

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 Ostrowetz, but south of that they are being pressed from the northeast by General Von Schell and Von Gallwitz, and from the west by Archduke Leopold, who has crossed the Bug river and is approaching the Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok 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.

German "Zepps" Again Raid England.

While fighting to crush the Russian army the Germans are finding time for minor activities in other fields. Last night they carried out their seventeenth air raid on England, visiting eastern counties, where they dropped bombs which, according to the official communication, killed ten and injured thirty-six civilians. As in the last raid the Admiralty reports that

STEAMER ON SABLE ISLE IN THE FOG

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

Halifax, 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. Hulet 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, Rosindale, 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 Plots, N. B., this Thursday afternoon.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson

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 release 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 new 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 Southern, which was diverted into Kirkwall 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 Gothenburg.

FORTY-EIGHT DEAD IN SOUTHERN FLOOD

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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 Bufo)—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 safe. 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

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.

"In the Valley of Packer (Sexten) 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 conquered 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 stroudhold, 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."

VICTIMS OF THE SUBMARINE WAR

London, Aug. 18.—The British steamer Bonny, 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 Maggie 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 belonging 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. Owens, 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 Appleton, 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.

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

THE EMPEROR'S SPY

Thanbouser stirring drama of the inner workings of the German Spy System vividly portrayed and splendidly produced

LYRIC
SENSATIONAL ECHOES FROM A BIG CIRCUS
THE DARING TWO THE AERIAL BARBOURS
In Surprising Feats on the Flying Rings THRILLING MOMENTS A PLENTY
MON.—Watch for special feature

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RELIANCE PROBLEM PLAY
"AT THE BOTTOM OF THINGS"
Sensational! Interesting and Different
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Keystone Latest Ideas in Farce Comedy.

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"MERELY A MARRIED MAN"

AMERICAN Nature Drama
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Presented in Nature's Settings with a Specially Selected Cast
2 Picturesque Acts
An English Comedy Gem
"HOW JIM WON HIS GIRL"

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

Imperial Theatre Today

RAE ELEANOR BALL—Violinist
(1) Rondo Capriccioso . . . Saint-Saens
(2) Aloha-De . . . Hawaiian Love-Song
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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 "cat" for someone . . . May Allison
John Lennox, sent to work in David's office . . . Harold Lockwood
Chet Timson, David's clerk, rival in love . . . Guy Nichols
Deacon Perkins, got the better of David in host trade
One of the Sweetest, Quaintest and Funniest of Modern stories

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

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

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 Warner 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.

Canada Should Send 500,000 Men to Front, Says Ontario Premier