

GERMANS STOPPED AT RIGA; SILENCE ON OTHER FRONTS

(By United Press.)

TEUTON ADVANCE ABOUT RIGA CHECKED BY SLAVS

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—The Russian artillery fire has checked the Germans' advance in the Riga region. The Slavs admittedly have retired across the Galician frontier east of Brody on the southern extremity of the battlefield. They are holding firmly in the crucial northern engagement. East of Grodno the Slav center is bending inward. This retirement is along prearranged plans. Northwest of Friederichstadt the Germans vainly attempted to postpone the Drina river. The Russian shells smashed the pontoons.

CZAR TAKES SLAV ARMY COMMAND FROM GRAND DUKE

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—It was officially announced that Grand Duke Nicholas has superseded in command of the Slav army by the Czar. Grand Duke Nicholas has been appointed viceroy of the Caucasus.

VON TIRPITZ WONT QUIT GRAND ADMIRALTY

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz will not resign. Official denial of the rumors of friction between Von Tirpitz and other leaders over submarine was made. Von Tirpitz is on a vacation.

RAILROAD JUNCTION FALLS TO TEUTONS

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—The Germans have captured Volhovyak, an important railway junction 45 miles south-east of Grodno, according to official announcement.

ASKS IF GERMANY HAS NEWS OF HESPERIAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The state department has asked Ambassador Gerard to ascertain if Germany is informed regarding the circumstances surrounding the torpedoing of the Hesperian. It was explained that the query is not a request on Berlin to make a report, but only a step to learn if anything may be expected from German sources.

ARABIC SUBMARINE REPORTED RETURNED

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—A Berlin dispatch says the Arabic submarine has returned to its base. The commander reported he torpedoed the Arabic to escape possible attack. It was at first reported that the British sank the Arabic submarine.

ELLERMAN LINER DAILY PREY OF SUBMARINE

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The German submarine the Ellerman liner Duoro. The crew was rescued.

DAUGHERTY ENGAGED BY AIRSHIP BUILDERS

Eari Daugherty, aviator at the recent county fair, has been engaged by agents of the allies in the European war to go to Chicago to superintend the building of aeroplanes for a big concern that has a contract for nearly a million dollars' worth of aircraft. Daugherty's brilliant flights have been exceeded by his genius in the manufacture of flyers of various kinds. He owns various patents on

planes. His ability in designing and making cars for use in the air attracted the attention of the big Chicago firm, and secured his services as chief tester and first assistant designer of the machines, which are to go to England, France and Belgium. Fifty of the planes will be light machines, equipped with 50-horsepower engines. These will be used for scouting purposes. Another 50 machines will be built for four passengers and to carry machine guns and bombs. All will be somewhat along the lines of the machines turned out by Daugherty in Chicago last fall.

10 KILLED IN ZEPPELIN RAID ON EAST COAST

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Ten were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid, it was officially announced. Three others are missing. It is believed they are hurt and in debris. Following the usual policy the location of the attacked territory was not announced.

FOUR ZEPPELINS. AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8.—Four Zeppelins are believed to have participated in last night's air raid on the English east coast. Outlying Dutch garrisons fired on a Zeppelin heading in a southwesterly direction fearing the dirigible intended to violate Dutch neutrality. Three others were sighted over Dordrecht.

ENEMY AVIATORS DROP WREATHS OF CONDOLENCE

PARIS, Sept. 8.—German taubes crossed the French lines near Nancy and dropped wreaths and messages of condolence for the family of Captain Pequet de Latouche, noted French aviator killed by three German flyers Monday. French aviators arose and pursued the Germans. The latter escaped. A hundred French aviators marched at Latouche's funeral. The body was carried on the chassis of a dismantled aeroplane. French aviators hurled 60 bombs into the German air camps at Medard and Dieuse. British air forces landed Ostend. The Germans made an air raid on Nancy and the Plateau Malzeville.

WELSH MINERS STRIKE OVER NONUNIONISTS

CARDIFF, Sept. 8.—The South Wales coal miners again have struck. Thirty-five hundred quit at two collieries protesting the employment of non-union men. The government believed the labor difficulties were settled. Further conferences between the miners and government representatives are planned. The government has showed an inclination to meet the men halfway to avoid trouble. Residents in the vicinity of Stratford Shoal, New York, probably will not be pleased to learn that the government has just spent \$6000 making the fog horn at that point much louder.

TRUSTEES RECEIVE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports of the city officials occupied the time of the city trustees last night. With the granting of two building permits this constituted the business transacted.

The clerk's financial report shows that the general fund of the city is yet at a very low ebb. The trustees spoke last night of asking the water department to repay some \$7000 that was paid from the general fund for the completion of the plant construction. T. E. Walker, superintendent, is proud of the fund that is accumulating in the water department treasury for the payment of the bonds and interest. He countered with suggestion that the amount paid from the general fund was already on the department's books as a part of the cost of the plant. It will probably remain there.

Water Report. T. E. Walker, superintendent of the city water department, reported that the collections for August amounted to \$152,115.

Wood Sales. The city wood lot was handled by T. E. Walker. He reported \$29 sales in August, the last of the year. The wood brought in \$146,135.

Marshal's Report. Police Chief Murray reported 77 arrests for violations of city ordinances and as many convictions. Arrests in violation of state laws were 19 in August.

Meals for the city prisoners cost \$100.50 for the month.

Recorder's Fines. Fines collected by City Recorder Pettis in August totaled \$125.

Health Report. Dr. R. W. Avery, city health officer, reported no cases of contagious diseases and adds: "There have been a few cases of typhoid fever from the city, but none that has developed in Oxnard; all of the cases have contracted the disease outside. Also there have been a number of cases of intestinal trouble, cause unknown; possibly over-ripe fruit. There have been no complaints of milk; last tests were up to standard."

Building Permits. Matthew Lehmann received a permit for a garage to cost \$100 on his residence property.

Henry Levy received a permit to erect a \$200 garage at his new residence on G street.

Auto Noise. The trustees instructed the police department to enforce the ordinance against open mufflers on autos. The drivers are to be warned first time, but their numbers will be taken and a second offense will bring a penalty.

Clerk's Report. The financial report of City Clerk F. B. Pettis for the month of August is:

Receipts—	
Bal. on hand Aug. 1	\$ 6,253.85
Interest from banks	34.63
Recorder's fines	125.00
Sale of rock	135.15
Home Tel. Co. franchise	230.93
License and	23.90
Property tax	255.55
Water rentals	1,502.15
Dog tax	3.00
Business licenses	122.00
Transfer of funds	1,102.56
Borrowed from water dept.	1,822.20
Total receipts	\$11,765.42
Disbursements—	
Transfer of funds inc. water	2,924.76
Contingent	285.90
Salary	755.00
Street	1,454.86
Fire fund	46.44
Sewer fund	35.00
Library fund	156.83
Park fund	127.05
Water works	649.90
Total disbursements	\$ 8,435.80
Balance on hand August 31—	847
General fund	27.94
Sewer bond fund	678.10
Library fund	75.10
Water works fund	4,875.11
Total	\$ 5,329.62

LOS ANGELES MAYOR VISITS WHEELER'S. Mayor and Mrs. C. E. Sebastian of Los Angeles, accompanied by a party of friends, spent the weekend and labor day at Wheeler's Hot Springs. Swimming and a number of sports were enjoyed during the day, among which was an exciting horseback game, won by Mayor Sebastian by the close score of one point. In the evening an elaborate banquet was served at the Wheeler's Hot Springs hotel, in honor of the mayor.

A good investment is a Courier

Parnells Happily Celebrate Half Century of Wedded Life

The celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parnell Monday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Thatcher, in Hollywood, was as happy as an event which comes to so few should be. Mr. Parnell returned to Oxnard last evening. His wife will remain longer visiting with their daughter.

The formal observation of the wedding anniversary of 50 years ago was made by Mr. Parnell in a speech to the assembled guests. He said that the two of them had completed a half century of happy wedded life; that they were then embarking on the second half of the century. He said that they had never had a separation, had never had a quarrel. Their tastes, he said, were opposed to wedding ceremony sometimes used, but they would have a substitute of their own. Mrs. Parnell then arose and her husband took her hand. He asked her if after a half century of married life she was ready to start with him on the next half century. She replied "Yes." The ceremony was sealed with a kiss.

The golden wedding dinner followed. Many apt speeches were made complimenting the happy couple on the rare milestone they had reached in their life. Among the guests at the golden wedding were their daughter, Mrs. Fred Thatcher and her husband, their other daughter, Mrs. William F. Hewlett, from Palomar Mountain near San Diego; their adopted daughter, Mrs. William D. Stephens and her husband, the congressman; Captain A. D. Thatcher and wife of San Fernando, the Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Hewlett of Pomona, the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Coultas, and Mrs. Coultas' sister; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Pomona. The guests numbered about 29 and all were relatives or friends from Poway Valley, San Diego county, where the Parnells lived for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Parnell met while they were attending separate colleges on College Hill, Cincinnati. They were married at the home of Miss Ranney, proprietress of a seminary in Elizabeth, N. J., where the bride was teaching. They came to San Diego county in 1877 and ranched for 23 years there. Two years they spent in Los Angeles living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Stephens. They have been in Oxnard 15 years.

Hustle of Bean Threshing Pervades Entire Valley

Some bean threshers were in the fields working today. All day threshing proprietors have been outfitting and engaging their crews in Oxnard. The corner of Saviers road and Fifth street is the place accepted by custom for the threshing workmen to be taken by their surgeon to be T. G. Gil's machine will begin in the Moorpark section tomorrow.

The fear of early rain and the consequent great loss to the ranchers is the impetus to hurry.

Fairbanks to Pitch at Sunday Game

Fred Fairbanks, who has won many a victory for the Oxnard ball team will pitch for the local boys in the game against the Universal City team next Sunday. Lee Wolfe, manager of the team, made the agreement with Fairbanks this morning. The Universal City team won from Oxnard two weeks ago, and is strengthening its team knowing that Oxnard will be out to win this time. Fairbanks will offer many improvements in the visitors' lineup.

The lineup of the Oxnard team will be: Heame, catcher; Vinyard, first base; Caldwell or Smith, second; C. Horton, short; Little, third; Tico, left field; Wolfe, center; Lauzier, right; Stewart will be on hand as utility man.

MORE FACTS ASKED OF AMBASSADOR'S PLAN FOR STRIKES

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—It was officially admitted that the state department is seeking further information concerning Austrian Ambassador Dunha's activities in connection with a plan to cause strikes in American munitions plants. The administration asked Dunha to submit further data.

Arabic Note Said to Claim Self Defense

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—Germany's Arabic note was handed to Ambassador Gerard last night. It's contents were withheld from publication. It is understood it contains in substance the report of the submarine commander. His report held that the submarine torpedoed the liner in self-defense.

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POLITICAL PARTIES WILL FIGHT JOHNSON'S PET SCHEME

Democrats and Republicans Issue Call for Separate Meetings to be Held in Ventura Saturday

If political parties are to be killed and to bring along a friend or the benefit of himself and his personal following they will at least die here so far as Ventura county is concerned. This much is evident from the action taken yesterday by both the Democratic and the Republican county committees. These committees have both sent out notices to all the committees throughout the county notifying them that a meeting will be held in the city of Ventura on Saturday next. The Republicans are to hold their meeting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Anacapa hotel, and the Democrats at 3 o'clock in the same hotel. The Socialists and Prohibitionists, it is said, are also taking up to the importance of the approaching election which will be held October 26 and will likewise get busy soon.

About the Republican meeting the Post says: "To discuss ways and means of combating the move which has been made by Governor Johnson to dominate all parties in this state through his so-called non-partisan measure, a meeting of the Republican central committee has been called by Chairman Blanchard to be held in this city next Saturday afternoon, and yesterday Secretary Frank Orr of the central committee sent out notices to every part of the county."

It is urgently requested that all Republicans who are members of this committee be present at this meeting. The time of the election is scarcely a month away and measures which strike at the vitals of all party organization in this state have been prepared and a campaign inaugurated by Governor Johnson himself, who is taking the stump to put them through. While a late start has been made, in spite of the fact that the parties have been sleeping thus far the officials of the central committee are anxious to get every member of that committee out for Saturday's meeting. The need is urgent and the time is short. In spite of the fact that this is the strenuous season in the farming districts, every member of the Republican committee is urged to be present.

While this is a particularly busy season, it is anticipated that there will be a good attendance of Democrats at the meeting which has been called. Chairman Dunlop of the central committee notified Secretary Rains yesterday of the action, and the notice will be sent out today. But, as has been said, the purpose of the meeting is not only to get the committee together, but to have a meeting of all Democrats that a thorough and representative discussion may be had between the members of the Democratic party in Ventura county.

Saturday at 3 o'clock is the time. The place is the Anacapa hotel.

SOUDAN GRASS MAY BRING PEST WITH IT

Warning to the ranchers of the county that Sudan grass seed may bring with the Johnson grass pest is contained in the following letter from the county horticulturalist:

"Considerable interest has been aroused in the use of Sudan grass as a forage plant. For this purpose I think the grass excellent but as it is impossible for any one to distinguish a difference in Sudan grass seed and that of Johnson grass we should be very careful in buying our seed. In most of the Southern states where Sudan grass is grown Johnson grass is also prevalent. If we are going to seed our property with Johnson grass in order to get a new forage plant, we had better try and grow some other crop. The law makes it the duty of this office to destroy Johnson grass so if we can prevent it being started we have saved a lot of hard labor and money. If those contemplating the use of this grass will write or call at this office we will be glad to furnish them with all the information we have been able to collect on the subject."

"A. A. BROCK, County Horticultural Commissioner."

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES NO CANAL INJURY INJURED STEAMER'S PASSENGERS LANDED

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The war department has received advices that the Central American earthquake did not injure the Panama Canal. The recently reported canal slides were merely normal movements.

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President Again Breaks Precedent

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President Wilson smashed another precedent today. He personally called at the office of Secretary Lansing and conferred with that official. It is believed the topic was Austrian Ambassador Dunha's explanation of his attempt to cause strikes in American munitions plants.

HOLIDAY FOR OXNARD ON ADMISSION DAY

Tomorrow, Thursday, September 9, will be Admission Day and will be observed by all Oxnard business. The stores will be closed. There will be no edition of The Courier. Both banks will observe their second holiday this week. The postoffice will be closed. The rural carriers will make their rounds. One delivery of mail will be made by the city carriers. The general delivery will be open from 11 to 12 a. m.

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