

NOTHING DEFINITE LEARNED AS TO RESULT OF DESPERATE FIGHT NOW RAGING IN RUSSIAN POLAND

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IF NOT DEFEATED ALREADY GERMANS ARE SURROUNDED BY SUPERIOR RUSSIAN FORCES

Germans Have Not Given Up Hope But Have Recommended Fight and Battle Rages Desperately—Attack of the Germans in the West Has Not Yet Materialized But Allies Expect It.

London, Nov. 28.—"We have made progress at certain points," is all that Grand Duke Nicholas, Russian commander-in-chief, says of the battle of Lodz. According to information from unofficial but usually creditable sources, however, the Russians have gained a great victory over the German armies which made their third attempt to advance to Warsaw.

This brief reference to the battle, added to what was said in the previous report from Russian headquarters, is taken here to mean that if the Germans have not been defeated already, the Russians have drawn a cordon around them from which they will have great difficulty in escaping.

Some correspondents in Petrograd who quote the highest military sources, report that this cordon is steadily tightening and that the Russian guns are spreading death among the German armies caught in its grip. They declare the only hope for the Germans, said to number 150,000, is that two army corps sent to their relief may be able to break through the Russian line.

That the Germans have not given up hope is shown by the Berlin official statement tonight saying the Germans have recommenced attacks and fighting continues.

General von Hindenburg, who has been made a field marshal in recognition of the protection he and his troops have given the East Prussian frontier, in an army order issued at Thorn, says the Germans have brought the Russian offensive to a standstill and inflicted heavy losses.

Further south and west of Novo Radomsko, the Germans also claim to have repulsed the Russians, while for the armies advancing to besiege Cracow, the Russian headquarters announce a "decisive success."

In the last few days of fighting in this region, the Russians, according to their official reports, captured about 150,000 men; 40 cannons; 20 machine guns and some general staff officers.

TO NAME COMMISSION TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Wilson Wants Colorado Mine Trouble Over With.

Seth Low and Patrick Gilday Selected to Try to Bring Peace to Unsettled Mining District—Appointments Monday.

Washington, Nov. 28.—President Wilson is expected to announce Monday the appointment of Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and Patrick Gilday, Pennsylvania mine union official, as commissioners to attempt settlement of the Colorado coal strike.

The President today began preparation of a statement reviewing the Colorado situation, telling of his efforts to secure acceptance of a tentative basis of agreement and of the sending of Federal troops to the strike zone.

Mr. Low, as president of the National Civic Federation, taken part in the settlement of many labor disputes, and his organization is understood to favor a commission to take up the Colorado situation.

Mr. Gilday is president of the United Mine Workers of America. Whether additional men will be placed in the commission was not known tonight.

Special commissioner doing relief work in Holland, sends a statement by a refugee in which the Belgian says: "In Berchem (two miles southeast of Antwerp) and neighboring villages there has been no food available for some time except what was gotten through the commission."

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ANTI-SUFFRAGIST WRITES PRESIDENT

Protesting Against Audience With Suffrage Leaders.

Wilson Stands Firm

Has Several Times Reiterated His Position Towards National Legislation for Suffrage and Will Not Alter His Views.

Washington, Nov. 28.—In protest against the request of woman suffrage leaders for another audience with President Wilson to ask his support for a constitutional suffrage amendment, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the national association, opposed to woman suffrage, addressed a letter to the President today setting out arguments against the proposals of the suffragists.

Mrs. Dodge wrote that the attempt to get popular endorsement of suffrage at the last election was a "dismal failure."

"In the name of 20,000,000 mature women in America, who are not suffragists," she protested against national legislation, "that would nullify the expressed will of the majority of men and women in the separate States to decide this issue according to their constitutional provisions."

"The 'black list' against senators and congressmen was a suffrage boomerang," wrote Mrs. Dodge, "the war on Democrats another."

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM INCREASES

Reserve Deposits Are Rapidly Being Paid Into Banks.

Board Well Pleased

Healthy Gain of Over Twenty-Four Million Dollars Made in Reserves and Over Twenty-One Millions in Cash on Hand.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Banks of the Federal Reserve system made marked progress during the past week in payment of the first installment of reserves to their Reserve banks. A statement of the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business yesterday, given out by the Reserve Board today, showed an increase in gold holdings over November 20 of \$24,000,000 and an increase in cash of \$21,700,000 in the same period.

"This," said Secretary Willis, "is regarded as showing satisfactory progress toward the complete payment of reserves throughout the country."

In several districts, a number of banks still are in arrears with the payment of their reserve deposits, due to a misunderstanding of the fact that payments were due immediately upon establishment of the banks, or to distance and difficulty in transmission. Telegrams from various banks report substantial surplus reserves at most points, and encouraging money market conditions.

"Federal Reserve notes in circulation," the statement said, "increased \$1,585,000 being issued by eight institutions. The Chicago district is in advance of all others in the matter of note issues. New York and Philadelphia stand next in relative rank. Payment of bills has been accelerated in eleven institutions, the total amount of bills discounted being \$7,383,000. Rediscouts have increased during the week \$1,715,000."

J. R. Mendenhall Dead. Former Senator and Prominent Industrialist Dies at 80.

Greenboro, N. C., Nov. 28.—John Redick Mendenhall, 80 years of age, and one of this county's foremost citizens, died at Guilford college last night. The funeral will be held there tomorrow.

A brother, W. D. Mendenhall, of this city, son, Walter Mendenhall, of Cleveland, Ohio, and two daughters, of Guilford College, survive. Deceased was a native of Davidson county, which he represented in the Legislature several times. He was in the lumber business many years, and a prominent educator.

Washington, Nov. 28.—President Wilson returned here early today from Williamstown, Mass., where he spent Thanksgiving Day with his daughter, Mrs. F. B. Hines. He drove at once to the White House.

WHAT THE GERMAN WAR CRITICS SAY

Information Given Out By Official Press Bureau

Conditions Improve

Views of the War Critics With the German Newspapers as to Result of Battles Now Raging on German Frontiers.

Berlin, Nov. 28 (by wireless).—Information given out today by the official press bureau follows: "Military critics of the Berlin newspapers consider that the success of the Austrians on November 25 and of General MacKensen on the following day have made still more favorable the position of the Germans. Russian reinforcements appear to have come from Ivanogorod and from Galicia. The latter movement may be followed by an advance of the Austrians over the Carpathians and toward the river San."

"Reports from Vienna say the conflict along the greater part of the front has assumed the character of a stubborn and long drawn battle. 'Fighting in the West has almost been lost sight of in view of the important conflict in Poland and Galicia, the outcome of which is likely to exert an important influence on the whole situation.'"

Conditions in Serbia. Further progress of the Austrian forces in Serbia is reported from Vienna where it is said that the enemy has been forced back near Lazarevitz on his center which has been broken through. Further successes are also believed to have been won along the Kolubara river south of Valdevo, the Austrians now being before Kosovici.

"The Turin Stampa reports that high Egyptian dignitaries are being expelled by the British, intensifying the excitement of the natives in Egypt. 'On French prisoners, have been found bullets with the tops bored out and filled with white phosphorus.'"

Generalissimo Carranza is in Jalapa tonight and is expected to remain there for two or three days to become acquainted with the people. He was accompanied by Generals Obregon and Aguilar.

General Roberto Jara was left in command of the garrison. General Lucio Blanco, who was the last of the Constitutional leaders to evacuate Mexico City, is here as a prisoner at the disposition of the military authorities.

John R. Silliman will remain in Mexico City, where he will conduct his work in conjunction with the Brazilian legation. Such dealings as the Washington government may have with General Carranza while he is here will be carried on through Consul W. W. Canada.

Dispatches Friday night from Vera Cruz carried a report that General Blanco had been arrested by his officers and was being conducted to Vera Cruz. No explanation was given as to the events that led to his arrest.

MEXICAN CAPITAL REPORTED QUIET

Except for Few Incidents Zapata Troops Keep Order.

Offenders Punished

Brazilian Minister at Mexico City Reports to State Department—No Spaniards Killed That He Knew Of—Tax Levied.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Except for a few isolated cases of robbery and violence, which resulted in severe punishment to the offenders, the Zapata forces have maintained good order in Mexico City, according to advices from the Brazilian minister to the State Department today.

The minister mentioned no injury to Spanish subjects, and officials here do not credit rumors that several Spaniards were killed.

The Brazilian minister reported that the public was rapidly regaining confidence.

The Zapata military commander has issued a decree levying a tax of one-half the regular property tax, which, he says, is needed to pay troops and the expenses of the police and government. The Carranza administration, he declares, left the treasury empty.

Nothing Known of Plans. Nothing was known by the Brazilian minister when he filed his dispatch, late yesterday, as to the time when Villa and his forces would arrive. Previously he telegraphed that agents of Villa and the Aguas Calientes convention were working in perfect harmony with Zapata officials.

The situation in other parts of Mexico is described in official reports as quiet with the exception of Tampico, where the approach of Villa forces from San Luis Potosi has terrorized some residents. Reports are current that the Carranza forces are working to bring about a settlement of the situation in Tampico, now in alliance with the convention forces.

BLANCO UNDER ARREST. Last of Constitutional Generals to Leave Mexico City.

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MERCHANT VESSEL HELD

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Was Beating Her, While in a Drunken Rage.

Coroner's Jury Finds That Roy Price, of Wayne, Shot Father to Death to Save His Mother From Probable Death.

Goldboro, N. C., Nov. 28.—Coroner C. E. Stanley was summoned to the neighborhood of Seven Springs this morning to investigate the shooting and killing last night of Robert A. Price, a well-to-do white farmer of that section, by his young son, Roy.

The coroner summoned a jury and thoroughly sifted the evidence and the verdict of the jury was one of acquittal on justifiable grounds, as the evidence showed conclusively that the boy had to shoot to save his mother from great bodily harm and probably death, as the father was beating her in a drunken rage.

The dead man was a heavy drinker and had been on a protracted spree, leading up to the incident last night that resulted in his death.

MAJORITY AGAINST TAX AMENDMENT IS 17, 628

State Board of Canvassers Between Employes and Western Railroad Managers.

Completes Tabulation.

Bank of Caswell at Milton is Closed by State Examiner and Cashier, Hines Has Disappeared. Short in His Accounts.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 28.—The State board of canvassers completed the tabulation and totals of the votes for the ten amendments to the State constitution and made considerable progress on the compilation of the votes for State officers, recess being taken tonight until Monday. The vote for United States Senator was completed, the figures being: Overman, Democrat, 121,339, and Whitener, Republican, 87,101.

The final figures on the total votes for each of the ten defeated amendments to the State constitution follow: Milton Bank Closed. First—\$7,816 for; 61,031 against. Second—\$0,722 for; 68,149 against. Third—\$4,728 for; 69,983 against. Fourth—\$7,321 for; 69,227 against. Fifth—\$6,235 for; 62,918 against. Sixth—\$4,414 for; 62,728 against. Seventh—\$0,520 for; 63,148 against. Eighth—\$4,358 for; 63,201 against. Ninth—\$5,237 for; 63,027 against. Tenth—\$9,519 for; 71,817 against.

BEGIN ARBITRATION OF TROUBLE MONDAY

Have Ninety Days to Discuss the Matter and Ten Days to Bring in a Reward—Arranged Under the Newlands Law.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—The differences of 98 Western railroads with 55,000 employes will be taken up here Monday by the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation. The eyes throughout the country will be turned upon the hearing brought about by the intervention of President Wilson last springs after the men and their employes had failed to agree.

The men will be represented by a committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The conference committee of managers will represent the roads.

Arbitration was arranged under the Newlands Law. Ninety days are allowed an dten days additional for the delivery of a award. The arbitrators are W. L. Park, vice president of the Illinois Central, and H. E. Eyrum, vice president of the Burlington road selected by the roads C. A. Burgess, assistant grand engineer, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Timothy Shea, assistant president, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, selected by the employes, Judge Peter C. Pritchard of the United States District of Richmond, Va., and Charles Nagel, St. Louis, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, selected by the government through the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation.

WILL DECIDE LATER. Vance Memorial Committee Completes Preliminary Survey.

Love Sick Maidens Warned by Police

PASTOR FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM AND THEIR SCHEMING MOTHERS—GETS RELIEF

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 28.—Rev. Frederick Nicholson, of the First Spiritual church, today appealed to the chief of police for "protection against love-sick maidens and scheming mothers." For weeks, he said, his life has been unhappy by love letters and telephone calls. He turned over to the police a package of letters. Police officials subsequently visited each home and advised that attention to the epistolary must cease.

Banking House in New York Think Public Misunderstood Lord George. New York, Nov. 28.—A banking house with influential British connections today received a cablegram from London intimating that a wrong interpretation had been placed on the statement of Lord George in the House of Lords Saturday that this country's debts to Great Britain aggregated \$500,000,000. The message said British bankers estimate the amount of this country's obligations to London as not exceeding \$250,000,000. That also was the maximum named by Sir George Paish, the British treasury official, during his recent visit to this country.

Local bankers believed Lord George probably referred to the amount of American securities held by bankers and individuals of Great Britain. At no time the bankers said, had this country's obligations to England and her colonies ever amounted to the colossal sum said to have been named by the chancellor.

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