

RUSSIA STILL HOLDS FORTS NEAR KOVNO

RUSSIAN ARMY MAINTAINS AN ORDERLY RETREAT FROM KOVNO

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that might be of use to the invaders has been removed, the fall of the fortress removes the last protection, with the exception of the Russian field army, to the main line railway to the capital, and also places the Germans in a position to threaten the flanks of the Russian armies retreating to the Brest-Litovsk line and those operating in Southern Courland.

Fall of Kovno was looked for. Grand Duke Nicholas, apparently, expected the fall of Kovno, for his armies are hastening their retirement in Poland eastward. They still hold their own from Kovno to the south of Ossowetz, but south of that they are being pressed from the northeast by Generals Von Schelz and Von Gallwitz, and from the west by Archduke Leopold, who has crossed the Brest-Litovsk and is approaching the Brest-Litovsk railway. It is the same in the south, where General Von Mackensen finally has succeeded in driving the Muscovites into their outer positions of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk.

For the first time since he began his retreat from Western Galicia in May, Grand Duke Nicholas, in the opinion of military observers, finds part of his army in serious danger of envelopment. The military writers express curiosity as to how he will extricate it. The Russian commander continues an orderly retreat, as is evidenced by the fact that outside of the guns taken with the fortress of Kovno, or captured in the forts of Novo Georgievsk two more of which have fallen, the Germans make no claim to the capture of artillery. It would appear also that few prisoners have been taken, which doubtless means that a considerable part of 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.

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it believes one of the Zeppelins, of which there are supposed to have been four, was damaged. A despatch from Holland today reported that another quartette of dirigibles passed the way over to England, but nothing has been heard of them as yet. Tonight is clear, and it is probable that the airship commanders, believing it likely that their craft would be discovered by the British air patrol, have turned back. Last night was dark and misty—an ideal night for air raiders.

The German submarines also have been busy, and during the day the sinking of three British and three neutral steamers and a trawler has been reported. French Make Important Gains in the Vosges. As an offset to the German successes in the East the French official communication reports further gains for the French troops in the Vosges, while General Ian Hamilton, commander of the Allied forces on the Gallipoli peninsula, announces an advance by the new forces of Allied troops which landed at Suvla Bay, and the repulse of a Turkish attack against the right flank of the Australians. The Turks, on the other hand, say that all the British attacks were repulsed. Any progress made by the British at Suvla Bay would, according to military experts, be important, as it would threaten the Turks who are facing the Australians down the coast and, like the 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 her 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 that it will be favorable.

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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, M. Venizelos, which will guarantee the continued neutrality of Greece.

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BRITAIN LIFTS THE COVER FOR U. S. SHIPMENTS

Permission Given to Ship German Goods Ordered Before March 1st.

Several Cargoes Officially Released—Second Payment Made for Cotton Seized by British Cruiser.

London, Aug. 18.—At the request of A. G. Hayes, attorney for the American consignees, Great Britain has issued permits for the shipment of some consignments of German goods, which were ordered before March 1st, but were not paid for.

The consignments, some of which already are in Rotterdam awaiting shipment, while others have not yet left Germany, are valued at several million of marks. London, Aug. 18.—In the presence of the American consul general, Referee Holman Gregory formally released today most of the two hundred separate consignments seized on board the American steamer Ogechee, last April, when she was on a voyage from Bremen for New York. The few consignments which were not released include several whose owners have not yet been notified that their goods have been detained.

In a majority of cases the goods were released unconditionally, but in a few instances the referee required deposits with the price court of an amount of money equal to the cost of the goods. This money will remain in court until the ownership of the goods has been fixed definitely. It is now certain, however, that none of these consignments will reach the price court.

Washington, Aug. 18.—A second payment of \$666,800 on 14,000 bales of cotton aboard the steamer Southerner, which was diverted into Kinkaid by a British cruiser, was made today to W. G. McCabe & Company of Charleston, by the British embassy. The cotton has been consigned "to order" in Gothenberg.

ITALIANS CONTINUE TO DRIVE BACK AUSTRIANS AND CAPTURE TRENCHES

Rome, Aug. 18, via Paris.—The War Office this evening made public the following communication from general headquarters dated August 18: "Along the Tyrol and Trentino frontiers our artillery fire continues intense and effective. "The Valley of Backer (Stetten) during the day of the 17th our troops conquered a second line of trenches.

Although the enemy withdrew rapidly before our pursuit we took two officers and forty soldiers and a quantity of rifles, ammunition and other war materials. "Before Tolmino fresh progress was made yesterday, notably on the Santa Lucia Heights, where we continued further entrenchments and made about 200 prisoners, including several officers."

THE AUSTRIAN VERSION OF EVENTS IN WAR ZONES

Vienna, Aug. 18, via London, Aug. 19.—The German forces advancing on Brest-Litovsk have defeated the Russians near Biala, to the west of the fortress, within range of the guns of the stronghold, while a short distance northwest of the fortress the southern bank of the Bug river has been cleared of Russians, according to an official communication made public tonight.

The communication says: "On the 18th, while the German forces advanced along the west bank of the Bug, the troops under command of Lieut. Field Marshal Von Arz repulsed the Russians on both sides of the road from Biala, within range of the fortress artillery of Brest-Litovsk. The surrounding ring on the western bank is closed. "In the area of Janow (about twenty miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk) Archduke Joseph Ferdinand's army has cleared the southern bank of the Bug of the enemy. "On the East Galician front there is nothing of importance to report. "Italian theatre: "Yesterday there was heavy fighting on the front of the coastal district, while the Carinthian frontier territory was proportionately quiet. In Tyrol the enemy's heavy artillery fire continued. "In the Gorizia district four Italian attacks against San Martino were repulsed. Before the Gorizia bridgehead the situation is unchanged, but around the Tolmino bridgehead bitter fighting rages. There also four Italian attacks failed."

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TONIGHT OPERA HOUSE MATINEE TODAY

JERE McAULIFFE and HOMAN MUSICAL CO. IN AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAM Repeating the Big Musical Hit "O'REILLY AT THE CABARET" There Will Be Another Change on Friday Souvenir Photo of Jere McAuliffe to Everybody Friday Matinee and Night SAME LITTLE PRICES

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RAE ELEANOR BALL—Violinist (1) Rondo Capriccioso . . . Saint-Saens (2) Aloha-De . . . Hawaiian Love-Song (3) Caprice de Concert . . . Logun (4) Scotch Airs . . . Variations

The Charles Frohman Estate Presents WILLIAM H. CRANE IN HIS GREAT CHARACTERIZATION "DAVID HARUM" By Edward Noyes Westcott CAST OF CHARACTERS: David Harum, country banker, loves a good horse, etc. . . . Wm. H. Crane Aunt Polly, his motherly sister, good cook, etc. . . . Kate Weeks Mary Blake, heiress and village "crazy" for someone . . . May Allison John Lenson, seat to work in David's office . . . Harold Lockwood Chet Timson, David's clerk, rival in love . . . Hal Clarendon Deacon Perkins, got the better of David in horse trade . . . Guy Nichols

One of the Sweetest, Quaintest and Funniest of Modern Stories

ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY: "The Burgomaster" Luders "The Red Mill" Herbert "Prince of Posen" Luders "Southern Roses Waltzes" Strauss

FRI.—"By the Kaiser's Orders"—Three Reels

STEAMER ON SABLE ISLE IN THE FOG

The "Silver Wings," from New York for Archangel, will be Total Loss—Crew Got Safely Away.

Hullfax, Aug. 18.—Steaming along in a dense fog last night, on her way to Archangel, Russia, from New York, the British steamer Silver Wings ran aground on the treacherous sand bars of Sable Island. The lifeboats were immediately put out, but as the sea was smooth at the time the crew did not have to abandon their ship. Up to a late hour today no further news had been received from the vessel. The government steamer Stanley has gone to render any assistance needed.

The Silver Wings has a gross tonnage of 2,822 tons and is owned by N. Hullett and Company. Owing to the high wind and sea the crew have been obliged to abandon the ship and seek shelter in the life saving station on the island. The steamer is leaking and will probably be a total loss.

The Canadian government steamer Stanley arrived off the island at midnight.

DIED.

ROLSTEN—Suddenly, at her late home, 630 South Street, Roslindale, Matilda Rolsten, widow of Edward Rolsten, formerly of this city, in the 66th year of her age, leaving six daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn. Interment at Brown's Flats, N. B., this Thursday afternoon.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Be sure the signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer is on the wrapper.

HON. J. D. HAZEN ON AN INSPECTION OF ST. LAWRENCE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Hon. J. D. Hazen leaves today on a trip of inspection of the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence in connection with the work of the marine and fisheries and naval departments. The Minister will be accompanied by the chief engineer of the department, and will be absent from Ottawa for about ten days.

SCORE OF BUILDINGS NEAR QUEBEC BRIDGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Oil Stove Explosion Started Blaze Which Rendered Twenty-five Families Homeless.

Quebec, Aug. 18.—Twenty houses were destroyed and twenty-five families were rendered homeless in a fire which broke out at Union Cove, in Sillery Parish, near the Quebec bridge this afternoon.

The blaze originated in the explosion of a coal oil stove, and as the houses are all wooden buildings the flames spread rapidly and could not be stemmed or controlled, owing to the lack of water and fire-fighting apparatus.

Temporary shelter is being provided for the homeless families by neighbors and friends.

H. M. S. KENT IN DOCK AT VALPARAISO, CHILE.

Valparaiso, Chile, Aug. 18.—The British cruiser Kent arrived here yesterday morning and requested of the naval authorities permission to enter the drydock at Talcahuano. The permission was granted, subject to a report of naval surveyors.

The last report previously from the cruiser Kent was on August 7 when with the cruiser Newcastle, she was recorded as arriving at Callao, Peru, and taking on provisions.

FORTY-EIGHT DEAD IN SOUTHERN FLOOD

Continued from page 1. U. S. Army Camp Destroyed.

Washington, Aug. 18.—War Department despatches sent from Texas City to Houston by wireless this morning said the United States army camp there had been destroyed by a tidal wave and high tide which covered the city with three to five feet of water. Troopers were searching for dead and caring for the injured. The storm still raged this morning.

New York, Aug. 18.—Officials of the Mallory and Southern Pacific Steamship Companies said today that they are making every effort to reach Galveston by means of wireless messages relayed through ships now in the gulf.

Suffering in Galveston. Galveston, Texas, Aug. 18.—By wireless from United States transport (Burd)—There is considerable suffering in this city. The water system, lighting system, gas and street car systems are out of commission. There is no drinking water in the city. Three hundred feet of the causeway has been destroyed, all officers classified employees, enlisted men and their families are suffering. This refers to garrison at Fort Crockett.

Houston Flooded. Houston, Texas, Aug. 17. (By mail to Dallas, Aug. 18.)—Though only one person, a negro, lost his life, Houston has sustained a loss estimated at from two to five million dollars in the worst tropical on the Texas coast. Not a single business house, not a single residence, escaped damage, and at 4:30 o'clock this morning, when the storm reached its height, the barometer fell to 28.21, said to be not far from the lowest barometer reading ever known. At that time the wind attained the velocity of ninety miles an hour.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 18.—A relief party just returned here from Virginia Point, between here and Galveston, reports between twenty-five and thirty deaths at that point. One hundred persons are marooned, without food, on Rodfish Bar, near Virginia Point.

Soldiers Drowned. Dallas, Texas, Aug. 18.—A special to the Dallas Times-Herald from Houston says eighteen lives have been lost at Texas City, including twelve United States soldiers, seven at La Porto, three at Lynchburg and three at Houston.

Galveston, Aug. 18. (By courier to Houston and railroad wire to Dallas)—Fourteen lives were lost in Galveston in the terrific storm which swept the city Monday and Tuesday. Four of

VICTIMS OF THE SUBMARINE WAR

London, Aug. 18.—The British steamer Bony, of 2,702 tons gross, and the Spanish steamer Isidoro, 2,044 tons gross, have been sunk. Twenty-one of the crew of the former vessel and eight of the latter were picked up.

The trawler George also was sunk. Her crew was saved. London, Aug. 18.—The British steamer Magpie of Preston, 284 gross tons, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

London, Aug. 18.—The British steamer Thornfield, 488 tons gross, of Liverpool, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

WHAT BERLIN ANNOUNCES ABOUT ROYAL EDWARD

Claims 3,000 Men Went Down But British Admiralty Places Number at 1,000.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—(By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following despatch from Athens: "The transport sunk by a German submarine in the Aegean Sea belonged to the Peninsular and Oriental Company. She carried 3,000 troops and sank in four minutes."

The foregoing apparently refers to the sinking of the British transport Royal Edward, an account of which was given by the British Admiralty yesterday. The Admiralty statement placed the number of military officers and troops on board as 1,382 and gave the number of the crew as 220. Out of the total of 1,602 on board about 600 were known to have been saved, the Admiralty announced.

BRYAN'S SON-IN-LAW IS "MENTIONED IN ORDERS" Washington, Aug. 18.—Information reached Washington today that Captain R. E. Owen, British Royal Engineers, son-in-law of William Jennings Bryan, had been "mentioned in orders" by Sir Ian Hamilton, British commander at the Dardanelles, for distinguished gallantry in action.

KILLED BY MAD BULL. London, Ont., Aug. 18.—A year-and-a-half old daughter of David Webster, a farmer of the village of Appin, west of here, was killed by an infuriated bull on her father's farm last evening.

the dead were United States soldiers. Storm Abates at Houston. Houston, Texas, Aug. 18. (Via courier to Bremont, Texas.)—Two persons dead and property damage estimated at \$2,000,000 was the toll of the terrific hurricane which swept this city early Tuesday morning and which cut off all wire communication with the outside world. The storm had abated at 10 a. m. today.

The total amount of property damage to the storm-swept communities of the Southeast Texas coast is estimated at \$30,000,000. With large sections of the district yet unheard from, the total death list is more than 100.

HIGH TIME IN BERLIN

Kovno's Fall Observed by Bell Ringings and Salvo of Fifty "Victory" Shots.

London, Aug. 18.—Fidings of the fall of the Russian fortress of Kovno were greeted in Berlin by a salvo of fifty "victory" shots at noon today in the Lustgarten. All the church bells in the capital rang at the same time.

This information was contained in a telegram received in Amsterdam from Berlin, and transmitted to London by Reuter's Telegram Company.

ADMIRALTY SILENT AS TO CANADIANS ON TORPEDOED TRANSPORT

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—A cablegram from the Militia Department to the Admiralty asking whether there were any Canadians on board the Royal Edward has so far brought no response. Colonel Casrarin, brother of the postmaster general is in the Army Medical Corps, and was recently transferred to a British unit for service in the Dardanelles. This has led to some anxiety on the part of his relatives, but there is no information about him.

LONDON POLICE RAID QUARTERS OF LABOR PARTY

London, Aug. 18.—Under government instructions the police yesterday made raids in London and Southford of the offices and headquarters of the Independent Labor party, the Labor Leader, and the Socialist Review. Every copy of these publications, and in addition hundreds of pamphlets issued by the Independent Labor Party, dealing with the labor problems arising from the war were seized. No arrests were made.

CANADA SHOULD SEND 500,000 MEN TO FRONT, SAYS ONTARIO PREMIER

Woodstock, Ont., Aug. 18.—N. W. Rowell, K. C., Ontario Liberal leader, in a patriotic address at the laying of the corner stone of a new Methodist

A Contest for Boy Scouts

Valuable Scouting Book as Prize

Here is quite a new contest, and one in which I trust a great number of scouts will take part. Choose the name of any man who has become famous during the war, and make a sentence, the words of which commence with the letters in his name, in their correct order. Here is an example of what I mean: "Admiral Sturdee"—Seeing Troublesome Underwater Raiders, Drove Everyone Eastward.

I will give a valuable scouting book to the sender of what I consider the best sentence. Send the scouts' contest coupon, correctly filled in, with your sentence, to Scout Editor, The Standard, St. John, N. B. All attempts must reach this office by August 19th, 1915.

STANDARD COMPETITION For Boy Scouts.

Full Name Address Name of Patrol

Next week I shall announce quite a new kind of contest. Look out for it.

METAGAMA IN ENGLAND WITH CANADIAN TROOPS

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—It is officially announced that the steamship Metagama from Canada, arrived in England on Wednesday the 18th instant. She had on board the following troops: Fifth Field Artillery Brigade and Seventh Field Artillery Brigade. Also Army Medical Corps, a detail of six officers and one hundred and four non-commissioned officers and men; a detail of Winnipeg Highlanders, two officers and one hundred men; eleven officers and ten non-commissioned officers and men of various units.

church at Lakeside, north of here, this afternoon, declared that there was no reason why Canada should not, proportionately, take as big a part in the present war as Great Britain and stated that on this basis the Dominion should send 500,000 troops to the front. The speaker also expressed the opinion that the women of Canada were responding individually to a greater extent than the men.

BIG STRIKE ENDED. Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 18.—The strike of nearly 4,000 women and girl operators at Warners Brothers corset factory ended tonight. The firm granted the eight hour work day, and the company's compromise offer of twelve and a half per cent. increase in wages, was accepted.