

Forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy Sunday and Monday, probably local rains.

THE MORNING STAR

CELEBRATION OF VICTORY BY GERMANY NOW THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PREMATURE

All that German Headquarters Say of the Victory Now is that Russians Are Still Being Pursued—Russian Statement Declares Engagements on Vistula Nothing More Than Affairs Between the Outposts.

GERMAN ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE VISTULA IN FLANKING MOVEMENT IS FRUSTRATED

Operations in East Prussia and Against Cracow Are Continued by Russians, Despite Desperate Conditions in Poland—Allies' Offensive Movement in Belgium is Necessarily Slow Because of Bad Roads.

London, December 19.—It is believed Berlin's celebration of a great German victory in Poland possibly was premature. All that German headquarters says of the battle there in today's report is that the pursuit of the enemy continues.

The Russian official report tonight says engagements on the left bank of the Vistula have been nothing more than outpost affairs.

In these the Russians would seem to have been engaged in holding the Germans, while the Russian main force was forming along the Bzura river, where a new battle is beginning to develop, and the German attack is said to have been repulsed.

As was expected, the Germans attempted to cross the Vistula in an endeavor to outflank the Russians, but this was frustrated by the Russian artillery, and by the seizure of the pontoon bridges.

Despite the desperate work facing them in North Poland the Russians continue operations in East Prussia and against Cracow, while in Western Galicia they are talking positions along the Dounetz river in an attempt to stop the advance of the Austro-German forces.

Part of the Przemsl garrison has made a sortie in force in an attempt to open the railway to the Southwest, and is giving battle to the Russian besieging army.

Operations in the West

With the Germans strongly entrenched and the roads in bad condition, the allies' offensive movement in Belgium and France is making slow progress. At several points, however, the French officials report records the capture of German trenches. The offensive is being pushed with considerable force in Flanders and from the Belgian border south to the river Oise, where the line turns eastward.

The Germans keep up violent counter attacks, and by these and the use of mines, in some cases, have prevented the Allies from following up their advantage.

Similar tactics are being adopted by both sides along the rest of the front, with gains and losses in fractions of miles.

The Allies have brought up an enormous weight of artillery which they are using to clear the way for the infantry.

A message from Antwerp to the Amsterdam Telegraaf asserts that the Germans, preparing for a possible retreat, are constructing a line of defense across Belgium from the Scheldt along the Dendre river to Maubeuge on the French frontier. This, if true, might be considered only a measure of precaution.

The German cruisers which raided the east coast of England saved a mine field. In addition to three steamers previously reported as having been destroyed, a mine sweeper, clearing the seas, was blown up today and it is reported two other vessels met a like fate. This occurred while the funerals of the victims of the bombardment were being held.

While the motor section of the South African defense force is gathering in the remainder of the scattered rebels, the main army is forming on the German South African frontier where the advance guards are in touch.

IN THE WESTERN THEATRE

French War Office Outlines Operations on the Eighteenth.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French war office this afternoon gave an official announcement as follows:

"During the day of December 18 we organized in Belgium the territory won from the enemy the evening before to the south of Dixmude, and we advanced our front to the South of the line at Kortrijk.

"Our advance to the South of Ypres has been continued over a very difficult and swampy territory.

"From the Lys to the Oise, we have progressed in the region of Notre Dame de Conoulton to the South of la Bassée, by more than one kilometer. During the past two days we have made progress in the direction of Crecq, St. Laurent and Biangy.

"In spite of very spirited counterattacks, the position won by us at St. Pierre has been retained.

"In the region of Albert during the day of the 18th we advanced under a very violent fire of the enemy and we reached the barbed wire entanglements of the second line of German trenches.

"To the North of Maroucq, we occupied the night before a trench by means of hand grenades. Several German trenches have been captured in the region of Mametz, and in the vicinity of Libons three vic-

WILL BE NO CLASH SAYS CAROTHERS

American Agent Predicts a Peaceful Solution.

OF TRUBLE ON BORDER

General Bliss Makes Suggestion as to Settlement of Trouble to Secretary Garrison—General Scott Arrives.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Peaceful solution of difficulties with Mexican factions across the border from Naco, Ariz., was predicted by American Consular Agent Carothers in a message to the State Department today after a conference with the Maytorena leaders. It was learned today that General Bliss, commanding the American border patrol, has recommended to Secretary Garrison a plan for settlement of the situation. The plan was not made public. General Scott, chief of staff, who was sent to the border to take charge of the situation, was expected to reach Naco tonight. He will confer with General Bliss and it is thought probable Secretary Garrison will make no recommendations to the President until he learns the result of that conference and has received General Scott's report.

TO ATTACK TAMPIO.

Carranza Force of Large Numbers Draws Near to Seaport Town. Laredo, Texas, Dec. 19.—General Pablo Gonzalez has reached the Panhandle district with 10,000 troops, prepared for an offensive campaign against Villa forces at Tampico, according to a dispatch received here today. The same message asserted Carranza troops near captured Carranza, a small town near Torreon, and confirmed reports that Villa forces at San Luis Potosi had gone over to Carranza.

NEW MINISTER APPOINTED.

To Handle Foreign Affairs for the Villa-Gutierrez Faction. Mexico City, Dec. 19.—The Villa-Gutierrez faction has appointed tonight acting minister of foreign affairs, General Zapata's official report of the capture of Puebla was received today. It said a force of 10,000 men, including the Carranza troops, two thousand prisoners, several pieces of artillery and other equipment were reported captured.

SCOTT EXPECTED ON BORDER.

Looked for at Naco Late Last Night or Early This Morning.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, was expected here late today on his mission to bring peace to the border. His proposed conference with the rival Mexican leaders—Governor Jose Maytorena and Gen. Benjamin Hill—probably will take place early next week.

KINGS OF NATIONS MEET

Crowned Heads of Norway, Sweden and Denmark in Long Conference.

Malmö, Sweden, (via London).—King Christian, of Denmark; King Gustave, of Sweden, and King Haakon, of Norway, who arrived here yesterday to formulate an agreement combining their interests during the war, held further conferences today, after which they conferred with their respective ministers.

Meeting is Concluded.

London, Dec. 20.—3:05 a. m.—A Reuter dispatch from Malmö, Sweden, describes an enthusiastic demonstration in honor of the kings of Norway, Denmark and Sweden who have been conferring there. A huge crowd cheered the kings on their departure.

King Gustave and King Haakon bade a cordial farewell to King Christian aboard the cruiser Heimdal, which then sailed for Copenhagen.

Sweden and Norway proceeded to the station, where King Haakon left for Norway by special train. King Gustav returned to the palace to await the queen who arrived from Berlin. Their majesties then left for Stockholm.

FRENCH ARE ADVANCING.

Several German Trenches Captured in British Force to Fall Back.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The following official communication was issued tonight by the French war office:

"In Belgium, in the region of Steensel, the enemy has been repulsed and we have made progress in the neighborhood of the Kortekenn Inn.

"The British troops have lost in the vicinity of Neuve Chapelle several of the trenches they captured yesterday. In the meantime the Indian corps has advanced a few hundred meters towards Richebourg L'Avoué.

"The enemy has displayed activity in the direction of Thiep Val and Lihons. At the latter place a detachment of the enemy was taken by surprise in marching column and literally mowed down.

"From the Oise to the Vosges, there has been no incident worth noting."

AUSTRIA SAYS SUCCESSES.

Report from Vienna Declares Operations Against Russians Favorable.

Vienna, via Amsterdam and London, Dec. 19.—The following official communication was received from Vienna today:

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FRANK IS REFUSED LATEST PETITION

But Federal Judge Inclined to Grant Appeal.

WILL DECIDE MONDAY

Desperate Fight Being Made for Man Condemned to Die in January for Murder of Fourteen-Year-Old Mary Phagan.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Leo M. Frank, condemned to be hanged January 22nd next for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, was refused a writ of habeas corpus by Federal Judge W. T. Newman here today. A motion was immediately made by Frank's attorneys, requesting an appeal from today's decision to the United States Supreme Court and Judge Newman announced he would give a decision on this motion Monday.

There was some confusion with regard to the appeal, which at first it was announced that Judge Newman denied the right to face the jury. It is thought, however, that he announced at the close of the hearing that he was "inclined to grant the appeal." Subsequently it was stated, the Federal judge in granting an appeal in habeas corpus proceedings to issue a certificate stating his opinion that there was probable cause for an appeal was "inclined to grant the appeal." The writ was sought on the ground that Frank's constitutional rights were violated in that he was "involuntarily absent" from the court room when the verdict was announced. Attorneys Henry C. Peeples and Harry A. Alexander, on Frank's behalf, argued that the Georgia state courts lost jurisdiction of the case when he was denied the right to face the jury. The culmination of his trial. They declared that Frank is being deprived of his liberty under a conviction and judgment which was rendered in his absence.

LAW IS QUOTED.

As to Manner in Which Appeal May be Granted by Judge.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A Federal law enacted in 1908 requires that a Federal judge in granting an appeal in habeas corpus proceedings issue a certificate stating that in his opinion "probable cause" for the writ exists. The law reads: "From the final decision by a court of the United States in proceedings in habeas corpus where the detention complained of is by authority of process issued out of a state court, no appeal to the Supreme Court shall be allowed unless the United States court by which the final decision was rendered or a Justice of the Supreme Court shall be of opinion that there exists probable cause for an appeal, in which event, on allowing the same the said court or Justice shall certify that there is probable cause for such allowance."

UNKNOWN BATTLESHIP OFF SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST

Steamer Held Up by Battleship of Virginia Capes Friday Night.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—The Italian steamer Il Piemonte which arrived here today from New Orleans, reports that she was held up by an unknown warship off the Virginia capes last night.

Captain Giarretto, says he failed to learn the name of the warship but thinks she was British.

He says a boat from the warship containing several officers came alongside the Il Piemonte and after learning her nationality, the nature of her cargo and her destination permitted her to proceed.

He says, however, that his vessel was followed almost to the Virginia Capes by the unknown warship.

COMMITTEE AGREES ON ARMY APPROPRIATION

Practically Every Item for Ammunition and Coast Defense Will be Favorably Reported to the House by Committee.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The army appropriation bill, aggregating \$101,000, agreed upon today by the House military committee, carried a special fund of \$15,000 for United States military observers in Europe.

The bill closely follows the War Department's estimate.

"We gave them practically all they asked for," said Chairman Hay, referring to appropriations for ammunition and other materials for defense.

Increase of 25 regiments in the regular army was proposed by a bill introduced by Representative Anthony. It would authorize the organization of five additional regiments of artillery, five of cavalry and 15 of infantry and would repeal the law limiting the army to 100,000 men.

The appropriations of \$400,000 for aviation, and \$50,000 for armored automobiles in view of the use of the latter in the European war are included in the bill.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—The steamer Calcutta sailed today with food and supplies for the Belgians. She is the third relief ship sent by Canada. The bulk of her cargo came from Montreal.

RESOLUTION MAY BE RECONSIDERED

Senate Action May Nullify International Agreement.

SAFETY AT SEA MATTER

Manner in Which Senate Ratified Convention Will Literally Nullify the International Measure for Protection.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Reconsideration by the Senate of the resolution adopted last week ratifying the safety at sea convention will be sought early next week, it was learned tonight, because State and Commerce Department officials believe the reservation to the United States of the right to impose higher standards on all shipping in American waters than those imposed by the treaty virtually nullifies the international agreement.

The subject was discussed today by Secretary Bryan, Secretary Redfield, Commissioner Chamberlain of the navigation bureau, and Chairman Alexander, of the House merchant marine committee. Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, talked with President Wilson and said later he believed the ratification resolution "practically nullifies the convention."

In urging the modifying resolution, supporters of the pending seaman's bill contended that the treaty would interfere with that measure. Those supporting the House substitute for the LaFollette bill, however, were understood tonight to have concluded it would not conflict with the convention. The substitute was framed by Representative Alexander, one of the American delegates to the London convention which drafted the treaty already accepted by most of the other powers represented.

Ready to Send to London.

The convention and Senate resolution have been received at the White House and forwarded to the State Department for transmission to London. Under the terms of the convention, the ratification must be received in London by December 31. It was believed tonight this difficulty might be overcome by the adoption of a protocol by the powers extending the time. In urging the ratification in his last message to Congress, the President called particular attention to this time limit.

It is understood President Wilson believes the modifying clause unnecessary and that he may take steps to inform the Senate informally of his reasons.

It is possible for senators voting for the resolution to move reconsideration. Senator Stone said tonight he did not know what course would be followed.

NEW CITY, NEW YORK, TRIAL COMES TO AN END.

Demonstration Follows Announcement of Verdict of Foreman of Jury.

Accused Prominent in Politics and an Officer.

New City, N. Y., Dec. 19.—William V. Cleary, town clerk of Haverstraw and Democratic leader in Rockland county, was acquitted by a jury in Supreme Court here tonight of the charge of murder in the first degree on which he was tried for killing Eugene M. Newman, his son-in-law.

Announcement of the verdict was the signal for a demonstration by Cleary's friends in the court room.

When the jury filed in it was apparent what the verdict would be. The foreman when asked what the jury had decided, almost shouted the words "not guilty."

Applause followed the announcement. Cleary seemed dazed at first and when he regained his composure asked permission to thank the jury. It was granted that with the same handling, both would be equally valuable for food.

Dr. Pennington, under questioning, declared that in her investigations of cold storage plants, she had found nothing to indicate that cold storage facilities were used to manipulate food prices.

GOTTON MILLS WORKING TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY AND EMPLOYING HUNDREDS OF MEN FOR EXTRA WORK

Lowell, Mass., December 19.—The machinery of the Tremont and Suffolk cotton mills will be run 24 hours a day, beginning Monday, according to announcement today. Four hundred extra employees will be hired. Anticipated demand for fabrics early in the coming year is given as the reason for the increase in production.

NEAR-FIGHT FEATURES SESSION OF CONGRESS

Representatives Heflin and Moon Star in Wordy Contest in Which Statement of Latter is Denounced as "False and Untrue" by Gentleman From Alabama—Invited to Repeat Statement Outside Congress' Halls.

MOBILE CONTENTION SUSTAINED IN PART

Concerning Rates on Export Cotton to Southern Ports—"Penalty Rates."

Washington, Dec. 19.—Contentions of the Mobile Chamber of Commerce were sustained in part today in the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision of export involving a general attack upon the reasonableness of export cotton freight rates from Southern ports to Mobile. All railroads serving Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas were parties to the case. The New Orleans cotton exchange demanded that the rate be given Mobile the same as was not at the same time accorded New Orleans.

The commission held that the testimony taken did not warrant a finding of unreasonableness of the rates attacked. The carriers, however, were ordered to abandon "penalty rates," which require that cotton shipped to compress point must be reshipped to destination by the same carrier in order that it may enjoy through rates. The commission found that the penalty rate system discriminated against Mobile.

Discrimination prejudicial to Mobile as compared with Savannah, Ga., was disclosed and the roads were directed to eliminate it.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COPPER SHIPMENTS

State Department Has Taken Matter Up With Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representatives of the Western Copper Producing States met in London today and an understanding was being framed between the United States and Great Britain with every indication of success whereby American copper could be allowed to be transported to Italy without detention.

Most American copper is shipped "to order" or consigned directly to the recipient country. Consequently the British government which already had declared copper contraband, asserted the right to seize it. The nature of the understanding, which has been reached between the British government and Italy, which will permit the resumption of the American copper trade with Italy is not disclosed, but it is understood at the State Department that the British are satisfied with the guarantees which the Italian government will extend that the copper will not reach Germany or Austria if allowed to enter Italian ports.

LADY DOCTOR INVESTIGATES COLD STORAGE OF FOODS.

Declares Eggs and Poultry Can be Kept Long Time That Way.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Dr. Mary E. Pennington, of the Chemistry Bureau, at the congressional hearing today on the bill to regulate cold storage, said the results of her investigation and experiments disclosed that poultry and eggs, if properly handled, could be kept in cold storage long enough to overcome reasonable scarcity of supply, without any deterioration of their food value. She showed comparisons of poultry marketed fresh, and after being frozen four weeks and drew the conclusion that with the same handling, both would be equally valuable for food.

Dr. Pennington, under questioning, declared that in her investigations of cold storage plants, she had found nothing to indicate that cold storage facilities were used to manipulate food prices.

CLEARLY NOT GUILTY OF MURDERING SON-IN-LAW

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