

# Happenings of the World Tersely Told

## European War News

The German offensive in Russia is growing in intensity. Official reports from Berlin, Tuesday, say that the Russians are retreating against their entire line.

It is understood in Berlin that Germany's course with regard to the Arabic case has been decided on, and that it is in line with the recent conciliatory statement by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The Amsterdam Telegram Tuesday quoted a trader from Belgium as authority for the statement that 100 persons were killed during the recent bombardment of Zeebrugge by British ships.

Passengers who arrived at Amsterdam, 2823 a dispatch from Berlin, on the Holland-American steamship Rindam brought a report that a British transport carrying 2,000 Canadian troops was torpedoed on August 15 by the U-boat U-107. It is said that about 1,000 were saved.

A delayed dispatch received at Amsterdam from the Belgian government says that the allies have successfully accomplished an air raid on the German lines at Hilsenpoort. The allied bombers dropped 100 tons of bombs, killing and wounding many soldiers in the German trenches.

After many weeks of freedom from attacks by air, Paris was again assailed by a German aeroplane squadron. The attacks were complete failures. One German machine was destroyed and two aviators burned to death.

According to information from a trustworthy source, the losses of the allies in the attack on the lines of the Anafans landing were very heavy. About 5,000 men were killed, says a dispatch from Constantinople.

Word was received at Amsterdam from Berlin that General von Heeser, commander of Antwerp and Novorossiysk, had been appointed general of the entire occupied Russian territory.

General Polivanov, Russian minister of war, announced at Petrograd that Russia is raising another 2,000,000 men and that the fate of the campaign must be decided before some time next year.

Dispatches to London from Tehran, Persia, announce that the Russian and British consuls and their escorts at Kenghever by an armed band led by M. O. Schumann, German consul, agent at Tabriz. The British suffered some losses.

Grodno is being evacuated. Only sufficient troops to delay the German advance are now in the fortress. Military property has been removed. It was announced at Petrograd.

Olita, a Russian fortress guarding the Niemen river between Kovno and Grodno, has been captured by the Germans, the general staff reported to Berlin.

**Domestic**  
An apparent attempt to wreck a train carrying engine gunpowder to blow up Gary, Ind., was discovered. Fifty feet north of the Army Powder works, three miles from the town, a store of gunpowder was exploded, an effort to derail a train due to leave the works for the East was discovered.

Colonel Goethals is considering a proposition to become city manager of Portland, Ore., at a salary of \$25,000 a year.

A three-funnel British cruiser appeared in the Sandy Hook lightship off New York. At the same time British cruiser of four funnels was seen 15 miles southeast of the lightship.

Seven American citizens were among the 1,914 passengers who sailed from New York for Liverpool on board the Anchor Line Tuscania.

Mrs. Perry Wilson and Mrs. Tillie Jamison were fatally injured. Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson were seriously injured and Perry Wilson and Harry Jamison were badly burned when their automobile struck a traction car east of Kokomo, Ind.

George Gees, a Brooklyn real estate dealer, announced Tuesday that he would hand over a certified check for \$10,000 to Theodore Roosevelt, who latter would shoulder a market and start for France.

Two workmen were instantly killed and considerable damage was done by a boiler explosion at two black powder mills of the Du Pont company in property in the Upper Hagley yards near Wilmington, Del.

With the arrest of 26 Mexicans at San Antonio, Tex., Tuesday the fed authorities announce that a plot was being hatched in the north to start a Mexican revolution and that violence had been frustrated.

Reports received at Grand Rapids, Mich., from Cadillac, Petoskey and Traverse City indicate that the bean, potato and buckwheat crops in northern Michigan were practically ruined by a heavy frost. Grass and stock suffered extensively.

# LETTER FROM STATE CAPITOL

William Howard Taft pleaded the cause of the American Red Cross at exercises celebrating "Red Cross day" at the Pan-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, Cal. He said that the Red Cross has done more for the world in the last few years than any other organization.

Mrs. Sarah Lettice, wife of a detective, was shot and killed while in her husband's office in New York Tuesday. Police believe the motive was to be the work of striking truckmen.

The United States submarine Z-4, submerged outside the harbor at Honolulu since March 28 last, was refloated and towed to the quarantine station in Honolulu bay.

Tom persons are in hospitals and more than 875 were injured or less seriously injured in two elevated railroad collisions in Chicago.

King and Joe Richmond, negroes, were burned to death by a mob in Bradford, Pa., Saturday. A true bill returned by the grand jury.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood replied to the Federal Government by Secretary of War Dyer for allowing former President Roosevelt to address the soldiers at the Plattsburg (N. Y.) military camp. The telegram said: "You are a great leader and your name will be rigidly adhered to."

Dr. Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, bishop of the diocese of Winona, Minn., was shot while in the private chapel of St. Mary's hospital in Chicago by L. M. Lesche, a demoralized priest.

While the race at the Tippecanoe fair grounds was in progress an improvised stand containing 5,000 people collapsed. More than a score were injured.

Walter R. Greenbaum was indicted in Chicago for manslaughter in connection with the sinking of the steamer Eschscholtz. In a true bill returned by the grand jury.

**Personal**  
Paul Armstrong of the playwright, died suddenly at his home in New York Tuesday from an attack of heart disease.

John D. Long, former secretary of the navy, and former governor of Massachusetts, died at his home in Hingham, Mass. Mr. Long was suffering from a heart ailment. He was 70 years of age.

Miss Marcia Murdock, daughter of former Congressman and Mrs. Victor Murdock, was married at Wichita, Kan., on August 14.

Russell G. Woodward, recognized as the leading inventor of sewing machines in the world, died at his home in New York Tuesday at the age of 87.

**Foreign**  
The Russian cabinet is to be increased by ten members with the purpose of making the government more representative.

American business men in Germany are taking the gloomiest view of the fate of great quantities of goods stored for export to the Germans. The loss will amount to billions, says a dispatch from Berlin.

King Gustav had a narrow escape from serious injury at Jernu, Sweden. As he was entering his car to proceed to Stockholm the train started with a sudden jerk, throwing him down.

The liner Baltic arrived safely at Liverpool, says a dispatch received from the New York office of the country. The New York August 18, carrying 10,000 tons of goods which consisted of war munitions and automobile trucks.

Assurances were received in Washington Tuesday that Great Britain will release for shipment to this country a large quantity of German and Austrian munitions. The release was definitely settled, it was announced at Washington.

Figures made public by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce at Washington show that American exports to the fiscal year ended June 30 last, totalled \$1,200,000,000, an increase of \$210,000,000 for the United Kingdom, the next largest exporter. This was an increase of 17 per cent over the United States.

The federal government began an investigation Tuesday of the wrecking of numerous plantations in the United States. Officials believe that an organized plot exists for the destruction of numerous plantations in the manufacture of war munitions.

The interstate commerce commission has proposed the big railroads in the southwest to increase rates on packing house products, fresh meats and poultry. The commission has proposed a 25 per cent increase in the rate on these commodities.

**Mexican Revolt**  
More than 100,000 rounds of ammunition and 64 cases of rifles, held up for weeks at Los Angeles on suspicion that they were intended for a Mexican filibuster expedition, were released for shipment to Carranza agents.

Official dispatches to the state department at Washington said General Hernandez, Villa's commander at Icaques, near Matamoros, had been killed and lost part of his staff in a recent battle with Carranza troops.

# 4 MEN DROWNED AT GRAND RAPIDS

THREE MEMBERS OF NEWSPAPER STAFF AND ONE OTHER DIED IN WATER.

TRYING NEW POWER BOAT

Two Are Rescued and Tell Story of How Pleasure Ride in Speed Craft Was Turned Into Tragedy.

Grand Rapids Press editorial staff, Press-Journal city editor, Arthur C. West, county house editor, Paul Harvey Smith, of the Grand Rapids Press, and two other men were drowned Tuesday at Grand Rapids when they plunged into the water as the power boat Edna II, careened in a turn.

Timinkham, political writer for the Press, and Louis Delamarre, secretary of the Grand Rapids Street Railway company, members of the party.

The newspapermen had accepted an invitation from Delamarre to take a ride in the new power boat, which had a speed of 40 miles an hour.

According to Timinkham the party left the main landing at the lake with Delamarre handling the engine and Smith at the controls.

"Delamarre was crowding," the thrill was making terrific speed when Smith tried to make a sharp turn," Timinkham said. "The boat overturned, thinking it was about to capsize, all stood up and plunged into the water. The boat continued on its way, but the men were laughing and several joked lightly about the antics the boat was putting on its dives and loops.

Smith and Delamarre were at least two hundred yards from shore and that the water was fully 50 feet deep under them. That remark was made by Harvey Smith, a member of the party.

"I struck out for shore, assisting West, who knew little of the water and how to release it. West, who had placed his hands on my back. An instant later his hold was released and he fell into the water.

That was the end of the party. Mr. Harvey Smith, who had been the steersman, approached in a row boat. He reached Timinkham first and he struggled to get him out of the water. Mr. Smith could row the boat to them they had disappeared.

**GRAVEL ROAD IS FAVORED**

State Highway Commissioners Discuss Cost of Proposed Road.

Lansing—State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers discussing Monday the proposed highway from Detroit to Grand Rapids, said he did not believe that concrete should be used the entire length of the road.

A distance of approximately 200 miles of road would be covered by concrete for the construction of a mile of concrete highway, 16 feet in width is \$14,000, and the yearly cost of maintenance after construction is \$109 per mile, he said.

"With the exception of about 10 miles, state road will soon be gravel roads," he said. "The Detroit, within a few days, will be the distance between Detroit and Grand Rapids will be paved by state road work."

Secretary Burkart of the state board of health said that well developed cases of tuberculosis have been found in other state institutions and he claims that it would not be surprising to find the disease in the industrial school were not afflicted.

It is the contention of the state board of health that a physician should be in charge of the industrial school for boys who will devote his entire time to that institution.

Under the present system local physicians are retained at a small salary and wherever there is a case that demands medical attention he is called to the institution.

It has been suggested by a member of the state board of health that a young physician be employed who will devote his entire time to the industrial school for boys. He has been making an investigation of the industrial school for boys who has proposed a radical change in the administration of affairs at that institution.

Deputy Game Warden Philip Hoff has prepared a list of "lost" for the benefit of the hunters of Michigan. Deputy Hoff says:

"We hope to conduct an educational campaign in every county, so as we can get to them. Names will be sent out in advance who will find the tuberculosis cases and leave instruction as to care and treatment. This provides at once for the immediate relief and first treatment of a large number of cases. The local authorities must be made to see and feel their responsibility in caring for these people."

After September 1 motion picture theatre owners in Michigan must remove all signs of "lost" for the benefit of the hunters of Michigan. Deputy Hoff says:

"There has been considerable trouble experienced of late by the state, relative to certain Chicago, Detroit and Milwaukee firms who have been for years taking sand and gravel from the great lakes. Proceedings have been instituted by the state to stop the practice and now those firms are trying to evade the state law by obtaining permission from the riparian owners to take sand and gravel from the lakes. This is illegal, says the attorney general.

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