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RUSSIA GIVES UP RIGA TO GERMAN ARMY

Great City, Second Only to Petrograd in Commercial Importance, Surrendered Before Advancing Hosts; Fate Was Sealed When Kaiser's Troops Forced Crossing of the Dvina in Their Powerful Offensive

Petrograd, Sept. 3.—The Russians have abandoned Riga, the war office announces. Some Russian detachments voluntarily left their positions...

Riga, Russia's principal Baltic port, has been abandoned to the Germans under the threat of an offensive by land and sea in which the deciding stroke on the land side was delivered by the Germans last Saturday.

The fate of Riga was virtually sealed when German troops powerfully initiating their offensive, forced a crossing of the Dvina southeast of the city and began to push northward after making good their foothold on the right bank of the stream.

Menaced also by the attack of a column of Teutonic forces moving from Mitau southwest of Riga and by the German naval forces recently reported hovering in the vicinity of the Gulf of Riga, the Russian military authorities evidently considered the city no longer tenable and decided to evacuate it.

The possible ultimate military consequences of this development are difficult to estimate. The right flank of the entire Russian western front was anchored on the Gulf of Riga at a point west of the city and with this anchorage apparently lost the possible strategical developments of the situation seem infinite.

Riga, capital of the government of Livonia, had a population of more than 500,000 persons before the war and aside from Petrograd was the most important Russian commercial and industrial town having access to the Baltic.

The Germans long have had their eyes upon Riga and at the close of the great campaign of 1915 when Poland was overrun and large sections of Russian soil occupied by the German army, an effort was made by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to break the line of the Dvina between Riga and Dvinsk, 110 miles to the southeast.

Labor Day Observed Quietly With Hundreds of Picnics and Outings

While there was no formal community observance of Labor Day in the city to-day, hundreds of informal picnics, house parties and outings were held by families. All the stores of the city were closed giving the employees a full holiday, and they flocked to Hershey, Paxtang and Bolling Springs Parks for picnics and dances.

The masons, bricklayers, carpenters and other unionized trades were off. Barber, the newspapers and other business houses observed short hours. The only firms going full blast were those engaged on war orders for the government.

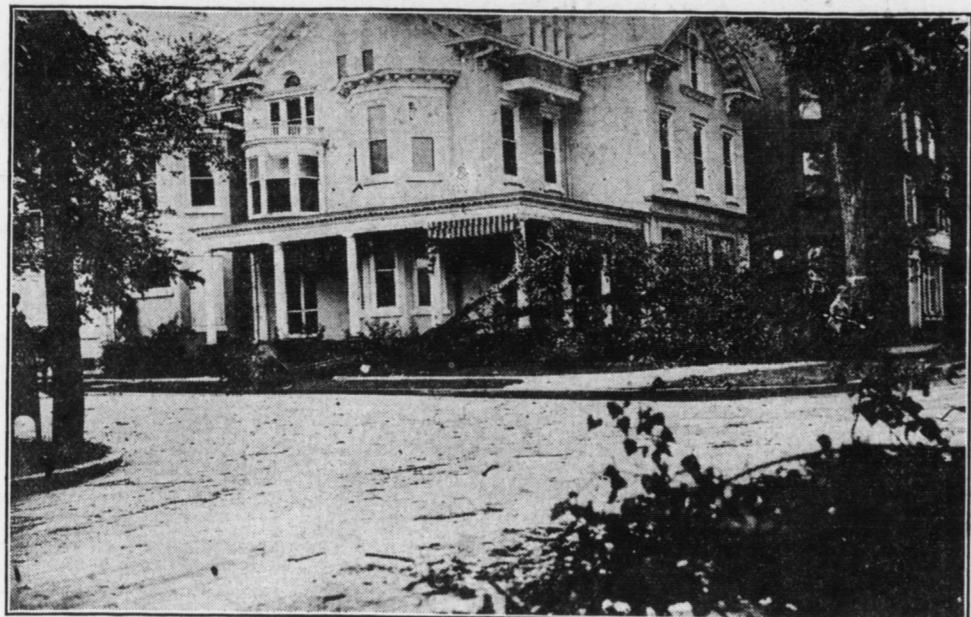
This is Labor Day in Harrisburg; it is also Kipona day, but as the ordinary celebration of the day has been limited to a cessation of labor in some quarters so also was the great river festival omitted this year owing to war conditions.

Formally Opens Finest Hotel in Lehigh Valley Allentown, Pa., Sept. 3.—The opening took place Saturday night of the Hotel Taylor, the largest and finest building for human habitation not only in Allentown, but in the entire Lehigh Valley.

THE CIVIC CLUB'S SECOND FLY-MEASURING DAY SEPTEMBER 29 Prizes awarded: 5 cents a pint for all flies.

THE WEATHER Cloudy weather is forecast for Harrisburg and vicinity this afternoon and evening. Showers are also probable for to-morrow. The temperature will change little.

FRONT STREET SUFFERS BRUNT OF STORM



River Front Park and the houses facing it suffered the brunt of yesterday's storm. The above picture shows a large tree blown down at Front and South streets.

A Labor Day Thought—1917

Embarked in a malstrom of broken hearts America stands by her guns Turning her back on the peace she loves, Threatened by treacherous Huns; But the thought of the hour is the hope that cheers, When the black pall closes in, That sorrow and death are bought at a price, And suffering follows on sin.

U.S. BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN USE OF INTOXICANTS

Tremendous Growth of Tobacco Habit Recorded Among Women Washington, Sept. 3.—All previous records for consumption of whisky, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco apparently went by the boards during the past fiscal year. The preliminary report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne, covering the twelve months ending July 30, made public to-day, shows record tax collections on these and other articles.

NOT ONLY FREE LUNCH BUT PRETZELS ELIMINATED BY BARS

A frugal man Is Wilmer Hughes, whose business is the sale of booze. He thinks the time is almost near When whisky, gin, Rum, wine and beer Will all be barred. And so, you know, He has to gouge Before they go!

Red Cross Ready to Look After Comfort of Drafted Men at the Cantonments

Washington, Sept. 3.—The Red Cross is preparing to care for the comfort of the first detachments of the National Army, which will be sent to the cantonments this week. Under the direction of Winthrop M. Crane, assistant director of military relief, chapters are organizing a canteen service for the purpose of supplying refreshments to supplement the regular rations provided by the War Department.

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NEW SYSTEM OF ASH COLLECTION MAY BE OPPOSED

Anticipating Residents Will Not Agree to Place Cans in Front of Homes COUNCIL TO ACT SOON

CITY SUFFERS HEAVY DAMAGE IN BIG STORM

Houses Unroofed and Great Trees Blown Down in Its Narrow Path One of the worst wind, rain and electrical storms in years swept over the city and vicinity late yesterday afternoon causing thousands of dollars of damage to property and crops.

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