

GERMAN IN GIANTIC OFFENSIVE

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Land, Sea and Air Drives to Influence Balkan Neutrals.

POWERFUL ASSAULT ON YPRES

Mackenzien Tries to Batter Russ Out of Galicia.

Von Tirpitz Sedulously Combs Waters of "War Zone."

London, June 5.—With every resource at his command, the Kaiser is now striking his mightiest blows against the ring of enemies encircling his empire.

A powerful German offensive has been launched against the British at Ypres. From the region of Hooge, the Germans have renewed their bombardment of the old Flanders town preparatory to a general assault and attempt to break the British front.

German submarines are combing the waters of the Von Tirpitz "war zone." They have sunk at least seventeen merchant ships and four neutrals in the last 48 hours.

In Galicia, General Mackenzien is pressing on in a desperate attempt to crush the Russians and drive them out of Galicia by rapid hammering strokes.

In Russian Courland, in southeastern Poland, north of Armas and at several other sectors of their battle front, the Germans are driving hard against enemy positions.

The greatest activity is reported around German air bases. Both London and Paris have made ready to meet concentrated attacks from the skies. They expect the Zeppelins before the end of another week.

Some think that an attempt to influence the Balkan neutrals is back of this gigantic air raid. It is a universal belief here that Germany has seized upon the present moment, as the most advantageous for a suggestion of "lightning strikes."

Gigantic Assault at Ypres. Dispatches from Amsterdam and The Hague, and official communications.

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ROBS GIRL BANKER

Youth Gets Cash From Fair Cashier in K. C. Suburb.

Thief, Overhauled by Posse, Gets 20 Years in Pen.

Kansas City, Mo., June 5.—After he had held up and robbed Martha Self, 18 years old, assistant cashier of the People's State bank of Dodson, and forced her to give him \$204 of the bank's money, a man giving his name as Luther Afton, 19, of Merrick, Ok., was captured near here today.

The girl was alone in the bank, which is in a suburb of Kansas City, when the young man entered. He pointed a revolver at her and ordered her to give him the money. At first Miss Self laughed at him and then handed him a double handful of silver dollars. These he refused.

The girl parleyed with him a moment to gain time, and then complied with his demand for currency.

As the robber reached the door the girl screamed. Immediately a number of citizens, armed with weapons ranging from shotguns to pickaxes, gathered and pursued the robber, finally catching him in a chicken yard.

An hour later Afton pleaded guilty in the criminal court to robbery in the first degree and was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

The same bank was robbed eight months ago, the robber escaping with more than \$100 in gold, silver and currency, after locking the former assistant cashier in a vault.

KAISER SEES ARCHDUKE

Joins in Celebration of Austrian Field Marshal's Birthday.

Berlin, June 5.—Emperor William arrived at the headquarters of Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, the Austrian commander-in-chief, yesterday, to take part in the celebration of the archduke's birthday. The visit was made the occasion of rejoicing at the fall of Przemysl. Emperor or William was greeted everywhere by wildly enthusiastic crowds.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; cooler.

COALITION GOVERNMENT IS ASSURED IN HUNGARY

London, June 5.—The Exchange Telegraph company has published a dispatch from Vienna, received by way of Manchester, stating it is now virtually certain that a coalition government is to be formed in Hungary.

Some of the ministers of the opposition will be given leading positions.

AMERICANS IN LONDON ARE WARNED TO FLEE THE CITY

London, June 5.—Several American residents of London today informed Robert P. Skinner, the American consul general here, that last night they received anonymous telephone calls warning them to get out of London with their families at once. Among those thus notified was M. K. Shaler, a member of the American Belgian relief committee, who told by an unknown voice over the telephone not to stir from his home during the night and furthermore to fill the bathtubs in his house with water.

For several days reports have been in circulation in London that all American women here had been warned to leave England by June 5. According to this report the American embassy had been requested by Berlin to issue a warning of this nature. Investigation brought the information that the ambassador had received no such request.

RAID ON BRITAIN

Hostile Airships Attack East and Southeast Coasts.

Little Damage; Casualties Believed To Be Few.

London, June 5.—Hostile airships dropped bombs on the east and southeast coasts of England last night. Little damage was done and the casualties were few.

The bombs were thrown down at a number of different places which have not as yet been enumerated.

This information is contained in an official statement given out here today.

Official announcement was made tonight that in the previous Zeppelin raid over London, last Monday night, six persons were killed. An official statement on the day following Monday gave the number of deaths as four.

Harding insisted he had acted in behalf of the public interest and the fact that Moore and Reid were large clients of his was a mere coincidence.

Commissioner Clements asked Harding if the receivership could have been avoided if the Rock Island had not been compelled since 1902 to pay \$45,000,000 as dividends on the stocks and bonds of the holding company.

Harding's opinion was that it was a "bubble" burst.

ANSWER YES OR NO

Wilson Note Leaves No Room for Half-Way Reply.

President Puts the Finishing Touches on Inflexible Paper.

Washington, June 5.—President Wilson was today putting the finishing touches on his latest note to Germany concerning the United States position. It already had been approved in principle by the cabinet.

All that was needed today to start the communication on its way to Berlin was the making of minor changes in phraseology.

While the main principles of the note were approved at the cabinet session yesterday, the president today had not completed its exact phraseology. Officials generally, therefore, did not know how emphatic its terms would be, but the general impression in executive quarters was that it was phrased in such a way as to admit only of an affirmative or negative answer to the query of the United States as to Germany's intention to exercise the right of visit and search when encountering unarmed merchantmen on the high seas.

Secretary Bryan would only say that when the note actually goes forward to Berlin, the fact would be made public. He said he did not know.

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FAKE RACE GANG?

Police Say They Got Leaders of Wire Tapping Syndicate.

Operations in Excelsior Springs Extend to Many Cities.

Kansas City, June 5.—Through the arrest of seven persons in various parts of the county, the police of Kansas City today announced they believed they have discovered the leaders of a syndicate which has been swindling numbers of persons in the large cities of the country by means of a fraudulent racing and wire tapping scheme.

Woman in Quarry. Three men, arrested here, gave the names of Walter Harrison, Omaha, Neb.; Harry Stanhope, Philadelphia, and L. V. Obrien, Meriden, Miss.

The local police say two men and a woman are being held in connection with the syndicate by the Denver police, and one man in Philadelphia.

In the pockets of the men arrested here, the police say they found racing forms and tickets, rolls of imitation money, and newspaper clipping telling of enormous winnings on race tracks.

Operate in Larger Cities. It is asserted the band has maintained headquarters in Excelsior Springs, with connections in the larger cities.

The arrests were made on complaint of J. W. Klinkerman of Las Animas, Colo., who asserts he lost \$8,000.

SOOS HERE TODAY.

Indians and Savages Open Series at W. L. Park.

Josh Clark and his Sioux City Indians arrived in town this morning, and this afternoon they opened a four game series at Western League park with the Savages. This afternoon's game was started at 3:30 o'clock. Sunday's game will begin at 3 o'clock.

Manager Jackson announced before the game began that he would use his groom pitcher, Animal Dashner.

BANKER DENIES OUTLAW TACTICS IN ROCK ISLAND

Dividends on Stocks of Holding Company "Minor Matter."

Great Outlay Not Concerned With Receivership, He Says.

BLAME IS PLACED ON LAWS

High Taxes and Dear Material Hit Coiffers Hard.

Untermyer Prods Harding Over Change in Directorate.

Washington, June 5.—The Rock Island railway receivership, and changes in the directorate which accompanied it, were the subject of further testimony today at the interstate commerce commission investigation of the road's financial affairs.

Samuel Untermyer, representing N. Delano, deputy president-general. This association will constitute a national reserve corps of aviators and in times of war will volunteer for service under Uncle Sam.

Branches of the association will be established in many of the important cities of the country. It is believed that 25,000 aviators will join in a month. Fifteen hundred service stations will be arranged and a systematic organization will be perfected that undoubtedly will be of great aid to the nation in case the Bryan "peace bubble" bursts.

Phil Billard was asked this morning whether or not he intended to join the association. "I have been asked to join," he said, "but have not had time to look into the matter thoroughly."

Mr. Longren made the statement that he probably would not become connected with the association, but would volunteer in active service if needed.

Longren is today testing out his new machine, which he will use in exhibition flights and which is doubly interesting in that these flights will demonstrate bomb dropping. Furthermore, Longren will fly over Topeka and drop imitation bombs to show what the people of Europe are getting used to.

The new machine is equipped with a 7-cylinder French Gnome motor. Several new features have also been added. The oil tank, holding 18 gallons, is located beneath the planes. It is a lighter craft than the old Longren aeroplane and is almost a counterpart, in many respects, of some of the French war vessels of the skies.

42 ARE INDICTED

U. S. Commissioner Caught in Grand Jury Net.

Many Officials Accused in Texas Election Frauds.

Corpus Christi, Tex., June 5.—Forty-two persons, including United States Commissioner T. E. Southgate, officials of Nueces county, and the local chief of police, were indicted here today by the federal grand jury on charges of "conspiring to corrupt an election."

The grand jury has been investigating the elections held here last November.

BIG BATTLE IS ON

Italian Alpinists Advancing on Fortress Revereto.

Second Roman Army Pushes Up Adige to City.

Rome, June 5.—The battle of Revereto has begun. Italian Alpinists and Bersaglieri are advancing on the Austrian fortress town from the south and southeast. Austrian guns, captured when the Italians took Monte Zugno by assault, have begun bombarding the city from a great height.

A second Italian army is operating with the forces that pushed rapidly up the Adige to the attack upon Revereto. It is making its way along the mountain path overlooking Val Arsa. The advance guard of this second force is less than eight miles from Revereto.

Elsewhere the fiercest fighting is taking place upon the slopes of Monte Terzo, and an official report from General Cardona today said the battle for the ridge continues with the losses on both sides heavier than in any other action. The Italians are making progress, but the character of the enemy's defenses make it necessary to sacrifice lives.

TOPEKANS TO FLY

In Case of War Local Aviators Plan to Enlist.

Phil Billard and A. K. Longren With Aerial Corps.

BOTH CLEVER AND DARING

Have Made Scores of Flights Throughout State.

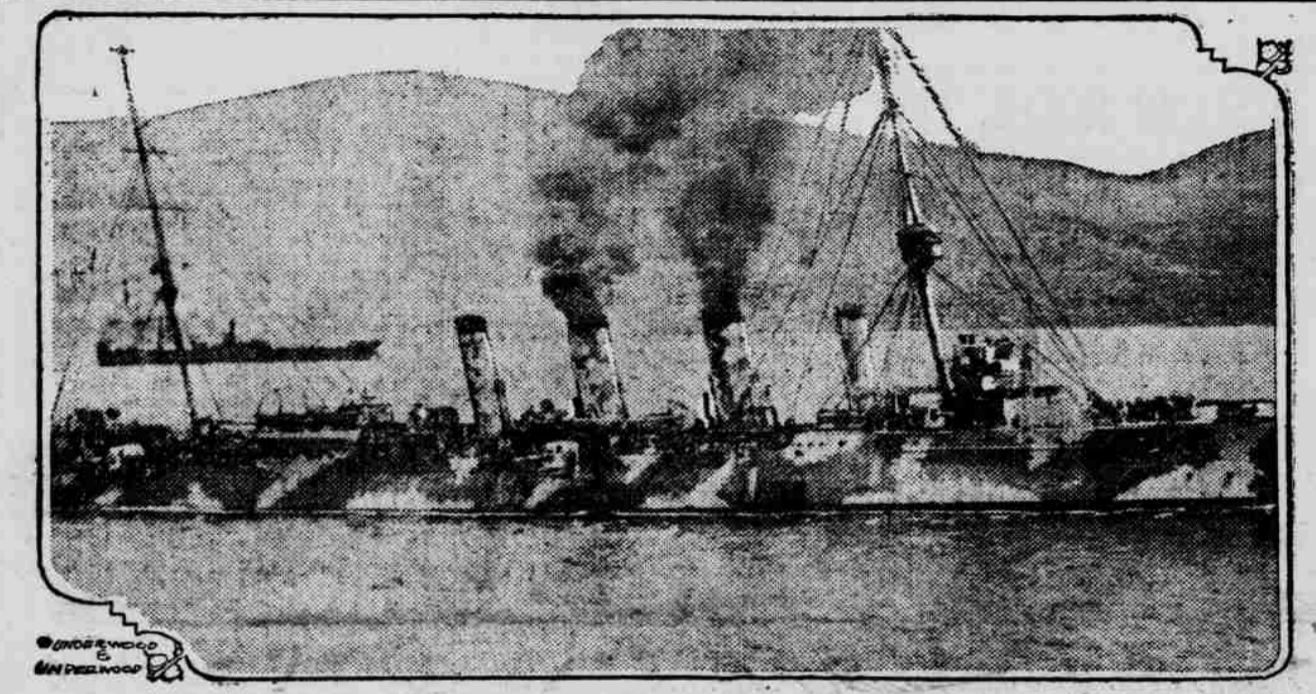
Longren Will Try Bomb Dropping in New Machine.

In case the United States engages in war with either Germany or Mexico, Topeka will be well represented in the aviation corps. Phil Billard is planning to join the Aero-Military Service federation, which is being organized rapidly all over the United States.

A. K. Longren will not join the association, as his time is taken up exclusively with exhibition flights, but if war is declared he will be on duty with his "bomb-dropping craft."

The Aero-Military Service federation was organized in New York City a few days ago. August Belmont was elected president-general and Mortimer

BATTLESHIPS IN DARDANELLES DECKED IN NEW WAR PAINT



British Battleship Covered With the New War Paint in the Dardanelles. The success with which the allied ships are slowly making their way up the Dardanelles is due in some measure to the new disguise which the allies have discovered for the vessels. This disguise is a new "dapple" war paint which in a rough sea makes the ships appear at a distance a part of the waves and sky.

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DAILY LEAGUE HERE.

Newspaper Men of Kansas Dailies Hold Session in Topeka Today.

Fifteen newspaper men, representing the Daily League of Kansas Newspapers, are in Topeka today, in a meeting called to discuss problems of interest to the organization.

The league is meeting with Merle Thorpe, dean of the school of journalism of Kansas university, to hear a report of his eastern investigation concerning foreign advertising. The newspaper men are talking over, also, the provisions of the law concerning state-wide industrial and commercial surveys, passed by the 1915 legislature.

Several of the well known Kansas editors are in attendance, including Charles F. Scott, ex-congressman, of the Iola Register.

Those early today for the meeting: Merle Thorpe, K. U. department of journalism; Roy Bailey, Salina Journal; John Mack, Newton Republican; W. Y. Morgan, Hutchinson News; Harry Montgomery, Junction City Union; Herbert Cavanaugh, Chanute Tribune; Charles F. Scott, Iola Register; A. M. Clapp, Fort Scott Tribune; George Marble, Fort Scott Tribune; Doc Moore, Pittsburg Headlight; Dei Deputy, Manhattan Nationalist.

The newspaper men met in the grey room of the State Journal building. They were the guests of Frank P. MacLennan for luncheon at the Topeka Commercial club quarters.

BERCHTOLD AS DRIVER

Former Foreign Minister Offers Services in War as Chauffeur.

Vienna, June 5.—Count Leopold von Berchtold, formerly Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has offered his services in the Italian campaign as a volunteer automobilist.

In the hope that he will be able to accompany his son to the front, the count is learning to be a chauffeur.

KANSAS TO HAVE BEST SYSTEM OF DIRT ROADS IN U.S.

Revenue From Automobile Licenses Will Be \$270,000.

Equal to One Dragging of More Than 360,000 Miles.

FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER

Chance for 240 Highways, North-South, East-West.

No District in Union With Such an Improvement Plan.

Results From Auto License. Net revenue to road funds.....\$270,000 Equal one dragging—miles..... 360,000 Equals five dragings—miles..... 72,000 or State wide east and west roads.... 120 State wide north and south roads.... 120

With practical use of the revenue from the state automobile license fund

the money realized by the state from its automobile license fund goes directly into the counties where the machines are owned after deducting the small expense for handling the work in the secretary of state's office. Seventy-five cents from each automobile license is deducted to meet office expense, postage and purchase of tags. Fifty cents is deducted from the motorcycle license, leaving \$4.25 to be returned to the county in which the automobile is located and \$1.50 from each motorcycle license. It is after deducting the expense of handling the

U. S. BOYS TO WAR

Washington Probes Recruiting of American Youth.

Britain Suspected of Violating Shipping Agreement.

Boston, Mass., June 5.—Alleged recruiting of American young men for the military forces of Great Britain, is the subject of an investigation begun by federal officials here.

According to a cablegram from the United States consul general at London, which was included in a message sent by Secretary Bryan to Congressman Peter F. Tague of this city, at least fifteen youths have been enlisted in violation of an agreement with the United States shipping laws.

These and other cases are being inquired into, it is understood.

RIVERS ARE HIGH

Heavy Rains Are General Over the State.

Railway Traffic Is Delayed at Many Points.

Rains in the last forty-eight hours have caused rivers and streams to overflow, bridges to wash out and have delayed railway traffic. All government boats reported from a trace of moisture to 1.28 inches at Anthony with the exception of Manhattan, Scott City and Wichita, where there was no rain.

Rivers and streams in southern Kansas Friday night and this morning were raging torrents. Residents of towns along the Arkansas river south of Wichita prepared to vacate their homes.

This morning the stage of the Solomon at Beloit was 23.8 feet. Bank full stage is 16 feet.

The Republican river at Clay Center was 10.4 feet, a rise of five-tenths of a foot since Friday. Bank full stage is 18 feet. The Blue at Blue Rapids today was 5.1 feet, a 2.4 foot fall since Friday. The bank full stage is 14 feet. The Smoky Hill at Abilene was 9.1 feet which is little change over Friday. Bank full stage is 22 feet.

There is no chance of the Kaw river's rising at Topeka to a marked degree. The stage today at Wamego was 7.9 feet, which was a rise of but one-tenth of a foot since Friday. The Kaw at Topeka was twelve feet even today as against 12.4 feet at 5 o'clock Friday evening.

It was reported today that eight persons were injured in a tornado which swept Barton, Russell and Osborne counties Friday. Much property damage was done and the wind was 65 or 70 degrees above normal, which in some localities reached almost cloudburst proportions.

Cloudy and cooler weather is scheduled for tonight and Sunday.

The temperature Friday night was the highest in more than ten nights. The minimum at 5 o'clock this morning was 65 or 70 degrees above normal for this date. The weather was sultry today.

The weather in Kansas today was good for the corn. The temperature was three degrees above normal at Topeka. This afternoon the wind was fourteen miles an hour from the south.

The hourly readings: 7 o'clock.... 89 11 o'clock.... 79 8 o'clock.... 71 12 o'clock.... 80 9 o'clock.... 74 1 o'clock.... 82 10 o'clock.... 76 2 o'clock.... 83

ALLIES FIGHT AS ONE.

To Take No Independent Action of Any Kind in War.

Tokio, June 5.—Foreign Minister Kato, interpellated in the house of peers, today, by the budget committee, made the declaration that Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Japan had agreed to take no independent action of any kind in connection with the European war.

FRENCH TANK STEAMER TO "MOTHER" SUBMARINE

New York, June 5.—A French tank steamer designed to mount a submarine reached this port today from Bordeaux. The vessel is fitted with opening bows through which the submarine may enter.

When the submarine is in position in the ship's interior, the bows are closed and the steamer is then ready to sail to a change for the submarine at distant points wherever desired.

The steamer is the first of three vessels of her type built and building. She is named the Kangaroo.

KING HAS RELAPSE

Another Operation Necessary on Constantine of Greece.

Surgeons Compelled to Remove One or More Ribs.

Athens, June 5.—Announcement was made today that King Constantine of Greece has had a change for the worse and that another operation on his majesty is necessary.

The operation will necessitate the removal of one or more of the king's ribs. The temperature of the patient last evening was 99.6; pulse, 102; respiration, 20.

The king has been suffering from pleurisy for several weeks and his condition has been far from satisfactory. He underwent an operation the latter part of May, after which he suffered a relapse.

King Constantine's wife is a sister of Emperor William of Germany.

NOTE JOINS VILLA AND CARRANZA

Possibility of Rapprochement Discussed by Mexicans.

Bandit Leader Sends Envoy to Old Chief's Agent.

PEACE ON REPUBLIC'S HORIZON

Unofficial Messages Say Carranza Takes Appeal Kindly.

Promised Friendly Reply Gives Washington Hope.

El Paso, Tex., June 5.—The possibility that President Wilson's recent note to Mexican leaders might result in a rapprochement between General Carranza and General Villa was being discussed in Mexican circles here today.

It was stated authoritatively at the suggestion of a high Villa official on the border, a request has gone to Elisio Aredondo, the Carranza representative at Washington, to outline some basis for an understanding.

Carranza is friendly.

Washington, June 5.—Unofficial advice received here from Vera Cruz saying that General Carranza would reply favorably to President Wilson's statement calling upon the heads of the warring factions in Mexico to restore peace in the southern republic gave renewed hope to administration officials today of ultimate solution of the problem.

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