

GERMANS ARE FORCED TO GIVE UP IMPORTANT FORT OF VAUX

About All Ground On East Bank of Meuse Won in Drive Has Been Lost.

TEUTONS EVACUATED DURING LAST NIGHT.

Blew Up Portions of Works Before Departing—French Make Further Advance—No Let Up In The Attack On The Rumanians

Fort Vaux, one of the most important fortresses captured by the German Crown Prince in the drive at Verdun, has been evacuated by the Germans. The evacuation is announced by the German war office.

French troops operating in LeBoufs and Rancourt sectors on the Somme front also gained yesterday in attacks on German lines.

The Paris report of last night, telling of advances, is in part confirmed by the Berlin official statement, which, however, declares that the main effort of the French to move forward was repulsed.

There is no let-up in the pressure with which Field Marshal von Falkenhayn is exerting along the Rumanian northwestern front, but in general the Rumanians are reported to be holding him fairly in check.

On the Stokhod, in Volhynia, a Russian defeat south of Witeniez is announced by Berlin, which reports the capture of about 1,500 prisoners.

MAJOR STEDMAN MUCH IMPROVED

North Carolina Congressman Was Suffering With Stomach Trouble.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—Congressman Charles M. Stedman, who has been under the care of Dr. Fowler, a noted specialist on stomach troubles, for the past six weeks, was so much improved today he plans to return to his district in three or four days, probably Saturday.

Major Stedman left the hospital last Saturday, after being confined there for a month and is now living at a local hotel.

Dr. Fowler stated today that Major Stedman's condition is greatly improved and that there is every probability he will shortly regain his usual robust health.

Mr. Stedman has been much worried recently at his inability to take part in the campaign in the State, but was prevented from doing so by Dr. Fowler, who insisted it would be most injudicial for him to leave the hospital. Major Stedman has been most insistent upon leaving the hospital and going home and doing some speech-making and now that he can get about intends to leave for home in a few days and be there in time to vote anyway.

SEATTLE CONCERN BID TO BUILD CRUISER

Washington, Nov. 1.—The Seattle Washington Construction and Dry Dock Company was the only concern to submit a direct proposal for the construction of one of the four swift scout cruisers authorized as part of the 1917 naval building program.

NEGRO STOLE MUCH WHISKEY

Broke Into Express Office and Secured Twenty Four Quarts—Open at Night.

New Bern, Nov. 2.—The authorities at Bayboro, Pamlico county, now have in jail at that place a negro who is charged with breaking into the express office there and stealing 25 quarts of liquor, and if the charge is proven, the man will doubtless be sent down to Atlanta, Ga., for a few months as such an act is a violation of the Federal laws and is not in the hands of the State to handle.

The robbery took place a few days ago and when the individual now in custody was placed under arrest after he had disposed of several quarts of whiskey. It was known that he had received no whiskey by express or freight for several weeks and when an investigation was made several cartons in which the whiskey had been shipped were found on his premises and he was at once taken into custody.

Secretary J. W. Burroughs, of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association, yesterday announced that a slow mule race would be one of the features of each day of the fair to be held here next week.

No entrance fee will be charged for this race and every entrant must ride another's mule and, contrary to the usual method of awarding prizes to the animal making the fastest time, the prize of \$12.50 will go to the one coming out in the rear.

The fair grounds will not only be open all during the day, but will also be open at night. No admission will be charged after 6 o'clock in the afternoon and all the shows on the grounds will be going at full blast until midnight.

HE IS FLYING FROM THE WEST TO EAST

Daring Aviator on His Way From Chicago to Dine In New York.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom, left Chicago at 6:09 o'clock this morning in an air journey to New York, announcing his intention to have dinner in that city. The aviator expected to make the trip without a stop. He is carrying mail composed of letters from city officials to officials of New York. Included are several communications said to be destined for the Deutschland, at New London.

Speeds on His Way. South Bend, Ind., Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom passed south of Mishawaka at 1:02 this morning flying at a speed of 80 to 90 miles per hour. He lost his course between Laporte and South Bend and when he passed the vicinity of Mishawaka he was six miles south of the New York-Central railroad, whose track he had intended to follow.

Forced to Come Down. Erie, Pa., Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom, flying from Chicago to New York, landed here at 11:26 o'clock, because of engine trouble. He was unable to say how long he would be delayed.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR SOCIAL CONGRESS

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2.—The list of permanent committees of the Georgia Social Welfare Congress, which met at Macon, has been appointed, and the committees will take up their various lines of work at once.

The chairmen of these committees are as follows: Executive committee, Joseph C. Logan, Atlanta; juvenile courts and reformatories, W. W. Tindall, Atlanta; health, Dr. A. G. Fort, Tifton; public and private charities, Dr. W. L. Gilbert, Atlanta; adult probation courts and prisons, John J. Eagan, Atlanta; settlements and recreation, Mrs. Jas. C. Hinton, Macon; dependant children, George W. Jones, St. Simon's Island; state board of charities, Thad Adams, Moultrie.

OLD VESSEL'S RIBS UNCOVERED

Oaken Timbers of Sailing Craft Encountered On Custom House Site.

The well preserved oaken timbers of a sailing vessel estimated to be a century old, were discovered about 6 feet underground on the site of the new Custom House, on Water street today, when workmen dug down to ascertain why one of the large concrete piles broke while being forced into the earth.

In the large excavation made can be seen several pieces of timber which, judging from the shape, formed part of the bow of the vessel. The timbers are of staunch oak and are in a remarkable state of preservation. They are about 12 x 12 inches in size. From the size of the timbers and the shape of the exposed parts it is thought that the vessel was quite a large one. The frames are hand-hewn.

In driving one of the heavy reinforced concrete piles a few days ago the heavy timbers of the old vessel were encountered, which caused the pile to crack and today the presence of a relic of former days was found when workmen were digging around the piling to find the cause of the trouble.

As the site of the Custom House is on a part of the water front once covered by water, having been filled many years ago, it is thought that the vessel was out of commission and on shore when that part of old Wilmington was reclaimed. The timbers of the vessel are near Market street, which was at one time a navigable creek.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Southern Railway Paid Out Eight Cents More Than Received From South.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—For every dollar paid to the Southern Railway by the people of the South during September, 1916, the Southern paid out in the South \$1.08, according to figures announced today by Comptroller A. H. Plant.

The Southern disbursed during the month for labor, material, supplies and other purposes, \$5,713,569, of which \$4,948,518, or 86.1 per cent., was paid to individuals and industries located in the South, this sum being \$378,985 in excess of the total moneys contributed by the South for transportation purposes.

For improvements to its roadway and structures, the Southern spent \$1,198,553.60 in September, 1916, as against \$452,637.02 during September, 1915; during the three months ended September 30th \$3,359,802.95, as against \$1,501,479.91 in 1915.

Gross revenue for September, 1916, was \$6,527,904, an increase over 1915 of \$796,295, or 13.89 per cent. Operating expenses, taxes and uncollectable railway revenue, exclusive of interest, rentals and other income charges, were \$4,612,607, an increase over 1915 of \$620,280, or 15.54 per cent. For the three months gross revenue was \$18,506,090, an increase over 1915 of \$2,077,215, or 12.64 per cent.; operating expenses, taxes and uncollectable railway revenues were \$13,363,763, an increase over 1915 of \$1,470,531, or 12.37 per cent.

VILLA BANDITS LOOT TRAIN.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Nov. 2.—After shooting 29 military guards of the southbound passenger train which leaves Juarez, Villa bandits looted the train, robbed the passengers and even took clothes from the women passengers.

GETTING READY TO DISCHARGE THE VALUABLE CARGO

Crew of Deutschland Busy Behind Barriers Today—Manifest Awaited.

INQUIRY TO FIND OUT SHIP'S STATUS

Citizens of New London to Give Captain and Crew Big Welcome—To Attend a Dinner.

New London, Nov. 2.—Activities of varied nature were centered about the German undersea merchantman, Deutschland, and her captain today. While the crew was busy behind the barriers, which hide the submarine from the public view, in preparation for the disposal of the 700-ton of valuable cargo, which the Deutschland brought from Bremen, custom officials and navy officers prepared for an inquiry to determine the status of the craft.

New London citizens are making plans for a welcome to the Deutschland's captain and crew. The president of the local Chamber of Commerce, with Mayor Rogers and a delegation of business men, tendered to Captain Koenig an invitation to attend a dinner, the time to be set by him. It is said that he accepted the invitation.

The announcement of the Deutschland's manifest was awaited with curiosity. Captain Koenig estimated the cargo to be \$10,000,000 in value and said it contained large quantities of drugs and dyestuffs, but said that securities and jewels were among the cargo.

The Deutschland, on her trip to Baltimore, carried a cargo of \$1,500,000 worth of freight, with bulk as large as the present ship. It was considered probable that the \$10,000,000 value was in documents and precious stones.

SIMMONS TO SPEAK IN TRENTON

Senior North Carolina Senator Will be Greeted With a Big Democratic Rally.

New Bern, Nov. 2.—Democrats from Jones county who were in New Bern last evening to hear Hon. T. W. Bickett's address declared that the coming of Senator F. M. Simmons to Trenton, on November 8th, is going to be the "biggest" political event in the history of that county and that hundreds are going to be on hand to hear this gifted son of the Old North State.

For days the Democrats of Jones county have been planning for the Senator's visit and they have advertised the event so well that party members from the remotest sections of the county have signified their intention of being on hand.

There will be a big picnic dinner served on the grounds and every one will be expected to participate in this. There will be music by a brass band and a general good time will be given all who attend and the public all over this section is urged to be present.

Mr. Benjamin Banks, one of the foremen at the Pine Lumber Company's plant, had a narrow escape from what might have proven fatal injury yesterday afternoon when he was struck on the head with a heavy piece of iron in the hands of A. P. Canty, a colored employe.

The negro had been impudent to Mr. Banks and the latter had knocked him down. The negro arose and apologized, and Mr. Banks thought the incident was closed and turned his back on him.

The negro, however, was only "posturing" and as soon as Mr. Banks had turned his back he struck him a fearful blow on the head with a piece of iron and at once left for parts unknown.

The injured man was given medical assistance and today is said to be resting fairly well.

WAR CAUSES INCREASE IN COST OF BURIAL

New York, Nov. 2.—The European war is held responsible for the increased cost in burial supplies and the consequent advance was announced today by all undertakers in this city. All supplies are quoted at higher figures, even the cheapest coffins manufactured advancing \$5 in cost.

HE PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBING THE SPENCER OFFICE

Young White Man Sentenced to Ten Years in Federal Prison.

TRIED FOR CRIME IN SALISBURY.

Jerry Farlow Robbed Postoffice After Making Escape From Georgia Penitentiary.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 2.—Jerry Farlow, a young white man charged with having robbed the postoffice in Spencer last January, pleaded guilty in the Federal court today and was sentenced to serve ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Prior to the robbery Farlow had escaped from the Georgia State prison, where he was under sentence of ten years for manslaughter.

O'BRIAN WINS CASE IN COURT

Hard Fought Trial Ended With Short Deliberation By The Jury.

In the merged cases of the Shepard Chemical Company against A. D. O'Brien and A. D. O'Brien against the Shepard Chemical Company, in Superior Court, the jury, this morning, returned a verdict in favor of Mr. A. D. O'Brien, awarding him \$604.50, the amount sued for, and the Shepard Chemical Company nothing.

Every one of the nine issues given the jury to decide by Judge George W. Connor, in his charge, following the long drawn out trial, resulted against the Shepard Chemical Company, which was seeking to recover \$2,900 for an alleged breach of contract. Mr. O'Brien was seeking to recover an unpaid amount of the contract for the erection of a building for the chemical company.

The jury decided that the building erected by Mr. O'Brien was done according to the specification and that there was no fraud in regard to the certificate received by the contractor when the building was completed. Hon. George Rountree, Esq., and Thomas W. Davis, Esq., represented A. D. O'Brien and the law firm of Kenan & Wright represented the Shepard Chemical Company.

This afternoon the case of John Nelson against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is being tried. Nelson is seeking to recover damages for an alleged injury received by him when he was working with a construction force at Malmo, last winter.

Divorces were granted in the cases of John R. Miller against Mary Miller and Anthony Moore against Carrie E. Moore. In the case of J. F. Gause against W. H. Brown and Ethel Moore, the plaintiff was awarded \$15. In the case of the Hammer Lumber Company against B. J. Sanderlin a judgment of non-suit was given.

UNCLE SAM SHOULD STOP SELLING

Prohibition Candidate Thinks United States Should Go Out Booze Business.

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 2.—Liquidation of the Civil War debt, the only excuse given for the Federal government issuing liquor licenses, has long since been accomplished and now the United States should go out of business, Ira Landrith, the Prohibitionist vice-presidential nominee, told a crowd here today.

"You Northerners paid this liquor bill," he said. "You did it in 1862. We Southerners were not in congress then. We can prove an alibi. You said that you wanted to meet the war debt and you did and President Lincoln only agreed to pass the bill with the understanding that it would be repealed when the war was over. The war now has been over for more than 50 years. The debts are paid. We don't need the money any longer. We spend \$50,000,000 annually for just plain pork, yet you keep the white apron on Uncle Sam and use the American flag to wipe off dirty bars with. Honest, now isn't it time to quit?" The Prohibition candidates are to visit ten cities in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio today.

CROWDS GIVE WILSON BIG WELCOME TODAY

NO NEW MOVES IN CASE OF SINKING OF THE MARINA

Affidavits Expected Soon From The American Survivors.

ATHENS DISPATCH MAY BE IMPORTANT.

Has Received No Notice That Ships With Supplies For Allies Will Be Sunk.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Official Washington states today that no new developments are at hand concerning the German submarine's destruction of the British steamer, Marina, with the loss of American lives. However, they were expecting affidavits from the survivors and other data which has been gathered.

A news dispatch from Athens last night saying that the Greek government has been notified by the Germans that they intend to sink all ships carrying supplies to the Allies, is regarded as of great importance. So far as is known the United States has received no such note nor is it known whether such a note has been sent to neutral countries.

Such a program would be regarded by the United States as a direct violation of Germany's pledges.

Secretary Lansing said that the United States understood the German pledge was not to sink merchant vessels without warning and without providing for the safety of the passengers and crew applied to ships with defensive armament. No comparison was drawn concerning armed or unarmed ships and the State Department does not accept that Germany is not responsible for those that are armed.

Nevertheless it was admitted that Germany had taken a distinctive view of the situation of armed ships and it is thought probable that she will inject this point in the present situation. So long as the policies of the government are so diversified it is thought that Germany might use the Marina to settle the issues.

The increased submarine warfare, combined with the large number of merchant ships and their increased efficiency in defensive, makes it a vital question to decide.

Secretary Lansing said that his information was substantially the same as that of the newspapers.

HUGHES CERTAIN OF OHIO AND INDIANA

So He Declares Today—Says Got Biggest Reception Ever Given a Candidate.

Batavia, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Charles Evans Hughes declared today before a large audience that he is confident of the results in Ohio and Indiana.

"I have just returned from Ohio and Indiana," he said, "with a profound sense of gratitude and with confidence as to the results in both states. In both Indiana and Ohio it is not exaggerating to say that I received the biggest ovation ever accorded any other political candidate."

Mr. Hughes assailed the Democratic party for failure to reduce the high cost of living as "promised four years ago" and for extravagance. "They tell us now," he continued, "that they are going to deal with economics in a satisfactory manner but if we endeavor to ascertain what problems we look in vain. I propose to tell you how we shall be guided."

PRICE OF BREAD GOES UP IN MONTANA

Helena, Mont., Nov. 2.—The price of bread has been advanced to 15 cents a loaf for bread that formerly sold for 10 cents or 1 for 25c.

President Reaches New York To Make Final Stand in The Campaign.

RAILROAD MEN GAVE HIM ROYAL GREETING.

Carrying American Flags They Welcome Him—Speaks Tonight in Madison Square Garden—To Visit Democratic National Headquarters.

New York, Nov. 2.—President Wilson arrived here this morning from his campaign trip up-state. He was taken across town by automobile to the Hudson river and there went aboard the government yacht, Mayflower.

When the President reached the Grand Central Station, to spend the only day of the presidential campaign in New York City, with four speeches on the program for the afternoon and evening, he was cheered by crowds of railroad men, some of them carrying American flags.

He was met at the station by Colonel Edward House and Chairman Vance McCormick. With him they motored to the New York Yacht Club and went aboard the Mayflower.

While the President, Colonel House and Mr. McCormick were on the Mayflower, Mrs. Wilson and the other women members of the party went on a short shopping tour. The President found it would be impossible to carry out the program arranged for him and decided not to attend the 69th regiment bazaar in the afternoon and instead visited the National Democratic Headquarters. He was especially desirous of meeting the staff that is working for his re-election and to see the machinery of headquarters in operation. After visiting headquarters he arranged to return to the Mayflower to work on his night speech.

Officials in the President's party said that no announcement was ready in connection with the sinking of the steamer Marina.

MAKES NEW RECORD FOR NON-STOPS

Aviator Carlstrom Makes One In His Flight From Chicago To New York.

Erie, Pa., Nov. 2.—Victor Carlstrom, who is flying from Chicago to New York and who landed in the city at 11:26 this morning because of engine trouble, has established a new American non-stop flight record. Erie is one-half the distance.

The aviator was flying seven miles south of Erie when a pipe became loose on the engine and he made for this city, so that he could secure mechanical assistance. He landed easily in a large field and jumped from the machine and began making repairs.

He said that he was delighted with the flight and descended because he did not wish to take any unnecessary chances, as he was very anxious to get to New York by 6 o'clock. The engine was doing all expected of it in the way of speed, as proved by the trip from Cleveland to Erie, the trip being made in 30 minutes.

GLYDE LINER HELD AT JACKSONVILLE

Unable to Leave For Charleston On Account of a Strike.

Jacksonville, Nov. 2.—Because of a strike of 200 longshoremen in employ of the Clyde line steamship line the steamer Apache which was due to sail today for Charleston will not get away until Friday afternoon.

Some of the men who refused to go to work Wednesday returned this morning accepting a five cents per hour increase for day work and 10 cents per hour for night work. The men demanded an increase of 10 cents an hour for both night and day work.