

Germans are Active in Gulf of Riga

Heavy Artillery Fire Under Way on the West Front

German Activity in Gulf of Riga Still Continues

Washington Roused by Violation of Censorship

Troops Landed on Islands are Menace to Russia

VILLISTAS STRUCK A HORNET'S NEST Attacked Military Train By Mistake; Twenty Hanged To Telegraph Poles

By Courier Leased Wire. Juarez, Mexico, Oct. 15.—Passengers arriving here last night from the South report seeing the bodies of twenty Mexicans hanging to telegraph poles along the Mexican Central right of way between Torreón and Saltillo. The bodies were those of followers who a few days ago attacked a military train, mistaking it for a passenger train.

Nation Roused by Proximity of Enemy--Political Carelessness Has Led the Country to Present Issue

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The German forces which were landed on Oesel Island, at the head of the Gulf of Riga, are pushing forward to the east and south, placing in a difficult position the Russian forces and batteries in the district of Arensburg, at the southern end of the island and especially those on the Cerel peninsula. Military critics predict actions in the Gulf of Riga, followed by development of the invasion to main land on the coast of Esthonia, rather than an attempt toward the Gulf of Finland, which is protected by mine fields which the Germans would have to sweep under the menace of the Russian fleet.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT

Sky Scrapers in Philadelphia, 20 Miles Away, Shaken By Blast

COMMUNICATION BAD Nitro-glycerine Used In the Plant was Cause of the Explosion

Philadelphia, Oct. 15.—A terrific explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred shortly before 9 a.m. today in the Gibbstown, N. J., plant of the Dupont Powder Company.

The force of the explosion was so great that windows were shattered in buildings within a radius of five miles or more. Sky scrapers in Philadelphia, nearly 20 miles distant, were rocked. Gibbstown is an isolated town 18 miles below Camden, on the Delaware River. It is the scene of intense activity, where the Duponts manufacture great quantities of war explosives.

Woodbury, N.J., ten miles north of Gibbstown, reported that the explosion was the worst ever felt there, and the town has felt many from the powder section of lower New Jersey and Delaware. Hundreds of men employed in the works live at Woodbury, and a few telephone messages from workmen who were unhurt, were received. Communication to the scene of the explosion was impossible for a long period after the disaster. The belief in Woodbury (Continued on Page 4.)

Korniloff Not Liable to a Charge of High Treason; Finish Diet to Convene Again on November 1

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Oct. 15.—General Chablovsky, president of the commission of inquiry into the Korniloff affair, has returned to Petrograd and in an interview with local newspaper men declared that he did not see in the actions of General Korniloff and the other accused officers any character of high treason. It was proved, he said, that General Korniloff throughout the movement committed no act of a nature to weaken the fighting front. General Chablovsky expressed the opinion that General Korniloff can be sentenced only under article 100, dealing with attempts against the established regime and involving the penalty of life imprisonment.

FINNISH DIET TO MEET Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The Finnish diet has been called to meet on November 1. The Finnish diet was dissolved by the provisional Russian Government several weeks ago for its extreme stand on the question of autonomy for the province. New elections were held and completed on October 4, the Unified Bourgeoisie and the Social Democrats receiving 60,000 of the 70,000 votes cast.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—The Orthodox Council, at a meeting in Moscow, has decided against permitting the clergy to participate in the provisional parliament.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. Berlin, Oct. 15.—Rapid progress has been made by the German troops which landed on the Russian island of Oesel, according to the official statement issued today by the German War Office. German warships shelled the Russian land batteries and silenced them. The peninsula has been cut off from the northern part of the island. German torpedo boats, the statement adds, penetrated the inner waters between the islands of Oesel and Dago and in repeated engagements pressed back the Russian naval forces into the Moorsund.

JAPAN ADVANCES MONEY TO CHINA Agreement Signed Between Orientals on Lease of the Kirin-Chang Railway

By Courier Leased Wire. Peking, Oct. 15.—China and Japan have signed an agreement on the lease of the Kirin-Chang Chun Railway, Manchuria. Japan will loan China 5,500,000 yen at five per cent for thirty years. The revenue of the railway will be held as security during the term of the loan. The Kirin-Chang Chun Railway will be under the management of the South Manchuria Railway Company.

ARTILLERY FIRE IS VERY HEAVY ON WEST FRONT

British Gunners Now Occupy Superior Positions In Operations WEATHER STILL BAD Continued Storms Hamper Offensive and Prevent Progress

Heavy artillery actions are again in progress on the Flanders front. London's official report today speaks of a strong bombardment of the new British positions on the main Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge, south of Broodseinde. In the light of previous experience this may be viewed as indicating German counter-battery work against the intensive British artillery fire in progress preparatory to another push. The British artillery now has superior positions in which to work, as there must by this time have been ample opportunity for the heavy guns to be put in position on the dominating high ground taken in the recent advances. It thus seems probable that Field Marshal Haig will not delay his next stroke beyond the time when these guns have had opportunity to break up such concrete construction as the Germans have been able to construct in what they describe as their "defensive zone," which week by week is being forced further eastward.

The weather, however, is a decidedly important element in this consideration, as the continuation of hard storms, not only keeps the ground in a state well nigh prohibitive of co-ordinated infantry advances, but interferes seriously with the vital aerial observation work. The situation on the Russian northern front continues critical, with the Germans over-running the island of Oesel and rapidly pursuing their program of gaining complete control of the Gulf of Riga. Russian military observers expect speedy extension of the German operations to the main land, probably on the Esthonian coast, whence a movement towards Petrograd might be pushed. Petrograd itself is considered in no immediate danger as hundreds of (Continued on Page Three)

NEWSPAPERS VIOLATE U. S. CENSORSHIP

News of Landing of American Draft in England Published Broadcast

WASHINGTON ROUSED Washington, Oct. 15.—Aroused by publication in some parts of the country of pirated cablegrams announcing arrival of American troops in France, the War and Navy Departments today took steps to prevent a repetition of the incidents which may result in the court martial of the officers who sent the messages. In one case a former National Guard officer wired his Governor of the arrival of the State's troops, but so far as is known newspapers in that locality observed the Government's voluntary censorship request and did not print the cable.

In other cases, however, a former National Guard officer telegraphed the Governor of his state of the arrival of his regiment with a request that it be given fullest publicity. The Governor's office gave out the cablegram and many papers in the State printed the news. This morning other newspapers published the despatch and added the number and designation of the regiment, all in violation of the voluntary censorship.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The colonel regiment and the lieutenant-colonel of a western national guard regiment probably will be court-martialed for cabling to the governors of their respective states that a New England Regiment and a western regiment had arrived in France.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Executive departments will be reorganized and a new war trade board which replaces the exports administrative board are vested today with extraordinary war time powers under a proclamation of President Wilson putting into effect the authority delegated to him by the Trading with the Enemy Act. The Trade Board will regulate licensing of exports and imports and of enemy firms doing business in this country. Censorship of outgoing mails, cables and radio messages is placed in the hands of a special commission, composed of representatives of the war, navy, and post-office departments, the War Trade Board and the committee on public information. The trade will govern the exportation of gold and silver coin, regulate foreign exchange transactions and license insurance companies of the enemy or of allies of the enemy doing business in the United States. Supervision of enemy-owned or controlled patents is assigned the Federal Trade Commission and to the postmaster-general is given regulatory authority over foreign language newspapers.

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, Oct. 15.—A moderate depression is situated over the Atlantic, so the northward of the Lake region while pressure is nowhere very high. With the exception of a few scattered showers in Ontario and Quebec, the weather in Canada is fair. Forecasts. Fresh southerly to westerly winds, light showers in a few localities, but generally fair and mild today and on Tuesday.

YOU CAN OBTAIN AUTOMOBILE BY ITS DIFFERENTIAL MANNER. "Zimmie"

PRESS ALARMED The newspapers exhibit alarm at the landing of the Germans on Oesel Island. The Bourse Gazette says the situation of the country is the more complicated because a solution must be found not only of the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the interior, but of the problem presented by the closing of the Gulf of Riga by the Germans. The Russkaya-Volia says: "We are being led toward our calvary, but perhaps we shall find our resurrection."

The Reich attributes the disaster partly to bad visibility and the unexampled political frivolity of leaders of the Russian democracy.

Petrograd, Oct. 15.—German forces which landed on the Russian island of Oesel at the head of the Gulf of Riga, on Friday occupied Arensburg, the capital of the island, on Saturday, it was officially announced today by the Russian war office today. Arensburg is on the southern shore of Oesel Island.

The northern group of German warships, the statement adds, dispatched a torpedo boat squadron between the islands of Oesel and Dago, which pressed back the Russian patrols. Russian naval forces reinforced the patrol and accepted battle whereupon the German ships retired.

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CHICAGO HOPEFUL OF ENDING SERIES IN NEW YORK TODAY

White Sox Look to Have the Edge, Despite Handicap of Playing Away From Home Faber and Benton Likely to Twirl Today

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Oct. 15.—Prospects at 8 a.m. were that the sixth game of the world's series between Chicago and New York would be played under almost ideal weather conditions. The day opened clear and warm with every indication of still warmer weather by the time the game starts. New York, Oct. 15.—Chicago White Sox and New York Giants meet in the sixth contest of the world's championship baseball series on the Polo Grounds today in what Chicago fans hope will be the winning game. The home team, disappointed at its failure to hold the lead they had in Chicago are fighting with their backs to the wall. While the McGraw men know their chances are desperate, they are still hopeful of turning back the White Sox and making the series all even again. New York has but one chance to win, while if Chicago should slip today the American Leaguers would still have another opportunity to take home the bacon. Although Rowland men have the edge in the betting, supporters of the Giants express confidence that McGraw's final pair of pitchers Ferdinand Schupp and Rube Benton will hold the Sox while the "Giants" bat out a victory against the Chicago men. Manager Rowland has expressed the utmost confidence in winning the series. Coming east, he said he expected to send Faber to the pitching mound and would hold Eddie Cloutier in reserve in case the former should falter. Rowland's confidence is reflected by all the members of the Sox team. They are greatly excited over their victory in Chicago on Saturday, when they

looked hopelessly beaten, and feel that the National League cannot do another come-back like the one they performed last week when they took two straight on the Polo Grounds. Manager McGraw will probably pick Benton to hold the White Sox today. His performance against Chicago is the best of any of the Giant pitchers, he having held the western team to five hits for a total of six bases in the opening game here. What little betting there has been reported since Saturday's game favors the White Sox 2 to 1, though wagers at even money have been made that the Giants will win today. Atmospheric conditions were the most favorable of the series in New York. The prospects were for fair and warmer weather by the time they (Continued on Page Four.)

AGITATORS ARE LOYAL TO LAURIER

Anti-Conscriptionists Will Hear No Criticism Of Liberal Leader RIOTS IN MONTREAL Street Fighting Prevalent In Different Sections Of the City

By Courier Leased Wire. Montreal, Oct. 15.—Agitation of a violent kind has broken out in the East End as a result of the determination of some anti-conscriptionists not to permit any criticism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mayor Martin or any other of the prominent Liberals of that district. Following a meeting of St. Marys Labor club, at which Alfred Cote, one of the anti-conscriptionists under arrest, was given a slap in the face after an argument, there were several street fights, and two or three of the anti-conscriptionists were attacked and hurt. According to reports, one was struck and knocked down and kicked several times while lying on the sidewalk, and another prominent orator of the same school was also badly beaten.

The main fight started around midnight, and continued along St. Catherine St., near the corner of Maisonneuve St., and raged westward as far as St. Denis St. The Liberal supporters apparently had all the best of the argument. There were a number of "hustles" at the meeting at Lavie Hall, and while in the minority, they had matter all their own way. Several of them in sweaters looking fit specimens and able to "clean out" the hall if the spirit moved them. The presence of one or two prominent Liberal heads of the Liberal clubs of the district, was responsible for the outbreak not taking place in the hall, for they intervened when Cote was struck, and calmed the trouble.

PERMANENT CONGRESS OF SMALL OPPRESSED NATIONS Minor Countries For Whom Allies are Fighting, to Draft Charter of Rights Will Discuss Status of Alsace-Lorraine

New York, Oct. 15.—The rights of Alsace-Lorraine as an independent nation are to be discussed by Clement Reuff, president of Les Amies d'Alsace-Lorraine at the first congress of the League of Small and Subject Nationalities, which begins a three days' convention here on October 20. Twenty of the small nations in whose behalf the world war is being waged, will be reported. The congress will seek to attain a permanent congress of small and oppressed nationalities; the right to separate representation at international conferences and to present their case to the world and to emphasize the importance of granting their rights as an indispensable condition of world peace.

To Finish Pirates. London, Oct. 14.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—A great meeting of sailors and firemen was held at Cardiff to devise post war punishments for the Germans for their U-boat crimes. A resolution was adopted asking employers to refuse to employ Germans on land or sea, requesting the public to refuse to buy German goods and desiring master mariners to refuse to salute the German flag, the boycott to continue two years and an additional month to be added for every future crime. Shipping Increase. London, Oct. 15.—The Entente Allies have increased their shipping, according to The Times, through the acquisition by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Lamport and Holt Line of the controlling interest in the Argentine Navigation Company, which has a capital of \$10,000,000 and owns more than 300 vessels. Three of the leading French lines and one Italian shipping company participated in the transaction. Liberty Loan Day. Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson, in behalf of the Liberty Loan, last night issued a proclamation setting aside October 24th as Liberty Loan Day, and urging the people of the nation to assemble on that day in their respective communities and "pledge to one another and to the government that represents them the fullest measure of financial support."

"Let the result be so impressive and emphatic," the President urges, "that it will re-echo throughout the empire our enemy as an index of what America intends to do to bring this war to a victorious conclusion." British Receive Share. London, Oct. 15, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, addressing the volunteers at Birmingham, said he was anxious to remove the impression that a spirit of praise had been meted out to the troops from the Dominions without full justice being done. The home troops as well as those from the Dominions had fought with equal distinction. The larger proportion of casualties in the latter showed that no troops could have done more excellent work. No Patched-up Peace. London, Oct. 15, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., speaking to the workers of Leungborough, said they did not want a patched-up peace, which would only bring on another war ten years later.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION MEETING

A special meeting of Chairmen and Sub-chairmen of Brantford, Brant and Oakland Townships is called for Wednesday Evening October 17th at 8 o'clock in the Conservative Club Rooms. Special business will be discussed and transacted. Every Chairman and Sub-chairman should attend. N. D. NEILL, Sec'y.