

WAR'S 9th Anniversary

SEES

KINGS, GENERALS, CAPTAINS,
STATESMEN — HEROES ALL
IN NATIVE CLIMES, LEAD-
ING FAR DIFFERENT
LIVES IN PRESENT DAY



By United News

NINE years ago today the storm of the world war broke upon Europe. In France, Belgium, Germany and Russia crowded troop trains, long lines of infantry, batteries of artillery and creaking supply trains were pouring toward threatened frontiers.

On that day Germany invaded France at Cirey; Russia crossed the German frontier.

Today 10,000,000 crippled men throughout the world remain as testimony of the mad holocaust that followed.

But what of the captains and kings—the great figures who flamed as leaders before the world in war day?

United News correspondents in Europe have surveyed world capitals in the past week, seeking the great of yesterday. They have found them in strange places. A few still hold high offices. Many are disgraced, outcasts, or exiles.

Here are reports of their varied activities:

ALEXANDER KERENSKY, who for a brief span of days ruled, amid terror and revolution, Russia's 138,000,000 people, is editing a tiny newspaper in Prague. He purchased a small Russian publication and is trying to get circulation and sell ads. Once he slept in the bed of the czar; today his home is an attic above the Danube.

GENERAL WRANGEL, who led the forlorn hope of his "white" army in fierce fighting as he was beaten back upon the Crimea, is camping out in an old French chateau at Faugere. He is penniless, doing chores to keep his family in food. Mrs. Wrangel has sold her jewels; a son has started work in a factory; a daughter makes dresses for a living in Paris.

GRAND DUKE ALEXANDER, brother of the late czar, has taken off his medals and settled down to work, writing pieces for a magazine in which he explains that women of the world must unite to save civilization.

MARSHAL FOCH, commander of the allied armies, is engaged in winning allies for France. He has just returned from a trip to Poland and Czechoslovakia on a propaganda tour.

RENE VIVIANI, whose voice once roused the world to fight for France, is quietly practicing law. His juries do not always listen when the tempestuous barrister pleads.

BORGHE CLEMENCEAU, "The Tiger," planned to spend the ninth anniversary of the war working on a book of philosophy. He expects to finish in fifteen years. He rises daily at 5 a. m., does a "daily dozen," eats three hard-boiled eggs, and starts to write.

KING CONSTANTINE was greeted with shouts of "Christ is risen," when he rode into Athens in war days. He is dead, in dethroned exile, of a broken heart.

YOUNG KING KARL of Austria is dead, an exile also.

CZAR NICHOLAS, "The Little White Father," lies murdered, in an unknown grave.

SULTAN MEHMET VI, his harem scattered, another on his Istanbul throne, is a refugee in Mecca, protected by the British government, having fled, secretly, in terror of death.

EMPEROR ZITA sat beside Karl upon the throne of Austria-Hungary. She is today in Geneva, attempting to pawn the last of her jewels.

BONAR LAW, sick and broken, has been forced to retire as premier of England.

LOYD GEORGE, "the Welsh Wizard" is today an ordinary M. P. He may come back.

KAISER WILHELM II saws wood at Doorn, Holland, perhaps conspires and dreams of empire.

THE CROWN PRINCE, dashing one time general, fishes and helps the village blacksmith on the lonely sand dunes of Wieringen, in Holland, far from the glories of Unter Den Linden and the Kaiserhof Hotel.

MARSHALL HAIG works on behalf of the ex-soldier organizations, receiving generous dividends from Haig and Haig whisky, but bulking small in British affairs of state.

EARL BEATTY of the North Sea fleet is today first sea lord of Britain, married to the daughter of Marshall.

Field in Chicago. Admiral Jellicoe, the other hero of Jutland, is now Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, governor general of New Zealand. The island is far from Whitehall; it is hinted the gallant commander has been "shelved" there.

PREMIER NITTI of Italy mourns the loss of his home, which was burned by Fascists who threatened his life as a traitor of his country. Benito Mussolini, who fought in the trenches while Nitti roared in Rome, now fills his office with the black shirt legionnaires.

CAPTAIN HANS ROSE, a dashing adventurer, brought the U-53 to Newport, traveling 3,800 miles under the sea, his visit was a hint to America of what the undersea boats might be should we enter the war, today he languishes in a Belgian prison, a Ruhr agitator.

LORD BYNG of Vimy is governor general of Canada. Britain has done well by her war-time great. They are not forgotten. Field Marshal Viscount Allenby—Allenby of Jerusalem—is now governor general of Cairo, worrying over nationalist and Zaghoulit propaganda.

VON HINDENBURG, war lord of Germany, lives quietly at Illnau, over now and again attending demonstrations of the monarchist party.

Von Tirpitz, he of the flowing whiskers, has picked Baden for his home; Von Mackensen, terror of Siberia, lives in East Prussia. The Kaiser's sons, other than the exiled crown prince, live amid the past glories of Potsdam.

LUDENDORFF owns a quiet villa outside of Munich, where many visit or come and go. He writes a bit. Ludendorff is one of the big figures behind the scenes in the Bavarian fascist movement.

CAPT. PAUL KOENIG, who brought the Deutschland to America, has done well, being a director of the North German Lloyd Line.

CHARLES LA QUAINTE spread terror in London when he thrice led a Zeppelin bombing raid upon the city. He is now manager of a drug store in north Bavaria.

WHITFIELD WILL BE CALLED TO STAND

Mulatto Plans to Tell Story of How Officer Was Shot.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 2.—John L. Whitfield was ready to take the stand today in his own defense in his trial for the murder of a policeman. After a few minor witnesses the defense was to call on the mulatto prisoner himself for his story of how Patrolman Dennis Griffin was shot by accident.

Efforts to have Griffin's police gun brought before the jury were to be made today. Rustled from several weeks in the mid of a creek bed, where it was found by boys in swimming, it was turned over to police by a farmer last night.

Whitfield parked his automobile near where the gun was found, following the shooting.

Auto Accessories Missing

G. Marquette, 1140 Dawson St., today reported to police that three tires, a motorometer and tools, valued at \$70, were stolen from his car Wednesday night.

PRESIDENT GAINS SLOWLY ON WAY BACK TO HEALTH

Sleep and Rest, With Careful Watching, Will Bring Complete Recovery.

HARDING HAS PATIENCE

Physicians Declare No One Can Foretell When Danger Is Passed.

By LAWRENCE MARTIN

United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH PRESIDENT HARDING'S PARTY, PALACE HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—President Harding, fighting his way back to health, is being aided by another night of sound sleep, according to those on watch at his chamber at 5 a. m.

Sawyer said the President's respiration was 32, temperature 98.6 and pulse 110.

The physicians were markedly cheerful as they left the room where the President lies ill. They appeared extremely well satisfied with the substantial progress their patient is making.

The President slept later than usual. Secret service men in the corridor reported there had been no coughing in Mr. Harding's room, and it is believed he is resting easily, as he did last night.

At 7 o'clock, Dr. Sawyer and Dr. J. T. Boone, who had been with Mr. Harding all night, went into Secretary Christian's room, presumably to talk over the President's night.

Physicians settled down today to what promised to be a long period of vigilant watchfulness.

While all indications pointed to un-

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TWO IN HOSPITAL AFTER ACCIDENT

Mother and Daughter Injured on Way From Chicago.

Mrs. L. B. Skinner and her daughter, Miss Edith Skinner, 2019 Kenwood Ave., were in St. Vincent's Hospital today suffering serious injuries received in an automobile accident late Tuesday.

They were driving from Chicago, where the daughter is a student in Chicago University. Their car locked wheels with a car driven by Dr. E. E. Hodges, 2445 College Ave., on the Michigan Road, near New Augusta.

The Skinner car went into a tree and retaining wall and was wrecked. Mrs. Skinner suffered serious bruises and internal injuries, and Miss Skinner a broken leg and badly cut left hand.

Mr. Hodges gave first aid and assisted in getting the injured to the hospital.

Auto Load of Toys Taken to Fairview Settlement but Entertainers Needed

Methodist League Offers to Conduct August Sunday Schools.

LOADING her car with toys brought to the Marion County Tuberculosis Association office and The Indianapolis Times building, Miss Emma Leiss, 730 Parkway Ave., set out today for Fairview Settlement. The toys were given to the summer camp for sick children.

Miss Leiss has charge of nutrition classes at the camp.

Among the toys were wooden beads donated by Odell Richardson, 1220 Polk St.

Miss Catherine Koss, 4124 Grace-land Ave., went to the camp today to tell stories to the children.

Officials of the Methodist League told the Family Welfare Society they would conduct Sunday school services at the camp during August.

The camp still could use more entertainers, officials said, as they thanked those who have offered services so far.

ADVANTAGES OF PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITY SET OUT

City Water Witness Says Consumers Would Benefit.

Advantages to consumers of municipal ownership of waterworks were brought out in the Indianapolis Water Company rate hearing before the public service commission today.

Municipal ownership was taken up when Edward W. Bemis, engineer for the city, testified rates in most cities are lower than in Indianapolis and that most water plants are municipally owned.

"Privately owned companies are likely to make the difference in rates greater between large users and small consumers than publicly owned systems," Bemis said. "Publicly owned utilities are inclined to charge small consumers less and large ones more."

Stand On Our Feet

"Cities which own their own water plants do not try to earn returns on surplus and on appreciation in the value of land. The movement in most cities is toward having water departments stand on their own feet."

"In a majority of cases they do not attempt to pay any share of taxes. On the other hand, they do not often charge cities for hydrants. This in most cases counteracts advantages from not paying taxes and from other help given by cities."

"The public, in cases of publicly owned utilities, gets the benefit of returns."

Get Capital More Cheaply

Bemis declared private companies have great difficulty in competing with municipally owned utilities because the latter do not have to pay return on depreciation. He also declared municipal plants, because of the tax-free feature of their securities, can get capital more cheaply.

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MISS EMMA LEISS

52 IN RECREATION DEPARTMENT FIRED

'Make Park Benches Available for Citizens,' Slogan of Administration as Ax Is Wielded.

"Make the park benches available for the citizens of Indianapolis," was the slogan of the city administration today in discharging fifty-two playground matrons. Mayor Shank said today.

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"Can't you get rid of some of the instructors at our park playground so that ordinary citizens can get a chance at the park benches," was the complaint registered by a playground matron, Mayor Shank said today.

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Former Hangs Self

By Times Special
LA GRANGE, Ind., Aug. 2.—As a result of worry, S. Treat Veasey, 58, wealthy farmer, hanged himself in the barn at his home here late Wednesday.

Lad Falls Into Sewer

When a catch basin on which he was standing, at Keystone Ave. and Prospect St., gave away, Charles E. Ross, 10, 2510 Prospect St., fell into a sewer, six feet deep, today. He suffered slight cuts and bruises.

PTOMAININE: Dr. C. C. Robinson Writes for Times Readers Describing Disease That Attacked Harding

What do YOU know about ptomainine poisoning, the disease primarily responsible for President Harding's serious condition? It is one of the most prevalent menaces to health. The President's illness shows how dangerous it can become, through complications.

Dr. Clifford C. Robinson, Chicago, one of America's foremost medical men, makes the following explanation of ptomainine poisoning for readers of The Indianapolis Times.

It may be that many laymen are not informed as to the real nature of ptomainine poisoning. The word, ptomainine—or more properly ptomaine—is derived from the Greek, meaning fallen body, or corpse. Some physicians argue that the word should not be used in connection with food poisoning. They claim real ptomaines form only in human bodies after death, and at present are only two in number.

Scientists who make a special study of such bacterial poisons are called toxicologists.

Twenty-five years ago, many of the important laboratories, in our great cities and also at the universities, were eagerly carrying out the study

of ptomaines. This was on account of the expressed hope that science might clear up the true chemistry of bacterial poisoning. Not much interest is being manifested today. This is owing to the fact that ptomaines were found to be not very toxic. On the other hand, very poisonous poisons may be formed by non-pathogenic bacteria. What this means to the layman is that there is really comparatively little food poisoning caused by the presence of ptomaines.

The poisoning from which persons suffer who are commonly said to have this trouble is contracted by eating food that is partially spoiled or decomposed. The may be improperly preserved canned meats, tinned fish or other fish, sausage, cheese, ice cream or milk. Under different conditions the same organisms may produce totally different types of ptomaines. This is an important fact, when seeking to find the real cause, in a patient.

The symptoms show in one who has been attacked by ptomainine poisoning in a very short time. The system endeavors to throw it off and dizziness is followed by severe headache, chilliness and sharp abdominal pains. In some cases violent vomiting occurs and the patient becomes partially unconscious and sometimes in severe cases coma and death.

In the treatment of ptomainine sufferers, the usual treatment of getting the material out of the stomach before it can enter the system is followed. Use stomach pump at once and empty the gastro-intestinal tract. The physician will then be careful to see that no bacterial growth is present or remains.

In a mild case, that is taken in time, the recovery is often rapid. But great care is required in more severe cases to make sure that the patient does not suffer from complications of the ptomainine. This may cause serious trouble and a long sickness.

The Illinois commission agreed with Justice Brandeis of the United States (Continued on Page 6)

Exhibit Prepared for Public Service Commission by Edward W. Bemis, City Consultant, Makes Important Comparisons.

'MUNICIPAL PLANTS' PRODUCE TO USER IS CHEAPER

Only Four Important Places Have Higher Minimum Monthly Charges for Metered Service, Expert's Figures Set Out.

Water rates in Indianapolis are among the highest in the country, an exhibit prepared by Edward W. Bemis, consulting engineer for the city, in the case before the public service commission, showed today.

Of fifty-four cities with populations between 100,000 and 1,000,000 from which information is obtainable, only four have higher minimum monthly charges for metered service than Indianapolis has at present.

Seven of the twenty-six similar cities have higher flat rates than Indiana has without the increase proposed by the water company.

Forty-two of sixty-five cities have a lower metered charge per thousand gallons than Indianapolis.

Only Seven Private Plants.

Of the sixty-four cities only seven, including Indianapolis, have privately owned water utilities.

The privately owned utilities are in Oakland, Cal.; San Francisco, Bridgeport, Conn.; New Haven, Conn.; Paterson, N. J., and San Antonio, Texas.

Utilities with higher minimum meter rates than Indianapolis are Louisville, Ky.; Albany, N. Y.; Scranton, Pa., and Baltimore, Md.

Cities with higher flat rates than Indianapolis are San Francisco, Louisville, Fall River, Mass.; Albany, Reading, Pa.; Providence, R. I., and Salt Lake City, Utah.

On a flat rate basis an Indianapolis consumer with a six-room, 20x50-foot house on a 40x150 lot, the house having bath, toilet, wash bowl, sink, wash tub and hose connection, pays \$1.72 a month for water.

Public Ownership Cheaper

In Washington, D. C., a similar consumer pays only 65 cents a month. In St. Paul he would pay 98 cents, in St. Louis 89 cents, and in Portland, Ore., 85 cents. Every one of these cities has a publicly owned water plant.

Likewise, the minimum charge for meters in many places is extremely low. For example, Cambridge, Mass., 42 cents; New Bedford, Mass., 31 cents; Worcester, Mass., 33 cents; Minneapolis, Minn., 33 cents; Omaha, Neb., 36 cents; Rochester, N. Y., 50 cents; Syracuse, N. Y., 50 cents; Cincinnati, 40 cents.

The corresponding rate in Indianapolis is \$1.50. Every one of the cities mentioned has a publicly owned water system.

PETITION ASKS FOR GUARD AT CROSSING

Investigation Shows Motorman Neglects to Blow Whistle Until Traction Car Is at Street.

A petition asking that a watchman be stationed at the T. H. I. & E. and Big Four crossings on Tibbs Ave., where Mrs. Mary Coy, music teacher, was killed Tuesday when an interurban crashed into her automobile is being circulated by residents in the vicinity.

Trolley interurbans cars and about are passenger trains as well as numerous freight trains pass N. Tibbs Ave. The railroad company has an automatic bell to warn pedestrians and motorists of approaching trains. There is nothing to warn people of the approach of interurban cars except the whistle of the car.

Investigation Wednesday showed that a motorman of a traction car neglected to blow his whistle until he was actually at the crossing, blowing it continuously while the speeding car crossed the street.

Traffic Policemen Owens and Paul of the accident prevention division, who investigated conditions at the crossing, recommended that the owner of trees near the crossing which obstructed the view of the tracks from the south trim the trees. The traction company was requested to install some protection device.

Coroner Robinson continued his inquiry into the death of Mrs. Coy today. Mrs. Coy's funeral was set for this afternoon.

Joe Thompson, 55, 935 N. Tibbs Ave., who has lived just a few doors from the scene of the accident for nine years, said that motorists are very careless in crossing the tracks.

"There are a lot of joy riders who pass here nights," Thompson said. "They shoot across the track without knowing if anything is coming or not. It's a wonder more people haven't been killed." Robertson said traffic on the road is very heavy early in the morning and at night.

Lesh Bars Sectarian Garb in Public Schools.

Persons receiving remuneration as teachers in public schools must not wear garments indicative of any definite religion, Attorney General U. S. Lesh ruled today in an opinion given Paul Doem of Tell City, trustee of Anderson Township, Perry County.

The query is said to have arisen from a situation in which a Catholic congregation having donated a building to the township for use as a school building, has insisted that the trustees employ two Catholic sisters as teachers.

"If the teachers wear the usual and distinctive garments of their religious order, it will present a question which may depend on facts and circumstances not fully before me," Lesh pointed out.

Lodges to Meet Here

The Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Daughters of America, of Indiana, will hold their annual session at the Denison, Aug. 23 and 24. The degree team of Brightwood Council No. 2, will confer work Wednesday evening.

Kokomo Police Want Man.

A. Earl Beck, 27, of 914 N. Highland Ave., was held by local detectives today for Kokomo police. Detectives said he is wanted on a charge of issuing fraudulent checks.

Animal Electricity

Can one get an electric shock from an animal or other living creature?

A reader of this paper was curious on this subject, so he asked our Washington Bureau. The answer is printed in today's Question and Answer column, page four.

If there is some curious bit of information you would like to have write to our Washington Bureau. They will do their utmost to get it for you. Write out the question briefly and plainly, sign your name and address, and mail to the Washington Bureau of the Indianapolis Times, enclosing a 2-cent postage stamp for reply.