Office admits that Russian counter-attacks have temporarily halted the Austro-Germans in Galicia.

The Slavs have taken up strong positions along the Stryja River, east of the Zola Alps, and have delivered several strong counter-attacks.

The German army approaching Grodno from the south and southwest has reached the line of Novoyor and Kuznia, from 10 to 12 miles from the city itself, the War Office announced this afternoon.

Vilna, key to great Russian trunk railroad lines, is only a day's march ahead of the German advance in northern Russia.

Grodno, the last fortress in the hands of the Russians in the north, is today under the fire of the German guns.

Serious resistance is not expected from the forces holding the Russian stronghold. They are expected to maintain a short action for the purpose of playing as long as possible the German advance and then draw back to make connection with the Dvina line, uncovering Vilna and leaving the German hands the greatest strategic base within the bounds of all Russia.

Vilna, according to the plans now made, will become the base of operations for the Teutonic Allies. It is, topographically, adapted to the most important units and commands the route both to Petrograd and Moscow. A strike may be made in either direction from the great strategic base.

Military supplies are being withdrawn from the fortress of Grodno. German aviators have reported, and the actual evacuation may be begun at any moment.

PORTER AND POTTER FORMALLY IN RACE FOR MAYORALTY

Director of Public Safety and a Predecessor in That Office to File Petitions as Candidates

ASK THREE NOMINATIONS

Select Councilman Sheldon Potter, who was Director of Public Safety under Mayor Weaver, filed nomination papers for the Mayoralty today on the Washington, Democratic and Republican tickets.

Colonel Potter signed his papers yesterday at Edgemoor, Pike County, where he has been spending the summer.

Director Porter announced that his bid for the mayoralty is not a deal with the Organization. It is his purpose, he said, to remain as a member of Mayor Blankenburg's cabinet until the close of the administration.

He killed a rumor started by Organization men that there is a deal on between himself and the Organization leaders by the following statement:

"Rumors have been current for some time that in accordance with a deal with the Organization I would withdraw from the fight and thus make it easy for the gangsters. For this, the gangsters had it in mind to reward by the Organization managers if they were victorious. Rumor had it that the reward was to be my continuation in my present position or something equally as good. Once and for all I want to emphatically deny these stories as being without truth or foundation."

The Public Service Committee of 100 will start in at once, following the filing of

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THIEVES BIND WOMAN AND RANSACK HOUSE

Victim Found Unconscious—Usually Had Money in Home

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 31.—Burglars early today bound Mrs. William Develer in a post outside her home, while they ransacked the house. Mrs. Develer, when found, had fainted and has not regained consciousness. The thieves found her alone.

Little was taken from the house. It is believed that the thief was made by persons who knew that she usually kept large sums of money in her home.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cool tonight; Wednesday fair and warmer; moderate north winds becoming variable.

PHILADELPHIA ALL A-SHIVER

Thermometer Registers 60 Degrees at Rising Time and Spends Two Hours at Same Mark

Philadelphia shivered this morning, rolled over in bed, pulled more blankets over its head, and went to sleep again. It was too cold to get up early.

No, it is not yet winter. It's not even autumn, but there were many persons who scrutinized the date line on their newspaper before they could be convinced that the month was still August. The weather was such that a cold plunge required much bravado and open trouser windows became annoying. Philadelphia doesn't want to shiver in summer.

The weather man, erratic prophet though he be, forecast true yesterday. He predicted that there would be cold. Everybody knows it. The thermometer registered 60 degrees at rising time today, and for more than two hours hovered around the same mark, giving no sign of a rise.

They began to climb about at noon the temperature was 68. The prospect for a few additional degrees are bright, the Weather Bureau said.

The normal temperature for this date is 70 degrees. Today's cold wave, however, by no means breaks a record for this date in other years, for only in 1912 the mercury sank to 55 degrees.

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EARLE MAY WORK TO SAVE BROKEN UNIONTOWN BANK

Thompson, Who Headed Institution That Failed, Sends Agent to City

\$20,000,000 IS NEEDED

Antagonism of Coal Trust Alleged Factor in Preventing Solution of Problem

George H. Earle, Jr., Business Doctor, and Some of His Patients. Real Estate Trust Company. The Pennsylvania Warehousing and Safe Deposit Company. Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company. Philadelphia Record. Tradesmen's National Bank. Market Street National Bank. Berg Brothers.

Rumors that George H. Earle will be asked to straighten out the widespread financial tangle that followed the failure of the First National Bank at Uniontown last January were circulated today in this city. The Uniontown bank was directed by Josiah V. Thompson, reputed to be one of the largest owners of coal lands in the world, and the collapse of the institution resulted in numerous other failures and reorganizations.

The story that Mr. Earle has been asked to take hold of the situation followed the arrival in this city of a representative of Mr. Thompson and his associates. This man now is in the city, and it is understood that he has been in consultation with Mr. Earle, or that he will be before night.

The main difficulty in the rehabilitation of the Thompson finances, it has been said, has been the antagonism to him by the so-called coal trust. Mr. Thompson was the head of a powerful group of independent coal land owners, all of whom were affected by the failure of his bank.

It has been estimated that it would require backing of close to \$20,000,000 to rehabilitate the bank and its allied activities.

Mr. Earle, according to the reports, has been asked to arrange for this either by becoming receiver for the bank or otherwise as he may see fit.

When the Thompson bank failed in January it created a tremendous sensation in financial circles. The bank was the first of the national group to be put on the Government's honor roll. It had been looked upon as one of the most solid in the country.

Various efforts at rehabilitation have been made. A. Mitchell Palmer was in Uniontown for a time making efforts to straighten things out, as was Congressman A. Washington Logue, of this city. Numerous politicians up State are said to have been hit by the failure, among them State Senator Crook.

No confirmation of the rumor that Mr. Earle had been asked to take hold could be obtained in this city. Mr. Earle was not in his office at the Real Estate Trust Building, but he was expected back later.

An associate of Mr. Earle admitted, however, that a representative of Mr. Johnson is in the city. He said that a statement on the matter would be given out later in the afternoon.

Man Rescued From Living Grave

A man, who was buried beneath a wall of earth while at work in the bottom of a ditch in Camden this morning, had a narrow escape from death, and owes his life to several workmen, who went to his rescue and dug him out. He is Nicholas Frao, 21 years old, 1624 Helmhold Street, Camden. He is in the Cooper Hospital suffering from contusions of the body.

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NO BODIES FOUND IN HULL OF F-4, NOW IN DRYDOCK

Feared Sea Monsters May Have Entered Holes and Devoured Crew

SAND MAY COVER DEAD

Work of Cleaning Out Debris Will Consume at Least Two or Three Days

HONOLULU, Aug. 31.—Not a body was found today in the hull of the United States submarine F-4, raised yesterday, which sunk last March off this port with Lieutenant Ede and 21 men.

Neither did the naval men who raised the diver find any record left by Lieutenant Ede concerning the cause of the submarine disaster.

The submarine was brought to the surface yesterday. The vessel was placed in drydock last night. It rested on its starboard side, and there were great holes in the bow and stern.

No trace of a body was discovered, but the side of the hull was filled with debris. This is to be searched for bodies, but the holes in the undersea boat allowed the entrance of marine monsters, with which the Honolulu waters abound, and it is feared that the bodies of the F-4 victims had been devoured by them.

The work of drydocking was completed at 10:45 p. m. and squads of marines were stationed about the exposed hull to keep away curious sightseers. A string of electric lights was erected over the submarine, and laborers began scraping off masses of mud and sand that had adhered to the sides.

Shortly after midnight a great jagged hole was discovered in the bow. Powerful lights were played through this aperture, disclosing thick layers of muck, dead fish and all sorts of wreckage and debris.

Four naval officers were let down through the hole. With pocket searchlights they made their way carefully through all the vessel's compartments. They were within the hull for but a short time, and when dragged out said they saw nothing that looked like a human body.

One officer hazarded the guess that corpses of the submarine's sailors washed out of the aperture while the vessel was being brought to the surface, and sank to the bottom of Pearl harbor. It was thought possible, however, that several would be found beneath the thick coating of mud and sand inside the hull.

Examination of the hull was suspended at 2 a. m. and resumed shortly after daybreak today. A hoist was erected above the submarine and the work of cleaning out the debris will begin at once. It is expected that this will consume at least two or three days.

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JOHN H. FOW, LAWYER, POLITICIAN, UNIQUE IN CITY ANNALS, DIES

Famous Character of Courts and Corridors Passes Away. Known Among His Friends as "Ducky"

AN EXPERT ON OLD LAWS

John H. Fow, lawyer, politician, historian and one of the unique personages of the city, died early today at his summer home, at Spring Lake, N. J. His death came as a great shock to his friends in this city.

Two weeks ago Mr. Fow suffered an attack of apoplexy, from which it was believed he had fully recovered. He was able to make daily trips to this city from Spring Lake, but on Friday he became seriously ill and never rallied.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, F. Carroll Fow, who is in the City Solicitor's office; J. Gordon Fow, in the Electrical Bureau, and Franklin R. Fow, who is in school.

The body will be brought to this city as soon as arrangements are made. Interment will be from his Philadelphia home, probably on Thursday.

The death of Mr. Fow removes one of the city's most notable characters. His career was somewhat stormy. A wide knowledge of affairs, legal, historical and otherwise, often brought him into the limelight, especially in the courts.

In fact Mr. Fow became such a familiar figure about City Hall that a trip through any of the corridors seemed incomplete unless Mr. Fow emerged from one of the doors.

His advice was frequently sought over old points of law pertaining to charters and methods of organization, and he always seemed to have an ample supply of knowledge at his finger tips.

DRAMATIC IN COURT

Mr. Fow had a habit of appearing like a bolt from a clear sky in cases with which it was thought he would never have the slightest connection. Often, in a blustering manner and positive assertions overawed the opposing attorney. Practices and systems which were thought to be highly proper were often proved to be entirely wrong, unconstitutional and out of order by Mr. Fow.

The details of the old blue laws, and other legal matters which would require research by many attorneys, were stored up by Mr. Fow, ready for use at a moment's notice. He seemed to have an intimate acquaintance with most judges.

Mr. Fow was a great hunter and his exploits in that sport were usually heralded around City Hall. He gained the nickname of "Ducky" because of his marksmanship in duck shooting. He also

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PHILLIES WIN FIRST GAME FROM ST. LOUIS

Table with 4 columns: Team, Runs, Hits, Errors. Rows include Phillies vs St. Louis, Stock, Bancroft, Faskert, Cravath, Luderus, Whitted, Niehoff, Killefer, Rixey, Alexander.

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TODAY'S BASEBALL SCORES NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, Runs, Hits, Errors. Rows include St. Louis, Phillies, Pittsburg, Brooklyn, Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, Boston.

Doak and Snyder; Rixey and Killefer.

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QUICK NEWS

RICH MANUFACTURER'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER

The body of Samuel Zeman, a wealthy Boston shoe dealer, was recovered in the Delaware River, off Point Penn, Delaware, today, and the police have notified his relatives. Zeman was missing from the steamship Grecian when she docked here Saturday.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 31.—Forest fires threaten thousands of acres of timber lands owned by the United States, Idaho and private concerns. More than 400 men are working today to confine the flames. There has been no rain for six weeks, and the forests are very dry.

\$17,500 FUND TO PROMOTE MILITARY FLYING

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Aero Club of America today announced the receipt of \$10,000 from a prominent woman and a flying boat worth \$7500 as the foundation of the national aeroplane fund. The money to be collected will be used for the promotion of aviation in State militias throughout the country.

FEAR ANOTHER HAITIAN OUTBREAK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Possibility of another Haitian outbreak was indicated today by a dispatch to the Navy Department from Admiral Caperton, stating the collier Jason had gone to Gonaves with a company of marines. No other details were given.

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BRITISH CABINET MEMBERS HURRY TO MYSTERIOUS CONFERENCE

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The greatest importance was attached by political circles this afternoon to a hurriedly called conference at Premier Asquith's office. The meeting was both unexpected and mysterious.

Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George was in conference with representatives of the Welsh coal miners when he was summoned to Downing street at noon, a few minutes after Premier Asquith had arrived by automobile from the country. At intervals of less than 10 minutes Lord Kitchener, Sir Edward Grey, First Lord of the Admiralty Haig, Lord Lansdowne, Sir Edward Carson and other Cabinet members arrived.

THE CRUISER CHESTER BRINGS REFUGEES TO CRETE

ATHENS, Aug. 31.—The U. S. cruiser Chester arrived today at Crete, Crete, with 470 allied refugees. The came from Beirut. The Chester is under orders to return to that place for more refugees. Another American cruiser is due at Crete today with refugees from Alexandretta.

"PENNSYLVANIA DAY" AT THE EXPOSITION

Governor Brumbaugh and Staff Guests at Luncheon and Reception

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—Keystone State folk will have their innings Saturday at the Exposition.

Governor Brumbaugh, his staff and party numbering 100, arrived last night, and were escorted by Federal cavalry to their hotel. Today they were guests at a