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LAST CHECK TO THE GERMAN ADVANCE TOWARDS VILNA AND PETROGRAD RAILWAY HAS FALLEN BEFORE THE GIANT MORTARS

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BRITISH

London, Aug. 18 (Official)—General Sir John French reports that there have been no incidents of importance on the British line in Belgium and France since his last communication of the 16th inst., when the recaptured positions at Hooge had been consolidated. Since then our trenches in that neighbourhood have been subjected occasionally to artillery bombardment, but there has been no infantry fighting with the exception of two bombing attacks last night, which were easily repulsed. On the remainder of the front there has been intermittent artillery engagements of no importance.

London, Aug. 18.—Genl. Hamilton reports a heavy attack on the Australian and New Zealand corps repulsed on the night of the 14th. Five hundred yards were gained at Sulva on the 15th.

Zeppelins raided the eastern counties last night; one is believed to have been hit. Some houses were damaged, 10 killed and 36 injured, all civilians.

The Russian government reports desperate fighting at Kovno, the Germans capturing one fort, and breaking in between others. Berlin reports to-night announce the fall of Kovno. Italians report success in the Tolmino zone, and 560 prisoners and four machine guns captured.

BONAR LAW.

Czar Nicholas Gives Up Palace To Use of Wounded

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—The winter palace of Emperor Nicholas at Petrograd has been converted into a hospital for the wounded with one thousand beds. The row of gorgeous State Chambers facing the Neva River are being used for wards. Only the Emperor's personal quarters are undisturbed, being maintained for his accommodation when he is stopping temporarily at Petrograd.

Munitions Workers National Strike Now Called Off

Washington, Aug. 19.—Agitation for a national strike at the munition plants as proposed by J. F. Keppler, Vice President of the International Association of Machinists, was repudiated here to-day by the Executive Board of the Association.

The Board determined, however, to wage a vigorous general campaign for an eight hour day in all shops.

The fruit derived from labor is the sweetest of pleasures.—Vauvenargues.

German Intrigues In United States Come to Light

As a Result of the Publication Certain Correspondence

A SHAKING UP

Will be Administered to German Secret Service—Some Citizens Facing Prosecution

New York, Aug. 18.—The Herald, this morning gives prominence to a summary of German secret activities in this country as follows:—Germany has raised \$20,000,000 in this country since March, and has used the money in an attempt to involve the United States in the war. Germany's expenses in maintaining offices in America from which its anti-British propaganda is directed are estimated at about \$26,000 a week. A shake up in the German secret service in this country is expected as the result of the publication of correspondence of German agents and sympathizers.

The Providence Journal says that Germany, operating through Otto Kuhn Loeb and Company, fought to have the Ship Purchase Bill passed, hoping to compel purchase by the United States of German merchant vessels now in New York harbor. It has laid before Washington officials evidence that the German government tried through the Telfunken Company to obtain control of the Sayville Wireless station, and attempted to obtain the secret of the fire control system aboard American warships.

The New York World presents documents in evidence to prove that the German trade expert, while making frank appeals to Washington to open the way for German imports through the British blockade, secretly advised his government to discourage shipments. Washington officials declare that citizens will be prosecuted under the Federal statute for intriguing in favor of the German government.

Breaking Point Almost Reached

Rome, Aug. 18.—Relations between Italy and Turkey are becoming more strained. There are indications of a rupture approaching. Vigorous representations to the Turkish ambassador have been made concerning matters in dispute, particularly Turkey's detention of Italian subjects. It is understood that an appeal has been made to Washington, through the American Embassy to induce Turkey to carry out its promise to the United States through Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, that Italians would be permitted to depart from Turkey. In this connection great interest has been aroused by the report that Morgenthau has despatched American ships to Beirut, and Smyrna, to facilitate the departure of Italians. Instructions have been sent to the Italian ambassador at Constantinople to obtain immediate satisfaction.

Britain Permits Certain Shipments From Germany

London, Aug. 19.—At the request of A. G. Hays, Attorney for American consignees, Britain has issued permits for the shipment of some consignments of German goods which were ordered before March first last, but were not paid for.

KOVNO FORTRESS HAS SURRENDERED Russian Armies in Gravest Danger, Surrounded by Austro-Germans

Speedy Retirement is Only Safety—The French Report Some Gains in the Vosges and Hamilton Reports Successes By New Forces on Gallipoli—Balkan Situation Still Hangs Fire—Serbia Waits Action by Greece Before Replying to Entente Proposals Respecting Cedeing Territory to Bulgaria—Greece Likely to Remain Neutral.

London, Aug. 18.—Kovno was captured by the Germans last night, and the road to Vilna and the Moscow and Petrograd railway is now open to the German troops.

The capture of the fortress was another triumph for German 16-inch guns, which throughout the present war have brought against no fortifications that they were unable to subdue.

Besides opening the way to Vilna, from which everything that might be of use to the invaders has been removed, the fall of the fortress removed the last protection, with the exception of the Russian Field Army, of the main line of railway to the capital, and also places the Germans in a position to threaten the flanks of the Russian armies, retiring from the Brest-Litovsk line, and those operating in southern Courland.

Grand Duke Nicholas apparently expected the fall of Kovno, for his armies are hastening retirement from Poland eastward. They still hold their own from Kovno south to Ossowetz, but south of that they are being pressed from the north-east by Generals Von Scholtz and Von Gallowitz, and from the west by Archduke Leopold, who has crossed the Bug river and is approaching Brest-Litovsk and the Bialystock railway. It is the same south, while General Von Mackenzen has finally succeeded in driving the Muscovites into their outer positions at the fortress of Brest-Litovsk.

For the first time since he began his retirement from Western Galicia in May, Grand Duke Nicholas, in the opinions of military observers, finds

part of his army in serious danger of envelopment, and are curious as to how he will extricate it.

That the Russian commander continues an orderly retreat, is evidenced by the fact that outside of the guns taken with the fortress of Kovno, or captured in the forts of Novo Gorgievsk, two more of which have fallen the Germans make no claim to capture of artillery. It would appear also that few prisoners have been taken, which doubtless means that for a considerable part the Austro-Germans in their most recent advance have not met with serious fighting.

With Kovno in German hands and another German army across the Bug; south of Brest-Litovsk, a speedy exit, according to military observers, is the only safe one for the Russians if they are to escape before the second set of pincers prepared for them are closed.

While fighting to crush the Russian army the Germans are also finding time for minor activities in other fields. Last night they carried out their seventeenth air raid on England, visiting the eastern counties, where they dropped bombs, which, according to an official communication, killed ten and injured thirty-six civilians. As in the last raid, the Admiralty reports it believes that one of the Zeppelins, which there are supposed to have been four, was damaged.

A despatch from Holland to-day reported that another quartette of dirigibles was on the way over to England, but nothing has been heard of them as yet. To-night is clear, and probably the airship commanders believing it likely that their craft would

be discovered by the British air patrol turned back. Last night was dark and misty, and an ideal night for the air raiders.

German submarines also have been busy during the day, the sinking of three British and three neutral steamers and trawlers being reported. As an offset to the German successes in the East, a French official communication reports further gains for the French troops in the Vosges, while General Hamilton, commander of the Allied forces in Gallipoli Peninsula announces an advance by a new force of Allied troops which landed at Sulva Bay, and a repulse of a Turkish attack against the right flank of the Australians. The Turks on the other hand, say all British attacks were repulsed. Any progress made by the British in Sulva Bay, would, according to military experts, be important, as it would threaten the Turks who are facing the Australians down the coast, and like other operations against Turkey, have an influence on the Balkan States which seemingly are about to decide which set of belligerents they will join.

Serbia probably will make a reply this week to the suggestion of the Entente ministers that she cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. Opinion is divided in Serbia as to what the reply should be, but it is expected it will be favorable. Serbia, it is asserted, would like to await the outcome of the Greek crisis before giving her decision. This, however, is likely to continue for some days, and is expected to end in an agreement between King Constantine and the new Premier Venizelos, which will guarantee the continued neutrality of Greece.

Russians Prepare For Evacuation of Town of Vilna

Everything Useful to Invading Army Ordered Removed

RUSSIAN PRISONERS

Taken at Warsaw Have Been Removed to Interior of Germany

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—German aeroplanes are persistently bombarding the city of Vilna, about fifty miles east of Kovno. The possibility of the capture of Vilna by the Germans is foreseen at Petrograd, and operations preliminary to its evacuation are in progress. The Governor General of Vilna has ordered the removal of the equipments, factories, and banks, together with supplies of metals, including church bells, leather, and everything else which might be useful to the invaders. Horses and livestock are being taken away.

Preparations for the evacuation of Bralystok continue. The town is in darkness at night on account of attacks by German aircrafts.

Reports reaching here from Poland, are that the Russians who remained at Warsaw after its capture have been removed to the interior of Germany.

Genl. Hamilton Reports Advances On Gallipoli

London, Aug. 18.—Sir Ian Hamilton reports that in the Southern zone the situation was unchanged. During the 14th and 15th the Turks kept up the usual artillery fire without much effect. In the northern zone the right flank of the Australian and New Zealand army corps position was heavily attacked during the night of the 14th and 15th, but all attacks were repulsed. At Sulva troops on the left flank made a short advance on the afternoon of the 15th, with a view to straightening out the line. They moved forward under considerable gun and rifle fire and gained about 500 yards, capturing a Turkish trench, and taking two officers and 20 prisoners.

Italians Advance In Alpine Passes

Rome, Aug. 18.—Further Italian advances through the passes of Alps and a brilliant bayonet charge which captured a strong line of Austrian entrenchments in the Tolmino region, and described in an official report just issued.

Austrian Fleet Bombard Pelagos

Rome, Aug. 18.—An Austrian fleet of 21 vessels, aided by an aeroplane, bombarded the Island of Pelagos in the Adriatic. The enemy were forced to retreat after killing one Italian officer, three men and wounding three others.

torn away and the causeway which connected Galveston with the outside world has been cut in two drawbridges. Three fires have done great damage in the city which is without adequate water supply, and it is said the financial loss the city has undergone equals that of the 1900 storm, and is estimated at \$15,000,000.

The Mayor has proclaimed the city under martial law, and after a survey of the losses announced that Galveston would not call on other communities for aid.

Blindly Fatalistic Turkey Invites Italian Vengeance

Rome, Aug. 18.—Turkey, according to a Bucharest despatch has recalled permission for the departure of Italians, a large number of whom, including 700 reservists, are waiting to sail at Jaffa, Beirut, Messina, Alexandretta and Smyrna. The Giornale says the news is confirmed in authoritative circles. It further learns from a reliable source that Turkey is continuing to send arms, money and proclamations to Libya with the object of providing a native rebellion against Italy. The paper concludes "The cup is full. We have serious reasons to believe that the Government will take energetic action toward the Porte to end these violent proceedings, which Italy cannot tolerate."

"Dacia" Sails Under New Name French Register

Paris, Aug. 18.—The former American steamship Dacia, condemned by a French Prize Court owing to its transfer from German to American registry after the outbreak of the war has been sold. Her new French owner has re-named her the Yser. She sailed to-day under the tri-color of Cherbourg for Cardiff to take on a cargo of coal for Brest.

Terrific Explosion Wrecks a Factory At St. Casimir

Quebec, Aug. 18.—Three men are dead, and a match factory in St. Casimir, a town on the Canadian Northern Railway, some fifty miles above Quebec is in ruins to-day, as the result of terrific explosion which wrecked the building.

Germans Capture Kovno Fortress

Berlin, Aug. 18.—The following announcement was made here officially to-day:—The fortress of Kovno, together with all forts and an amount of war material, which has not been determined, has been in German hands since last night. More than 400 cannon was taken. The fortress was captured by storm in spite of a most tenacious resistance by the Russians.

Do not think too much of your achievements. Remember that overconfidence in oneself is generally a sign that one is deteriorating.

George C. Moore Detroit Capitalist Sounds Warning

German Menace to United States at Present Time

INVISIBLE ARMY

Five Hundred Thousand Ready to Make Trouble Should Uncle Sam be Embroiled in European War

Detroit, Aug. 18.—George Gordon Moore, a Detroit capitalist, an international figure in the European war, through his friendship for Sir John French, and the only American who has been a favoured guest "some-where in France," sounded a remarkable note of warning last night against what he called "the German menace," in an address before the annual convention of veterans of foreign wars.

His address, which was punctuated by hitherto unpublished charges regarding German-American activities in the United States, was received with vociferous applause. An invisible army of German Reservists 500,000 strong, sworn to be loyal to the Kaiser was conjured up by Mr. Moore as a prime factor in his self-styled menace. Germany, to-day is having manufactured for her in the United States more war munitions than is the United States herself, he told the veterans. He added that German knowledge of technical achievements, cunning and diplomacy had so embarrassed American contemporary life that it was difficult to estimate just how far unprepared the United States is for war at the present time. Mr. Moore drew an alarming picture of conditions in the United States, should this country be involved in strained relations with any foreign power. He mentioned Germany as the most likely opponent of this country in that event.

Zeppelins Raid London Tower

London, Aug. 18.—The outskirts of London were raided last night by zeppelins. Several persons were killed but damage to property is not important.

Terrific Storm Works Havoc in City of Galveston

Fourteen Lives Lost and Property Damage to the Value

OF FIFTEEN MILLIONS

Is the Result of the Greatest Storm on Gulf of Mexico in Many Years

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19.—Cheering news was brought to this city to-night. A message was flashed to thousands of anxious persons who had friends and relatives in the storm-stricken city of Galveston that only fourteen are dead in that city.

Galveston has undergone one of the severest storms in the annals of the Gulf of Mexico. A thousand feet of her sea wall which skirts the southern side of the city has been

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