

EUROPEAN ARMIES FORM NEW LINES IN PREPARATION FOR A RENEWAL OF MIGHTY CONTEST

No Material Changes in Positions of the Belligerents on Either the Western or Eastern Battle Fronts Other Than Preparations for New Battles and Slight Change in Circumstances Manifest on Either Side.

ATTEMPT OF GERMANS TO PENETRATE THE RUSSIAN CENTER HAS APPARENTLY FAILED

Interest in the West Shifts From Flanders to Lorraine and Alsace, Where French Are Reported as Having Made Considerable Progress—Conditions on Belgium Fighting Line But Little Changed.

London, Dec. 5.—There have been no material changes in the positions of the belligerents on either the Eastern or Western fronts during the last 24 hours.

Here and there heavy cannonades or infantry attacks have occurred, all of which, however, were more in the nature of feelers than a serious decision on the way of an offensive or for the purpose of an advance.

In Poland, the Germans, whose daring stroke to penetrate the Russian center apparently has failed with heavy losses, according to Petrograd reports, are forming a new line, extending roughly from Kutno in the north to Cracow in the south.

Thus it will be seen that an entirely new battle is about to be fought for the Germans are determined at all costs to keep the Russians out of their territory.

On the Western front interest shifts from Flanders to Lorraine and Upper Alsace. There has been little fighting in that part of Belgium still held by the Allies, and the French have taken some old German trenches which have given rise to a belief that the Germans will fall back to new positions.

Operations of more serious import are taking place on the borders of Alsace-Lorraine. In Upper Alsace the French apparently have made considerable progress and they also are making desperate efforts to sever communications of the German force holding St. Mihiel on the Meuse.

In the Near East similar conditions prevail and nothing has occurred which might be termed a battle.

Naval warfare so far as Northern waters are concerned, has been postponed by reason of the weather, which has been severe.

GERMAN PRESS STATEMENTS.

Claim Russia is Urged to Take Neutral Stand in the Baltic Sea. Berlin, Dec. 5. (By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—Among the news items given to the press today by the German official press bureau were the following:

"The Russian newspaper Novoe Vremya demands the occupation of the island of Spitzbergen by Russia irrespective of Sweden's and Norway's interests."

"Reports from Rotterdam says that the English war loan is in the market below the issue price."

"The French Socialist, Pierre Bonnier, in a letter published in the Guffre Sociale, strongly condemns the verdict handed down by a French court martial on the German military surgeons, Collins and Wolfhart, who were sentenced to a year's imprisonment for alleged pillage. Bonnier calls the verdict a deed of infamy."

"Eye witnesses of the entrance of the French and English troops into the French and German colony of western equatorial Africa, say that the British caused the German women to be captured in their apartments by armed forces and that they later were driven from the town."

"A great number of professors have protested against the charge that the Germans are conducting a barbarous warfare."

GOING BACK TO PARIS.

Ministers Returning and Government May Move Next Week. Bordeaux, via Paris, Dec. 5.—Members of the French cabinet are returning to Paris, where it is expected the government will be re-established soon.

CRUISER DRIVEN ASHORE.

In Terrible Gale Sweeping England—Other Vessels Reported Lost. London, Dec. 5.—The British cruiser Venus ran ashore in the storm striking a portion of the bridge was carried away by an enormous sea. The warship was running for a port in the south of England when the storm broke.

ARIZONA LAW THE CAUSE OF PROTEST

Land and Italy Object to Anti-Alien Measure.

EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR

Law Requiring That Eighty Per Cent of People Employed by Any One Person Must be American Citizens Strikes Snag.

Washington, Dec. 5.—In the absence of official advice, Secretary Bryan tonight refused to comment on a message from Governor Hunt, announcing his decision to postpone the proclamation of the Arizona new anti-alien employment law, pending further communications from the State Department.

The department is not advised as to the full scope of the law, but it is known it requires a minimum of 80 per cent of the employ of any person or corporation in the State to be citizens of the United States.

The Italian protest cites the commercial treaty between Italy and the United States, ratified in 1871, which provides that citizens of each nation resident in the other shall have liberty to carry on trade, wholesale and retail, to hire and occupy houses and warehouses, to employ agents of their own choice and generally to do anything which may be necessary for trade upon the same terms as natives of the country, submitting themselves to the laws there established.

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In reply the State Department notified both embassies it had taken steps to obtain complete information as to the anti-alien act and expected soon to be able to furnish the desired information. As soon as the text of the Arizona law is available it will be submitted to study by the department's legal advisers who will also look up court decisions based on anti-alien enactments of other states such as California, Oregon and New York.

HUNT MAKES REPLY.

Will Delay Proclaiming the Law Until Washington is Heard From. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 5.—Governor George Hunt of Arizona, telegraphed the State Department today that he would delay proclaiming the law voted at the November election forbidding the employment of more than 20 per cent of foreigners in any business in the State.

The State Department telegraphed Governor Hunt that the ambassadors of Great Britain and Italy had protested against the law and asked him if he would suspend operation of the measure. The governor's telegram read: "I am directed to issue a proclamation declaring the measure forthwith, upon receipt from the Secretary of State of a certificate of the election returns. Forthwith broadly interpreted means within the reasonable time required to prepare the proclamation. I am very much averse to prolonging the period preceding the issuance of the proclamation, but I realize the international aspect given by the protest of the Italian and British embassies and will await further advices from the department."

LARGE AMOUNTS OF HOLLY BEING SHIPPED FROM DUPLIN

Five to Six Car Loads a Day, Bringing About \$200 Per Car. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 6.—The shipments of holly from Duplin county are now assuming vast proportions, and each day an average of five or more cars are shipped from this county to the markets of the cities of the northern and western states and Canada.

GENERAL J. W. GRAY OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEAD.

One of Leading Reconstructionists and Member of the "Wallace House." Greenville, S. C., Dec. 5.—General J. W. Gray died here today. He was one of the most prominent men in South Carolina politics in reconstruction days. He was one of the few remaining members of the famous "Wallace House," which in 1876 withdrew from the state capitol and held session on Carolina Hill, Columbia, until President Hayes recognized the late Col. Wade Hampton as governor.

VIRGINIA COAST IS SWEEPED BY GALE

Worst Northeast Storm and High Tide Since 1888.

COAST TOWNS FLOODED

Numerous Small Boats Cast Up on the Beach and Damage Done Shipping—Streets in Norfolk Inundated—Two Drowned.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—Tide-water Virginia today experienced what is said to have been the severest northeast storm and highest tide since 1888. In this city the wind attained a velocity of 42 miles an hour and a number of streets near the water front were inundated. In one street rowboats were used to transport citizens.

Shipping, and particularly small craft, in Hampton Roads and lower Chesapeake Bay suffered. The passenger steamer Pennsylvania, of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad fleet, collided with the pier at Old Point Comfort and sustained damage to her bow. However, she was able to continue her voyage to Cape Charles. Cape Henry reported that two unidentified barges broke away from a tug and one of them went ashore near Lynn Haven bay. The beach from Hampton to Buckroe is said to be literally strewn with small boats which were driven ashore.

At Fortress Monroe, the high seas broke over the sea wall and the plaza in front of the old part of the fort was inundated. Some of the streets in Hampton are reported here as being flooded.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

And Third Had Thrilling Escape When Schooner Sank. Newport News, Va., Dec. 5.—Two men were drowned and a third had a thrilling escape early today when the schooner William Donnelly, of Baltimore, coal laden for Hampton, foundered off Cape Thimble Shoal in Chesapeake bay. The schooner was in command of Capt. John E. Phillips. His nephew and one other man composed the crew. The vessel encountered severe weather and early last night began to list. Between 3 and 4 o'clock water on deck was seen by the crew. The vessel was driven down suddenly, before those on board had time to launch a boat. Capt. Phillips managed to grasp a hatch cover as the schooner sank and after about six hours he was washed ashore near Willoughby beach in Hampton Roads. He was later taken to Norfolk. The other two men went down with the schooner. The Donnelly had aboard 175 tons of anthracite coal consigned to a Hampton merchant.

HISTORIC OLD VESSEL ADRIFF IN BAD STORM

Frigate Constellation in Danger of Grounding.

Seven Army and Navy Tugs and a Revenue Cutter Are Standing by Old Timer to Prevent Her Drifting Ashore in Gale.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—To prevent the historic frigate Constellation from being driven ashore in a severe gale now sweeping the Virginia coast, seven army and navy tugs and the revenue cutter Itasca are standing by the vessel in Chesapeake bay off Ocean View.

The Constellation broke away from the naval tug Ontario this morning in a 70-mile gale, and came dangerously near being driven on the beach. The broken tow line became entangled in the propeller of the Ontario and the latter craft was rendered helpless. She sent out calls for assistance and the tugs Uncas, Rocket, Alice and Wabnet hurried from the navy yard and the army tug Reno and mine planter General Ord, put out from Old Point this afternoon.

Two of the navy tugs were forced to put back this afternoon but the navy reports tonight that they succeeded in reaching the Constellation and are now standing by her.

Efforts to hold the Constellation with anchors failed this afternoon, but the navy reports tonight that one of her anchors with 45 fathoms of cable is holding, and the ship is apparently safe.

UNKNOWN STEAMER ADRIFF OFF VIRGINIA BEACH

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—An unknown vessel believed to be the Cape Charles Lightship is adrift in danger of stranding off Virginia Beach. She was sighted by lifesavers late tonight and appears to be about 800 yards off shore. Lifesavers from Virginia Beach, Cape Henry and the Dam Neck stations are standing by. The vessel is burning red signals of distress.

SIBERIAN TROOPS ARE GIVEN CREDIT

For Repulse of German Center in the Far East.

THOUSANDS ARE KILLED

Charge After Charge Made by the Siberian Soldiers Against German Position With Result That Latter Driven Back.

Petrograd, Dec. 5, via London.—The center of the field of operations in the Eastern war arena has moved to the south of Lodz, in Russian Poland. The German effort centers at Szczerzow, 20 miles west of Pietrkow, with that town the objective. Heavy fighting is reported also along the line from Glowno 16 miles northeast of Lodz to the Vistula river.

The strength of the German forces opposing the Russian left wing is estimated at five corps, each corps occupying a front of eight to ten miles in extent.

There are indications that owing to exhaustion of troops composing the German center, most of those regiments have been withdrawn or are resting on their arms, and that fresher troops are holding the line.

News dispatches from the front attribute the Russian success in crushing the German near Lodz chiefly to the endurance and tireless aggression of the Siberian troops.

The entire wooded region from Brzeziny to Kurpin is described as a German grave yard. Here an unsupported Siberian battalion is reported to have charged a battery of heavy German artillery and to have bayoneted the gunners.

Unable to Remove Wounded. The dead and wounded of this district are reported so thick that the Russian hospital corps, after working three days, had not cleared the field.

Most of the Germans treated showed bayonet wounds.

The fire-blackened ruins of the village of Kurpin, dispatches from the front say, are packed with charred bodies of Germans who took refuge there from Siberian bayonets to fall under the fire of a Russian battery.

Dispatches from Poland say the German disaster attending a march to the German German force from an isolated center began with a charge of the Siberians at Rzgow, six miles south of Lodz. The Siberians after a long march entered prepared trenches and immediately asked permission to attack Rzgow, where the Germans were entrenched. They deployed and attacked the German position from two sides. The unexpectedness of the assault surprised the Germans and the first trenches were quickly taken, though the Germans soon re-captured them. In the next few hours these trenches were taken and re-taken three times.

The Germans finally retreated northward, being pounded by the Russians until the main body of Germans was reached.

A rough cross surmounted by a peaked helmet and another cross on which rests a Siberian capital, blood stained and bullet holed now marks the field where thousands of dead lie side by side.

CRUISER REPORTED LOST

Word From Berlin Says Australian Drednought Cruiser Missing. Berlin, Dec. 5 (By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—Information given out to the press today by the German official press bureau says that, according to a report received by the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, the Australian cruiser Australia apparently is missing.

The Australia is a dreadnought cruiser of 19,200 tons. She is 578 feet long, 78-1/2 feet beam and has a maximum draft of 27-3/4 feet. She built at Clydebank in 1912 and is capable of traveling 26 knots an hour.

The Australian carries eight 12-inch guns, 16 4-inch guns, and three 21-inch torpedo tubes.

The Australia was last reported in Hawaiian waters last September when the Matson Navigation Company steamer William Picked up the vessel's message from the dreadnought saying that she was in full charge of the German cruiser Nuernberg.

DANIELS BEFORE HOUSE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Next Wednesday Until After When He Will Not Answer Critics. Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary Daniels will appear before the House Naval Affairs Committee Wednesday, he announced today, and until afterwards will not reply to critics of new material personnel. He refused today to comment on a published report that Atlantic fleet submarines were in poor shape and that only one serviceable craft of this type was stationed north of the canal zone.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, and Rear Admiral Badger, of the navy general board, also will be heard by the House committee next week.

MURDERED IN A CHURCH

Body of Little Girl Found in Church. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 5.—The body of a ten-year-old girl, who had been strangled by means of a cord, was found in a German Lutheran church here tonight.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—State's Attorney Hoynes' crusade against alleged police corruption, reached a climax here today when Police Captain John J. Halpin, Lieut. John H. Tobin, a veteran of the police department, and Walter O'Brien, a former detective sergeant, were indicted on charges of bribery and operating gambling games.

PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR BRINGS ON WAR

Question of American Situation is Discussed.

BY CIVIC FEDERATION

Last Session of Meeting in New York Devoted to Hearing Speakers on Both Sides Argue for and Against Preparedness.

New York, Dec. 5.—Resolutions advocating creation by Congress of a council of national defense were adopted today by the National Civic Federation after a discussion on national war preparedness that occupied much of the time of the last day of the Federation's conference here. The duties of the council recommended would be "to consider, decide and report to Congress what legislation is necessary to provide for the national defense without waste or unnecessary expense."

Any recommendation of the proposed council should, in the language of the resolution, "aim to secure the efficiency of existing forces on land and sea and a definite policy to insure peace."

Speakers today included Dr. Davis Starr Jordan, Colonel Robert M. Thompson, of the Navy League of the United States; Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant Secretary of the Navy; and Samuel Gompers. Dr. Jordan protested against what he called a "trade, against the so-called inefficiency of the army or the navy," and advised against an agitation for more armament at a time when the nations of the earth are crumbling each other because of their perfect equipment. The lesson of this war is that preparedness for war brings war," he declared.

Dr. Jordan asserted there need be no fear that Japan would attack the United States. As for the control of the Pacific, he said, "I would rather give up the Pacific than see this country go to war with Japan."

Mr. Roosevelt said there should be no preparation against the classification as a "militarist" of every person who is a member of the National Civic Federation. Regarding suggestions that this country should lead in disarming, he asked his hearers to imagine "North America unarmed" with Europe on one side and Asia on the other and then of a possible disagreement arising between the United States and another great power.

Samuel Gompers spoke for peace but advocated ample means for national protection. As long as other nations arm themselves to the teeth, we must be fairly and measurably ready to protect ourselves," he said. "I doubt very much if soon we will not find the need to develop a citizen soldiery, not a standing army, but trained men."

WISCONSIN ENDS PROBE INTO PROBLEM OF VICE

Committee Recommends that Drastic Laws Be Passed

Liquor Blamed for Most of Degradation While Dance Halls, Automobiles and Poorly Lighted Parks Aid in Downfall.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 5.—Fifteen months' study and investigation of the vice problem in Wisconsin by the legislative anti-vice committee resulted in radical proposals for law enforcement and better social conditions, summarized in an exhaustive report which was filed with the secretary of state today.

The greatest cause of commercialized vice, the report says, is the use of intoxicant liquor. Contributory causes are public dance halls, road houses, poorly lighted parks and public places, lack of responsibility by public officials, lack of public amusement and recreation facilities and automobiles.

The committee found that the vice question had no material relation to a girl's downfall. Then comments among other things: "That a morals court be established in cities of the first class with exclusive jurisdiction over all cases involving moral offenses."

"That a law similar to the Mann Act, applicable between cities, villages, and towns of the state be enacted, and that a permanent state police department be established in this state with power to investigate immoral practices and that local communities organize private associations to assist officers in the enforcement of laws."

"That the sale of liquor be prohibited within or in connection with dance halls."

"That a liquor license may be automatically revoked upon a plea of guilty or conviction."

"That all hotels, rooming and lodging houses be required to secure licenses; that they keep permanent registers of the names of all guests with penalties for using fictitious names."

"That the publicity or ownership be established by requiring the names of owners on the front of all hotels and rooming houses."

"That an industrial home for women be established to be equipped with hospital facilities for treatment of diseases, women convicted of immoral practices to be committed thereto for treatment and training."

"That in cities of the first three classes special classes for sub-normal children be established in the public schools." (Continued on Page Sixteen)

ANOTHER SIDE TO WHITE SLAVE CASE

Accuser of Millionaire in Turn Is Arrested

ON CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Attempted to Bribe Government Officials to Aid Her to Blackmail Man of Millions—Wanted to Split \$50,000 Pot.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie E. Cope, accuser of Colonel Charles Alexander, a Providence, R. I., millionaire, under the White Slave act, was arrested here today charged with attempting to bribe government officials in Chicago to aid her to blackmail Alexander out of \$50,000. Alexander, 65 years old and married, was arrested at Providence yesterday.

The public had its first view of the woman when she was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mason, who held her on the bribery charge and also as a witness against Alexander. She is 32 years old and was described by one of the government agents who resisted the alleged bribe offer as a "brilliant brunette beauty." She is of medium height and weight and handsomely groomed.

During the investigation of the complaint of Miss Cope by Federal officials at Chicago suspicion as to her good faith in the matter existed.

Miss Cope had many conferences with government officials. Finally she made the bold proposition that the government officials should aid her in obtaining \$50,000 from Colonel Alexander for her injured innocence.

Miss Cope went much into details concerning her offer and finally made out an agreement in her own handwriting in which it is set forth that the government officials should aid her in obtaining the sum mentioned from the colonel and in consideration of such efforts on their part she would pay them \$25,000 which would be divided equally between the following men:

Charles F. Cline, United States district attorney; Michael L. Igoe, assistant district attorney; Hinton G. Claiborn, division superintendent, Department of Justice; and Leland C. Wheeler, a special agent of the department.

Miss Cope explained further that out of her \$25,000 she would have to take care of her attorneys in Providence, and she stated that she had already consulted prominent attorneys in both cities before coming to Chicago to make her complaint.

ALEXANDER NOT FREE

Stories From California Thought to Bear Out Statement of Girl. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie Cope, arrested today in Chicago, charged with attempting to bribe government officials in connection with the Alexander white slave case, lived here with her mother from last April to August, it was learned today, and during those months frequently received visits from Alexander. She stated that she had consulted prominent attorneys in both cities before coming to Chicago to make her complaint.

Alexander met Miss Cope here two years ago. At that time he was living in Pasadena.

NOT AFTER EUROPEAN ORDERS

American Builders Expect Increase in Submarine Orders Here. Washington, Dec. 5.—The probability that the United States will be in the market next year for a considerable number of submarines is deterring American shipbuilders from seeking contracts among the belligerents for under way.

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So far, it is understood, the State Department has found no evidence that American builders have submarine contracts from belligerent powers or any orders for other types of naval construction.

Secretary Bryan said today his department had been continuing its inquiry into reports of such contracts.

New York, Dec. 5.—Charles W. Morse, the former builder, who has been building the American flag, was about to start a steamship line to Bermuda under the American flag. The Oceanic, a vessel of 14,000 tons, is due to start her maiden trip December 26 from this port.