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MILITARY DAY DRAWING RECORD CROWDS TO FAIR

SEMI-CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION STRIKING ITS STRIDE; TO-DAY'S ATTENDANCE ROLLING UP WELL

Military Day Attraction, Which Draws Crowds.

SPLENDID MARTIAL REVIEW

Overseas Men's Performance Before Grandstand Thrilling.

GOOD MORNING ATTENDANCE

Midway Ready for Pleasure-Seekers After Early Delays.

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TODAY AT THE FAIR

1st Hussars and 7th Regiment bands. Dog show opens. Military display—trench warfare, bombing, etc. Musical ride. Judging in half a dozen rings. 2:20 trot. 2:30 pace. Big performance before the grand stand. One of the best days of the fair, appealing particularly to citizens.

SWEDEN OFFERS SOME EXCUSES FOR MESSAGES

Although Lacking Information as to Telegrams Mentioned by U. S.

HELPED OTHER POWERS

Sent Dispatches for American Minister in Turkey On Request.

London, Sept. 11.—The Swedish foreign office, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company, has issued the following statement regarding the Swedish-Argentinian revelations:

"The Swedish foreign office has not received any account regarding the transmission of the telegrams mentioned in the statements of the Government of the United States, and the Swedish Government, therefore, is unable at present to determine what its position should be on the questions opened up by these statements."

"It is, however, accurate to say that just after the world war broke out the Swedish foreign minister expressed the opinion that he ought to transmit a German telegram concerning the civil population of Kiao-Chow to the German government in the Chinese peninsula."

"The statements to the same effect were made to the representatives of both belligerent groups without being any question of Sweden taking over representation of any power's interests."

Same Done For U. S.

"As regards the United States in particular, the United States minister here has this year in certain special cases been permitted to obtain permission to transmit letters to and from Turkey, and at a time when Turkey was in a state of war with America, and when Sweden had not yet taken over the protection of American interests."

"In the summer of 1915 the wish was expressed from the British side that the transmission of telegrams between Germany and North America should cease. No formal demand was made, but notwithstanding this the United States minister acceded to the wish. The Swedish minister who was 'want of all the negotiable words of opinion that this was no bar to the continued transmission of telegrams between the United States and Sweden, and therefore to Argentina."

"Since then Sweden has continued to be the intermediary for communications between Germany and the Argentine."

Could Not Deceive It.

"The telegram mentioned in the American statement was written in code and in transmitting it the Swedish minister was by that reason unable to decipher it. Whether its contents were as reported is a point which the first duty of the Swedish Government must be to confirm and its next action must be to get an explanation from Germany if it be found that any misuse has taken place. Sweden will make her best efforts to prevent any repetition of the incident."

No Transmission of Telegrams.

"The transmission of telegrams between Germany and the Argentine Republic has yet been made either by the British or American Governments, even now, or at any earlier period."

The whole affair has only become known to the public through the press, but in spite of this the wishes of the interested parties would immediately have been acceded to."

Harvest Accident

BRINGS DEATH TO FARMER NEAR AVON

Broken Sling Threw Him to Ground, Inflicting Fatal Injuries.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Dorchester, Sept. 11.—Frank Howe, a prominent farmer of Avon, died at 5 o'clock this morning from injuries sustained last night when he was thrown from his horse while working in the hay field. The falling horse struck him heavily to the ground and rendered him unconscious.

Dr. Doane of Harncliffe was called and everything possible done, but death occurred less than ten hours after the accident.

Mr. Howe was 50 years of age, and is survived by a widow and five sons—Alfred, Laurie, Lloyd, Clarence and Charles all at home.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.



Blue Ribbon Winners at Western Fair Yesterday. Left—Dr. G. A. Routledge, Lambeth, chairman of the horse committee. Right—E. V. Clancy, Guelph, judge in harness and standard breeds.

POSED AS BELGIANS AND CROSSED LINE INTO HOLLAND; SAFE

Canadians Escaped From a German Prison Camp.

ONE IS NOW AT HALIFAX

Pte. Vaughan Tells of Experiences—Dog's Leg Found In Soup.

Halifax, Sept. 11.—Pte. John P. Vaughan of Halifax, who escaped from the Germans, reached home today. It was in June, 1916, during the third battle of Ypres, that Vaughan was taken prisoner after he had received a shrapnel wound in the arm.

With his regiment, he went into action. Only 75 returned, the remainder were either killed or taken prisoner. Of Vaughan's platoon only three remained alive.

After a few months in Dünkirchen, Westphalia, Vaughan, who was a number of other prisoners, was quartered in an old theatre. On every six days each man received a loaf of bread. On one occasion one of the men found a dog's leg in the soup.

Vaughan and a chum named Poles from Winnipeg managed to secure a saw and cut a hole into the quarters of some deported Belgians. They hid a railway map and got hold of a compass. The night they escaped their fellow-prisoners set up a tremendous clatter of conversation and song and distracted the attention of the guard. The two Canadians got into the Belgians' quarters, where they were given caps and clothes.

Disguised as Belgians, they started their tramp to the border. They had to walk miles when once they were reached on account of the electrified wire, but finally crawling into Holland one misty evening between two sentries only a few yards away.

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Turkish and Bulgarian envoys here will be watched very carefully too.

DUTCH VIEWS.

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Poor Lloyd George, He Hadn't Carfare!

London, Sept. 11.—The director of a business that is spending more than thirty million dollars a day, was flat broke today—didn't even have a car. When his automobile broke down, he hailed a passing car, and found he didn't have the four cents fare. A passenger loaned him the necessary pennies. The penniless passenger was Lloyd George.

Two Vessels Sunk, And Possibly Six Hun Submarines

U. S. Navy Department Has Report From Steamer Westwego.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—A statement by the navy department says: "The navy department has received a report from Paris which states that the steamer Westwego reports on September 8 that while cruising with several other ships she was attacked by a massed force of six submarines off the coast of France on September 5. The result of this attack being that two of the vessels were sunk and the remainder probably all of the submarines were lost."

The merchant fleet, of which the Westwego was one, was en route to Europe from the United States when attacked. The vessels were under the command of a French naval officer, but no details of the fight were included in the reports. No loss of life was reported, nor were the names of the two ships sunk included in the dispatch. The navy department has called for additional information.

The Westwego was of 3,558 tons net and carried a crew of 42 men.

Sharp Watch Will Be Kept On Embassy In Washington—Dutch Papers Condemn Action, and Say Sweden Must Take Consequences.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

[BY CARL D. GROAT.]

Washington, Sept. 11.—The Allies intend to discipline Sweden vigorously for playing Germany's game in Argentina. The exact trend of the discipline is unknown, though the general thought here is that it will result in shortened relations and closer tabs on her use of the cables.

Severance of diplomatic relations will not come from the present situation unless Sweden fails to disavow the acts of her minister at Buenos Ayres in forwarding submarine messages to the German minister, Count Loxburg. Such disavowal is expected quickly, and if it does not come within a reasonable time the Allies, acting in concert, will probably demand an immediate understanding.

The disclosures will doubtless serve to check any rascally contemplation by envoys here who were to be vastly more vigilant exercised over communications between this country and any foreign country.

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His Forces Said To Be Only a Few Hundred Soldiers.

"SAVAGE DIVISION," HIS

Caucasus Tribesmen Are Personally Devoted To General Who Revolted.

LONDON PRESS DOUBTFUL

Post Declares Hope For Russia, But None For Germany.

Petrograd, Sept. 11.—Gen. Korniloff has ordered his troops to detain at the railway station a good number of march on and besiege the city of Petrograd. Government infantry still is moving out to the capital to oppose Korniloff's forces.

Gen. Deneshe, commander of the Russian forces on the southwestern front, has telegraphed to Premier Kerensky that he intends to support Gen. Korniloff.

BATTLE EXPECTED. (Special to The Advertiser.)

Petrograd, Sept. 11.—The first battle between the forces of Korniloff and of democracy at Luga, 35 miles distant from Petrograd, was momentarily expected in the capital today.

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Accident Leads To Discovery of It and Secret Wireless Outfit.

SUSPECTED SOME TIME

Uruguayan Officials Investigate and Find Similar Contrivance In That Land.

New York, Sept. 11.—Coming closely after Secretary of State Lansing's revelation of German-Swedish intrigue, the New York World this morning publishes the following articles from its correspondent in Buenos Ayres, under date of August 18:

The unusual activities of German spies in this city during the recent past of the United States squadron have led to the discovery of an espionage bureau, which appears to be the headquarters for German activities in South America.

It was through an accident that the espionage activities were discovered. These were revealed through the opening of a letter which was wrongly delivered to a man of probably sentiments on reading the letter he turned it over to the foreign office.

Financed in Germany, the president immediately started a searching inquiry, with the result that it has been learned that the bureau is being financed from Germany, and that it is housed in the elaborate residence of a German nobleman, who is now living in a hotel.

A secret wireless outfit has been discovered which, it is stated, is located in Calle Estados (United States street). The house on which this outfit is installed is a good distance from the heart of the city and first aroused suspicion because of the unusual activity of which it was the center while the American warships were here. The police say they are satisfied that the hidden wireless outfit was the means of sending out information about ships which could not have been sent otherwise.

Expected Some Time.

It has been suspected for some time by Allied representatives here that German espionage agents in Buenos Ayres have been in direct communication with Berlin by means of the Buenos Ayres cable to Spain, where the information is sent by wireless from Madrid. A few days after the Argentine Government began its investigation, a similar investigation was begun by the Uruguayan officials, and the results of the investigation were sent by wireless to the Argentine agents. As a result a hidden wireless station was discovered and demolished by police officers.

RAIDING PARTIES OF FRENCH PIERCE FOE LINES DURING NIGHT

Destroy Supplies and Take Some Prisoners.

ENEMY BOMBS DUNKIRK

Wounds Five Women With Explosives Dropped On a Hospital.

Paris, Sept. 11.—French raiding parties last night penetrated the German lines in the region southeast of Valenciennes and north of the Casque in the Champagne, the French war department announced today. German supplies were destroyed, and the French made a number of prisoners. German aviators during the night dropped bombs in the region of Dunkirk. Some of the missiles struck a hospital and wounded five women.

The text of the raiding parties is as follows: "Enemy surprise attacks north of Joux and northeast of Corcy, were repulsed by our fire. We effected a raid into the German lines in the region southeast of Valenciennes, and in the Champagne to the north of the Casque. We destroyed