

THE TEUTONS IN RETREAT

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BRITISH ATTACK BROUGHT TO HALT.

Fighting in The Somme Sector Shows No Signs of Diminishing - Germans Have Wrest Much Ground From The French - Invasion of Rumania Continues Successfully.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's army in Dobrudja is in retreat, the Petrograd war office announced today, burning villages as they fall back.

Increasing pressure by the Russo-Rumanian armies in Dobrudja has been in evidence for several days. Bucharest reports a further advance toward the important Tchernavoda-Constanza railroad, which the Teutonic allies had captured. Berlin denies the Rumanian claim and only chronicles engagements between advance detachments in the Dobrudja campaign.

Fighting in the Somme region showed little diminution in intensity today.

The British advance in the Ancre river region seems to have been halted. London announces only artillery activity during the night. Berlin, however, reports heavy fighting yesterday.

The successes against the French scored by the Germans north of the Somme yesterday, are reported by Berlin today. They captured, according to the statement, the east section of Saillies, where the French were menacing the German positions in the St. Pierre-Vaast wood and of the French trenches on the north end of the wood.

The French reacted against the Germans south of the Somme near Chaules, where a German attack was announced yesterday to have wrested a part of the village of Presiere from French possession. The French recovered this last night, Paris announces.

The invasion of Rumania continues successful, Berlin announces, although increasing resistance is being encountered by General von Falkenhayn's forces.

In Macedonia the Allies are winning further successes in their campaign for Monastir. They have advanced far into the Cerna river bend region to within ten miles of the town, forcing the Germans and Bulgarians back and menacing their lines to the south.

The French and Russians are now making progress, Paris announces, and are within four miles of Monastir.

ALL BUT TWENTY ONE COUNTIES ARE COUNTED

Work of Canvassing Vote Has Almost Been Finished In California.

BIGGEST COUNTIES YET TO BE HEARD FROM.

They Include San Francisco and Los Angeles - All Democratic Electors Away Ahead.

San Francisco Nov. 16.—Twenty-one counties in California remained to be heard from today in the canvassing, including the most populous counties of the State, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Sacramento.

When the count was resumed today the highest Republican elector was 13,840 votes behind the lowest Democratic elector.

As no notable upsets in the first official returns have been noticed State Democratic leaders predict the lowest Democratic elector will run ahead of the highest Republican elector by about 600 votes.

NORTH CAROLINA WILL SUFFER IF CONTROL IS LOST

Six Important Chairmanships in Congress are Held By Tar Heel Members.

BOTH PARTIES NEED VOTES

Republicans Need One More and Democrats Must Have Support of Six Members of Other Parties.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—North Carolina will suffer more severely than any of the other states if the Democrats, as now seems likely, lose control of the House of Representatives on March 4th, 1917.

If the Republicans obtain control of the House in the Sixty-fourth Congress, through coalition of their forces with the four Progressives, as now appears likely from a survey of the latest returns from the congressional elections, North Carolina will lose the leadership of the House, and six of the most important chairmanships in that body.

North Carolina's losses will be: Leadership of House and Chairman of Appropriations Committee, held by Claude Kitchin.

Chairmanship of Judiciary Committee held by E. Y. Webb.

Chairmanship of Rules Committee, held by Ed. Pou.

Chairmanship of Rivers and Harbors Committee, to which John Small would have succeeded on March 4, 1917.

Chairmanship of Committee on Reform in Civil Services, held by H. L. Godwin.

Chairmanship of Committee on Expenditures in Agriculture Department, held by Robert L. Doughton.

Congressman Pou is also Chairman of the Committee on Claims, but would probably have given this up shortly to retain the more important Rules Committee chairmanship.

The latest returns from the Congressional elections received at the Capitol give the Republicans 217, the Democrats, 212, Progressives 4, Independent 1, Socialist 1.

As 218 members is a majority, the Republicans fall one short of having sufficient votes of their own to elect a speaker and control committees, but expect enough support from the Progressives to secure full control of the House.

For the Democrats to control the next House would require that all six of the scattering congressmen align themselves with the Democratic party and against the Republicans—a possibility, but a very strong improbability.

STUBBORN FIRE IN GOLDSBORO

Over \$2,500 Worth of Property Destroyed by Blaze That Originated in a Residence

Goldsboro, Nov. 16.—Fire destroyed \$2,500 worth of property in Goldsboro early yesterday morning, the homes of two families being almost totally destroyed. Both houses were occupied by negro residents.

The fire, which was discovered shortly before 10 o'clock, was one of the most stubborn that the local fire department has had to contend with in some time and it was almost noon before the blaze was under control. The origin of the fire is unknown.

BIG BLAZE TODAY IN NORFOLK, VA.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 16.—Fire here today, which for a time threatened a block of Norfolk, between Washington and Freemason streets, was subdued with a loss of \$150,000. The firemen fought the flames in a 30-mile gale and freezing temperature. A livery stable and a furniture warehouse were destroyed.

PRESIDENT ATTENDING CHRISTENING OF SAYRE BABY.



PRES. WILSON, MRS. WILSON, & E. SAYRE WITH ELEANOR SAYRE. Here is the christening party coming across the lawn of the church at Williamstown, Mass., where President Wilson went to attend the christening of his grandchild, Eleanor Axson Sayre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre. At the right is Mr. Sayre carrying the baby. Next to him is Mrs. Wilson and in the lead the President.

BURGLARS RAIDED TAR HEEL TOWN

Bank, Express Office, Coast Line Depot and Other Places at Proctorville Robbed.

RAID OCCURRED DURING LAST NIGHT.

Thought to Have Been Work of Amateurs Rather Than Professionals—Bank Vault Not Touched—Followed Robberies at Chadbourne.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Proctorville, N. C., Nov. 16.—Proctorville is in a fever of excitement this morning on account of the wholesale activity last night of burglars, believed to be amateurs rather than professionals, owing to their method of operation.

The Bank of Proctorville, the post-office, Southern Express office, Atlantic Coast Line depot, Proctorville Drug Company and the store of Mr. W. R. Surles were broken into. The vault in the bank was not disturbed and it is not believed that the robbers got anything from the institution. The postoffice has missed some stamped envelopes and perhaps some stamps.

The store of Mr. W. R. Surles perhaps fared the worst, a quantity of goods being carried away. Some articles were taken from the drug store and all that is missing at the Southern Express office is a quart of whiskey.

Word was sent immediately to Raeford for bloodhounds, which were expected to reach here shortly after noon.

The bank will not be opened until after the arrival of the bloodhounds and nobody has been allowed to go around the side door that was found open as it is hoped that the dogs will be able to take up the trail of the robbers. It could be seen from a window that the vault had not been molested and it is very probable that nothing at all was taken from the bank.

The citizens of the town have offered a reward of \$150 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty persons.

The robberies occurred some time between 10 o'clock last night and day-break. Mr. Surles' store was open last night until 10 o'clock and so far as known none of the robberies had occurred up to that hour.

Entrance to the places was made through side doors, except at the two stores, which were entered through the front doors.

There was a suspicious stranger in town Thursday and it is thought possibly that his presence had some connection with the robbery.

LITTLE CHANGE SO FAR IN THE VOTE

No Sensational Developments By Unofficial Canvass of West Virginia.

Charlestown, W. Va., Nov. 16.—No material change in the unofficial returns are shown so far by the incomplete canvass of the votes of the counties. A slight difference of 10 to 15 votes in favor of President Wilson and the Democratic candidate for governor have been found in one county.

Recount of votes will likely be asked for by both Republican and Democratic leaders, including Senator Chilton, when the official results are known. The official count of most counties will be completed tonight.

The Democratic state chairman, in a statement given out today, declared that they would not contest the results.

ATLANTA DEALERS HAVE PLENTY OF TOYS

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—Plenty of toys to make the children happy at Christmas time—provided the children are not particular as to the artistic quality of the gifts they find in their stockings.

That is the verdict of Atlanta toy dealers after examining their supplies for the holidays, and the answer is that everything is made this year by American manufacturers.

An American can make a doll, for example, but it hasn't the beautiful delicate features and the eyes that "go to sleep" like the dolls from Dresden. An American can make a doll house, but he will probably overlook the little trees in the yard and other touches that spell the difference between manufacturer and art. He can construct a mechanical top, but at best it's a rather clumsy makeshift.

In the realm of vehicles, however, the American toy-maker is not only equal to his erstwhile European competitor, but is far ahead. The American velocipede, tricycle, "leg power" automobile, roller coaster and other machines in which the youngsters travel are the best in the world.

MEDICAL MEN HOLDING FINAL SESSION TODAY.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—The Southern Medical Association in session here since Monday entered on its final sessions today. Symptoms of pellagra and tuberculosis and other diseases, and a large number of clinics are on the program.

Election of officers and ratification of the selection of Memphis, Tenn., for the 1917 convention are scheduled for the final business session.

CAPITAL TO MAKE GLAD TONIGHT IN HONOR OF WILSON

Great Torchlight Procession To Be Held in Washington City.

PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW PARADE.

Planned as a Non-Political Affair by Residents of District of Columbia—Every Marcher to Have Flag

Washington, Nov. 16.—The capital will celebrate President Wilson's return to the White House with a parade along Pennsylvania Avenue tonight. Thousands of marchers, bearing red fire torches, will form a column at Peace Monument and march past a stand erected in front of the White House for a review by the President, government officials and Democratic party leaders. Every marcher will carry an American flag.

The President came from the summer capital at Long Branch, N. J., Sunday and the welcoming celebration was planned for Monday, but the campaign parade before the election had used up the country's supply of colored fire and more had to be made.

The celebration is planned as a non-political tribute to the President by the residents of the District of Columbia. Many organizations will march as complete bodies.

WILL SEEK EARLY DECISION IN CASE

Department of Justice to Urge Haste in Eight-Hour Law Tangle.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Early decision of one of the railroad suits attacking the constitutionality of the eight-hour law will be sought by the Department of Justice. An appeal will be made that the first case be tried early in the hope that the Supreme Court may pass judgment by January 1.

The department's policy has not been settled, but it is said that this course will be followed.

Official notice of the filing of sixteen suits has been received by the department today. Preparations are being made for the meeting Monday of the joint Congressional commission to investigate a number of railway questions, including that of government ownership. The commission has sent invitations to the governors and attorney-generals of all States, all State railway commissions and to commercial and industrial organizations and to the presidents of the railroads.

No date for the examination of witnesses has been set, but the hearing Monday will open with the testimony by State railway commissioners.

PISTOL TOTTING A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—Pistol toting will be a dangerous pastime in Atlanta for several weeks, in consequence of the killing of Policeman W. E. Armistead and the wounding of his fellow officer by a negro whom they arrested at midnight for idling on the street.

Judges of the various courts in Atlanta have expressed the greatest indignation over the crime and have given warning that pistol toting who are brought before them will get no mercy.

"The man who puts a loaded pistol in his pocket has made up his mind to kill a human being," declares Judge Andy Calhoun, of the city court. "He may kill in self defense, but the real chances are that he will kill on the slightest provocation, often without provocation whatsoever."

PRICES TOO HIGH FOR STATION SITES

Washington, Nov. 16.—Although a board of officers of the coast guard service has returned a verdict in favor of the establishment of the first coast guard aerial station in Hampton Roads, the wondrous prices on suitable sites are so high that it may be decided to place the station elsewhere. The station is planned as a nucleus of an extended coast guard aerial service and while officials prefer Hampton Roads it will be interspersed with said that it might be located at some several features of entertainment prepared in honor of the visitors.

CONTEST WAGED IN TENTH OVER BRITT'S SEAT

Buncombe Board Met Today to Canvass The Result of The Election.

BOTH SIDES NOW CLAIM VICTORY

Democrats Declare They Have Nine Majority and Republicans Claim Thirteen.

Asheville, Nov. 16.—The Buncombe County Board of Election canvassers met here this morning to hear the count concerning the result of the election in the Tenth District, in which the present incumbent, J. J. Britt, Republican, is claiming the election over Weaver, the Democratic nominee, by 13 majority.

The Democrats contend that full reports have not been made and in most instances that amendments and supplements as to the five precincts be received and counted in the record. If acceptable, the returns give Weaver a majority of nine votes.

Following the presentation of this motion adjournment was taken until 4 o'clock at the request of counsel for Britt. The motion urges that in certified returns there were technical errors.

DECLARES ONLY A GERMAN EXCUSE

British Admiralty Replies to Statement Issued By Berlin.

London, Nov. 16.—The official press bureau gave out the following official German statement today: "On November 5 a German submarine sank by a torpedo a hostile transport of 12,000 tons, eight nautical miles west of Malta."

The British admiralty appends this communication: "The announcement is an excuse to get away from the rage of the people in torpedoing a mail steamer without warning. The only ship sunk in the Mediterranean on November 6 was the Peninsular and Orient steamer Arabia, of 7,933 tons, that was sunk without warning about 300 miles east of Malta."

PINEHURST ORCHARDS WANT CHARTER.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 16.—Application for charter of the Pinehurst Orchards, of Aberdeen, was filed with the Secretary of State today. The corporation has a capital stock of \$25,000, of which \$3,000 has been subscribed. They propose to plant and cultivate orchards and conduct a fruit exchange.

CONFERRED AGAIN TODAY ON SHIPS.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Navy officials and representatives of different shipbuilding concerns conferred again today over the awarding of the contracts for the 53 new ships. Upon the outcome may depend whether the government will undertake the building itself or let it go to private yards.

MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSE NOW EMPTY.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 16.—The municipal lodging house here is empty although wintry weather has been felt here for the last week. Itenants have failed to apply on account of the great demand for labor throughout this section of the country.

Owners of lodging houses are this season doing but little business and the houses that were before filled are now comparatively empty.

In Session at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 16.—The annual convention of the West Virginia division of the International Order of King's Daughters, the woman's organization of the Episcopal church, began in this city today with that it may be decided to place the station elsewhere. The station is planned as a nucleus of an extended coast guard aerial service and while officials prefer Hampton Roads it will be interspersed with said that it might be located at some several features of entertainment prepared in honor of the visitors.