

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair Sunday;
Monday fair and warmer.
South Carolina: Fair and slightly
warmer Sunday and Monday.

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WASHINGTON DOUBTFUL OF THE CAPTURE

It Is Not Believed That German Captives Were Real "Sammies."

REPORT FOR BENEFIT OF GERMAN PEOPLE
Some Believe "North Americans" Were Either Canadians or Members of Foreign Legion.

(By United Press.)
London, Nov. 3.—On the heels of the annual German reconnoitering party took some North American "Sammies" prisoners, today's official statement announced.

Some weeks ago United Press dispatches from the British front quoted German prisoners as stating that the German high command had offered a reward of 300 marks (about \$75), that any cross or two weeks' leave with permission to visit home, to the first German soldier who captured an American Sammie.

Not Regular Americans.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Announcement by Berlin today that "North Americans" were listed among recent captives on the Marne and Rheims canals created much speculation at the War Department. No report from General Pershing in two weeks. That's what many of his Sammies at the front.

The State and War departments both are inclined to the belief that the captured troopers were Canadians, or members of the French foreign legion—probably the latter.

Any official announcement was withheld pending word from General Pershing. The view was held that the German statement purposely said "North Americans" to "fool" the German people into believing United States troops had been captured.

Some Walkers.
(By United Press.)
New York, Nov. 3.—William Plant, wearing the colors of the Long Island A.C., secured the seven-mile walking championship this afternoon at Madison square. He covered the distance in 33 minutes, 42 seconds. Walker's Reker, unattached, was second and Kurt-Zulch, American Amateur Association, third. The 10 mile and 15 mile championships were taken by Charles Kyrönen, Miroso, A. C., in 34 minutes, 41 seconds. Charles Peterson, second and Otto Laakso, third.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER WAS PLAYED

(By United Press.)
Boston, Nov. 3.—The Star Spangled Banner was played in all concert programs in Boston today. The music was played by the Boston symphony orchestra. It was announced.

Mark leader of the organization in the playing of the national anthem of the concert here to be played in New York and Washington today.

The orchestra refused to play the Star Spangled Banner in connection with the concert. Dr. Muck's resignation was tendered after a vote of disapproval over the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. The orchestra to include the playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Muck's resignation, founder of the organization, has given no indication of his probable decision on the subject's resignation.

ENGLAND REJOICES OVER VICTORY OF NORTH SEA FLEET

News of Destruction of 11 German Craft Hailed With Joy in London.

BRITISH FIRE WAS MOST DESTRUCTIVE

German Guns Were Quickly Put Out of Commission—Craft With Small Guns Defeat Heavier Vessels.

(By United Press.)
London, Nov. 3.—England rejoiced tonight in the news that some of her fleet had boldly penetrated into the Cattegat, beyond the Skagerrak, sunk a German auxiliary cruiser and 10 armed patrol boats—and finished without loss.

The Admiralty announces the bare facts, merely identifying the cruiser as "carrying six-inch guns." Copenhagen dispatches, however, quoted German survivors in a vivid narrative which brought emphatic satisfaction throughout England tonight.

According to the Admiralty, 64 survivors of the 11 German boats were taken prisoners. Copenhagen heard of heavy loss of life on the German vessels, one survivor declaring that of the crew of 81 aboard his vessel, 30 were killed outright by the British shells.

The British gun fire was deadly in its speed and execution. Captain Lauterbach, of the Marie, a survivor at Copenhagen, told the British authorities: "My vessel's four guns were almost put out of commission at the outset on account of the hail of fire which enemy destroyers centered on us. We were soon a mass of flames."

Apparently the engagement occurred near Kullen Point, quite close to Copenhagen.

An Unusual Feat.

Washington, Nov. 3.—American and British naval experts in Washington tonight said the battle between British destroyers and a German auxiliary cruiser and patrol boats in the Cattegat marks the first time in naval history that war craft carrying four-inch guns had defeated craft with six-inch armament.

British destroyers carry four-inch guns. A German auxiliary cruiser, which was destroyed, carried six-inch guns, the British Admiralty announcement said. The British victory was evidently due to "higher fighting spirit," experts here said.

BRITISH HEADED FOR HOLY CITY

General Murray's Army Should Be in Jerusalem by Christmas.

(By United Press.)
London, Nov. 3.—General Murray's British army must be in Jerusalem by Christmas if his drive against the Turks in Palestine continues its present rate of progress.

An official statement tonight from the Egyptian expeditionary force announced that on Thursday night the British had attacked the western and southwestern defenses of Gaza, and captured the first Turkish line on a front of 5,000 yards.

Turkish prisoners taken numbered 296. On Wednesday the occupation of Beersheba by the British forces to the right was formally announced. Both Gaza and Beersheba are about 40 miles from the Holy City.

GREAT AMERICAN INCOME TO GET ANOTHER WALLOP

Next Congress Expected to Put on Biggest Tax in Nation's History.

LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES WILLING

This War Is Costing Millions and the Present Generation Is Going to Pay Much of It.

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 3.—The great American income will be subjected to the biggest tax of its history by the next Congress.

Leaders of both parties are preparing an assault on war wealth, giant incomes and even the saving of the ordinary civilian when the December session takes up the burden of raising billions more to carry on the war. Already administration leaders are warning of the impending "Era of unexampled taxation at hand." The great financiers of the country—Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York and Federal Reserve Commissioner A. C. Miller, included—are urging the people to eliminate useless buying and try to increase their savings.

President Wilson will throw his strength behind the movement to increase taxes and make the present generation bear a larger share of the war bill. Congressmen returning to Washington after tours through their districts report a growing demand for the conscription of wealth.

The fight for taxation of war profits and incomes however will be changed to remove the taint of pacifism and the phrase "confiscation of riches." Heavy taxation will be demanded as a matter of cold finance. Speaker Clark is committed to a program of 50 per cent. taxation and 50 per cent. bond issues to finance the war.

Chairman Fitzgerald has declared for 80 per cent. war profits taxes. The estimate is that the coming Congress may authorize only \$20,000,000,000 expenditures. Two-thirds of this is expected to be for allied loans. Since the borrowers must keep up interest and pay the principal, these issues are not considered as burdens.

Suffrage and prohibition will share attention with the war legislation. "Drys" will attempt to put through the House their Senate resolution to submit a constitutional prohibition amendment. Dry leaders claim pledges of an overwhelming majority in the House. With President Wilson insisting on suffrage by State action, few of even its warmest friends hope for success. They hope for a show-down roll call to be used in next fall's Congressional campaign.

HUNDREDS OF CARS OF POTATOES LOST

(By United Press.)
Chicago, Nov. 3.—More than 500 carloads of potatoes, most of them frozen, rotten and unfit for consumption, were discovered in various Chicago freight yards late today, according to formal Chief of Police reports.

The destination cards have been removed and detectives so far have been unable to determine the consignees.

The police declare they discovered 10 carloads of potatoes being dumped in a refuse yard in the west side.

The potatoes are shipped from all parts of the country, the largest consignments being from Oklahoma and California.

MORE THAN TWO MILES A MINUTE

(By United Press.)
Newport News, Va., Nov. 3.—Flying at more than a two mile a minute pace, Lieutenant Baldioli, of the Italian Royal Flying Corps, reached Langley Field this afternoon from New York. The trip was made in two hours and thirty minutes. Other Italian flyers at Mineola, L. I., will fly Monday.

NO COMICS TODAY.

The Dispatch regrets that it has no comic supplements again this morning. Shipment was made from St. Louis, October 11, but had not been received here up to yesterday afternoon. The comics come in solid car shipment to Columbia, S. C., where carts are sent to the different parts using D. C. by North and South Carolina. The Dispatch comes to arrive some time this week, when they will be sent out to our subscribers.

THE BIG 10 COUNTY FAIR OPENS HERE TUESDAY MORNING

Everything in Readiness for the Fifth Annual Corn Show.

AUTOMOBILE PARADE FEATURES FIRST DAY

Official Program for the Parade Announced—Long List of Speakers for the Week.

With the going down of tomorrow's sun it is hoped to have all details in shape and things in readiness for the staging of the Fifth Annual Corn Show, embracing Live Stock Conference and Poultry Exhibit, at the Tabernacle and huge tents which have been erected on Castle street between Third and Fourth. Already much has been done in the way of decorations and making ready, and after the finishing touches, which will be added early Monday, arrangements of exhibit will be begun so that everything will be ready to start promptly Tuesday morning, November 6.

The management has been busy for a couple of days receiving exhibits from the adjoining counties. These exhibits have come by express, freight, parcel post, boat and every conceivable way, so that it begins to appear that the line of articles to be put on exhibition this year will far surpass anything done along this line in past seasons of the Corn Show. In fact, Chairman Joseph W. Little has been taken at his word and this is to be a real ten-county event, and the county is responding by sending in their choicest articles and the news that comes in regard to the attendance of the people is the source of much inspiration and gratification to all the fair workers.

The automobile parade is the chief event to take place on the opening day. The giant parade is to take place at 12 o'clock, after which all of the automobiles will drive to the show grounds. Chairman W. D. MacMillan, of the Automobile committee, has mapped out the following line of march:

Head of parade starting at Fifth and Market. Band in truck with banners.

Pender county—Pom with head resting on North Sixth street at Market and extending north.

Duplin county—South Sixth street and extending south.

Sampson county—At Seventh street and extending north.

Bladen county—At Seventh street and extending south—East side.

Onslow county—At Eighth street and extending north.

Brunswick county—At Eighth street and extending south.

Columbus county—At Ninth street and extending north.

Robeson county—At Ninth street and extending south—east side.

Wayne county—At Seventh street and extending south—west side.

A Temporary Success.
London, Nov. 3.—German forces gained a temporary stand on the British lines in the neighborhood of the Ypres railway, but were later driven out with losses, Field Marshal Haig reported tonight. The Germans took one of the Tommy's advanced posts, but the British retook it in a few moments with a few prisoners.

ITALIANS ARE NOW FIGHTING A BATTLE THAT MEANS MUCH

SOLEMN WARNING ISSUED TO PEOPLE IN UNITED STATES

Cease Useless Buying and Wasting of Energy Is the Appeal.

DRASTIC STEPS MAY HAVE TO BE TAKEN

Unless Americans Economize and Go to Work, Serious Results Are Inevitable.

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 3.—Government officials today called upon Americans to cease useless buying, put a stop to mispent energy, and devote money and labor solely to war work. Savings must be increased to create reservoirs for war funds. Lechary and "Business as usual" ideas may cost victory, they claimed.

"It is doubtful whether we can win the war, or at any rate win in short order," says Federal Reserve Commissioner A. C. Miller, "unless as a nation more of us work and all of us do more work, consume less and save to the utmost."

A gigantic war thrift campaign opposed to useless Christmas gifts was announced by Frank Vanderlip, who soon will ask the country to subscribe \$2,000,000,000 for interest bearing war savings certificates.

That no business should be allowed to continue unless its materials and men are helping win the war was the test R. G. Rhett, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce said must be applied soon.

Even priority of credit, as well as of steel, coal and other raw materials, will be limited to war industries in the near future, it was officially predicted today.

President Wilson's approval was claimed for all these measures by his war message declaration that the country "must exert all its power and employ all its resources in the war."

"Economic and financial strategy as well as military strategy are necessary to win this war," said Miller today. "Every man, woman and child capable of joining anything, must regard themselves as part of the greatest fighting machine."

"Less luxuries of all sorts, trucks and ambulances, instead of pleasure automobiles is the needed program," said Rhett.

Vanderlip pointed out that less than one third of the country \$50,000,000,000 annual income is being saved. To (Continued on Page Eight.)

Tagliamento Conflict Contains Great Peril for the Allied Cause.

DISASTER TO ITALY WOULD BE SERIOUS

However, Allies Are Rushing Reinforcements to Cadorna and the Prospect of Stemming Teutons Is Brighter.

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 3.—Behind the censored Tagliamento river operations in Northern Italy lies the crisis of the great war, officials here believed tonight. Not only does the United States' government look upon the Italian situation as the greatest peril to the allied cause today, but an official statement by the French high commission admitted the German advance "must absolutely be checked."

The great battle of Italy's Marne apparently is in its first critical stage, with General Cadorna's retreat to his river defenses a "complete success," and allied reinforcements arriving to his support. Confidence is felt here that the Teutons will be stopped. Advances to the State Department corroborate this.

Meantime press reports indicate the Teutons are attempting the feared enveloping movement from the North. To create a diversion and possibly force withdrawal of some of General Mackensen's troops to the Flanders front, violent operations against the Germans on the west was announced by the French commission here.

This was expected also to stop further German reinforcements reaching the victorious Austro-German armies in Italy.

The anxiety lest the Italians receive a blow which would crush their morale is based on the following feared results of an Italian debacle:

The 3,000,000 Austrian and German troops released from the Italian front might be thrown against the Anglo-French-American line. Elimination of Italy would also release sufficient Teuton artillery to give the enemy the enabling of the Germans to launch the ferocity of their Verdun attack on any chosen sector.

Allied troops on the Macedonian front and the Greek forces preparing to enter the fighting would be helpless after an Italian debacle.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS HEAVY SUBSCRIBERS

Washington, Nov. 3.—The "average" American soldier subscribed \$76.86 to the Second Liberty Loan, making a total army subscription of \$89,373,650. Complete figures for the United States fighting forces published tonight show that the enlisted men, drafted men and officers, not satisfied with offering their lives offered their dollars without stint. "The magnificent response of the American army," said Colonel H. H. Lord in charge of the campaign, "is one of the factors responsible for the large over-subscription of the second Liberty Loan. Partial reports from General Pershing indicate American fighters in France rolled up a total subscription of more than \$500,000.

The 31 cantonments in the United States subscribed \$43,270,500 of which the National Army units contributed \$22,737,900 and the National Guards camps \$19,546,600. The National Army camps have a per capita subscription of \$58.72 and the National Guard camps \$59.18. Camp Meade at Adelphi, Md., leads the former with \$89.30 and Camp Cody at Deming, New Mexico, the latter with \$110.88.

AIR BATTLES.

(By United Press.)
Paris, Nov. 3.—Air fighting on a scale unprecedented in the war was indicated in tonight's official statement which mentioned encounters over Malmaison in which 16 German machines were downed, three captive balloons burned and 50 German planes so damaged they fell within their own lines.

HELP YOURSELF IF YOU WISH TO WIN A PRIZE

Contestants Should Realize That Not a Single One of the Few Remaining Days of the Contest Should Pass Without Adding to Their Votes—Day for Final Count Is Drawing Near.

Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying: "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Now that Benjamin, while really one of the great men of the world, might have been a little unorthodox in his religious views and he possibly meant the assertion quoted as a little "dig" at Christianity, but he uttered as true an aphorism therein as any of the wise sayings published in "Poor Richard's Almanack." And it's good gospel, too. Who ever heard of the Lord giving assistance to one who was too lazy or too trifling to attempt to paddle his own canoe? The man who gets up in the morning and hustle is the one who "brings home the bacon" and the same applies to the women.

And it is particularly applicable to those who aspire to be numbered among those who will win the automobiles and other prizes offered by the Dispatch.

The vote exhibit tells the story of the voting on Friday. How they will stand tomorrow—or at the end, for that matter—non one can tell. The leaders may be lull into a sense of false security, and there are candidates further down in the lists who have it in their power to surprise those confident ones, and the silent candidate are liable to give a startling demonstration to their friends that the support to loyally given has

LOCKED TELEPHONE IN OFFICE SAFE

Durham's Prosecuting Attorney Forestalled Company's Threat.

(Special to the Dispatch.)
Durham, N. C., Nov. 3.—Because the Interstate Telephone Company threatened to remove the telephone from his office, James W. Barbee, city prosecuting attorney, unhooked the telephone instrument from his desk and looked it up in his safe. The threat to remove the telephone apparatus from the attorney's office came as the result of his alleged failure to pay certain back dues which the company claimed. Mr. Barbee alleging that he owed the company nothing.

The dispute had reached the point where Mr. Barbee's phone had been cut off by the exchange, and in order to keep the company from carrying out their threat of removing the apparatus from his office, the attorney moved to forestall any such action by placing the instrument in his safe. The outcome of this unique case will be watched with more than ordinary interest locally.