

WEATHER.
Local rains Monday. Tuesday, partly cloudy.

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CONTINUED PROGRESS IN DOBRUDJA MADE BY THE CENTRAL POWERS

Russo-Rumanian Forces Endeavoring to Retreat Across Danube on Pontoon Bridges.

ADVANCE IN TRANSYLVANIA

Bucharest Declares Two Howitzers Were Captured in Fighting in the Jiu Valley.

ANGLO-FRENCH MAKE GAINS

British Positions at Several Points Bombarded Heavily.

Aside from the continued progress of the Teutonic allies in the Dobrudja region of Rumania and fresh gains by the French and British in the Somme region of France, there is little if any change in the situation in any of the various theatres of the war.

The Rumanians and Russians in Dobrudja are still in retreat before the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops, and are now endeavoring to make their way over the Danube at various points on pontoon bridges, according to the Sofia war office.

Bucharest Reports Gains

On the Transylvanian front the Russians and Rumanians apparently are operating successfully against the Teutonic allies near the junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumania and to the south near Campulung and in the Jiu valley have gained successes over them. In the fighting in the Jiu valley the Rumanians are declared by Bucharest to have captured two howitzer batteries, which later were turned against the Austro-Germans.

According to Berlin the Teutons have made additional gains south of Kronstadt and in the direction of Campulung. Following up their advantage of Saturday, the British captured another German trench Sunday northeast of Les Boeufs in the Somme region, while the French made fresh advances near Sully-Sailles and Blaches. Heavy artillery against the British positions is being carried out by the Germans in the Les Boeufs sector and elsewhere.

Again, according to Berlin, another heavy offensive against the German lines along the Stokhod river in Volhynia has been put down by the German curtain of fire. Petrograd reports successful reconnoissances by the Russians along the river Stavok, a tributary of the Stokhod.

GERMAN U-BOAT ARRIVES

WITH 24 OF BRITISH CREW
Berlin, Oct. 29. (via Sayville).—A dispatch from Christiania to the Overseas News Agency, quotes the Afterpost as reporting the arrival of a German submarine at Honningsvaag with the crew of 21 of the British steamer Polo. The Polo, the report adds, with 3,500 tons of coal for Alexandrovsk from Newcastle, was sunk by the submarine 20 miles off North Cape.

CAPTAIN BOELKE KILLED AFTER DESTROYING 40TH AEROPLANE

London, Oct. 29.—Capt. Boelke, the famous German aviator, during an air fight on Saturday, in collision with another aeroplane and was killed, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. His machine landed within the German lines. On Friday Captain Boelke shot down his fourth aeroplane.

BERLIN SAYS THE BRITISH ATTACKS WERE FRUITLESS

Berlin, October 30. (via Sayville).—Heavy attacks were launched yesterday by the British between Guedecourt and Les Boeufs, on the Somme front. These were either repulsed by the German army or repulsed by the infantry, according to today's army headquarters statement. A later attack east of Les Boeufs resulted in the penetration of a German advanced trench, where fighting is still in progress.

On the Verdun front there was only artillery activity. The statement follows: "Army Group of Crown Prince Rupprecht: British attacks which developed strong artillery fire between Guedecourt and Les Boeufs were held down by our artillery in most cases. Wherever they were carried out they (Continue on Page Eight).

CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN SOUTHPORT

Naval Consulting Board Considering Over Fifty Sites for Research Laboratory.

EDISON HEADS COMMITTEE

Salt Water of Good Depth Must Be Available Together With 100 Acres of Land—Over \$1,000,000 Will Be Spent.

New York, Oct. 29.—More than fifty sites in many parts of the country for what is expected to become the greatest scientific institution in the world are under consideration by a committee of the Naval Consulting Board, it was stated here today by Thomas Robins, secretary of the Board, in telling of the extended search, it is conducting for a place to build its experimental and research laboratory for the development of advanced science in its application to national defense. The committee, of which Thomas A. Edison is chairman, has been conducting its investigation for several weeks. Mr. Robins said, and will continue the work for some time to come until the most suitable spot has been found. Southport, N. C., is on the list of sites now under consideration.

Mr. Edison has made a number of automobile scouting trips along the coast in the hunt for the site and has suggested several places for examination by the committee. An indication of the character of the work that is occupying the Board's attention is shown in Mr. Robins' statement of the requirements the site for the laboratory must meet.

"The laboratory will need about 100 acres," he said, "in order to provide space for testing projectiles, aero engines and similar devices, in addition to taking care of the large and small buildings for many kinds of work. There will be shops in which almost any kind of manufacturing can be done, from a fuse to a submarine.

"Salt water of good depth must be available in order that ships may come right up to the shops and in order to facilitate submerged work, submarine signaling apparatus, and other apparatus at a distance. For experiments in this line the passage of peaceful vessels will serve every purpose and therefore the committee looks with favor upon such sites as front upon waterways.

"In order to place our navy safely in the lead the laboratory will develop not only new devices but new materials and even new scientific principles."

The last naval bill appropriated \$1,000,000 for the laboratory and it is expected that half a million more for it will be included in the next bill. The bill provided that the money should be used for research in gunnery, torpedo, mine, and other apparatus, and for the construction of the plant for such research, its equipment and the compensation of civilian scientific assistants are to be paid for out of the appropriation, but it is expected that the present ration dollars already appropriated and the half million hoped for next year will be devoted to the site and plant, while money for further equipment and salaries will come out of future annual appropriations.

LABOR IS NOT SUPPORTING ANY ONE SET OF CANDIDATES

Denial is Made in A Speech By Secretary Frank Morrison

Pittsburg, Oct. 29.—Denial that the American Federation of Labor is supporting any one set of candidates in the present political campaign was made in a speech here today by Frank Morrison, secretary of the organization.

BRITISH CONSUL DIES

Thomas Edward Erskine Attacked With Heart Failure at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Oct. 29.—Thomas Edward Erskine, consul general for Great Britain in New Orleans, died here late today of heart failure, aged 57 years. Mr. Erskine had been in failing health for several months.

CURT TERMS USED BY BRECKINRIDGE

Characterizes As a Scoundrel Person Who Quoted Him to Senator Lodge as Reported.

WERE NO CABINET THREATS

Secretary Houston Also Denies That the President Added a Postscript to the Second Lusia Lania Note to Germany.

New York, Oct. 29.—Emphatic denial of having stated as charged by Senator Lodge that President Wilson had eliminated a postscript from the second Lusitania note only when members of his cabinet threatened to resign if it were included, was made by Henry C. Breckinridge, former assistant Secretary of War, in a telegram sent to the Philadelphia Public Ledger and made public here today by the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Breckinridge's telegram, filed at San Mateo, Cal., was given out by the committee as follows: "Any one who quoted me to Senator Lodge as your scoundrel, as you are quoted, is a scoundrel. No member of President Wilson's cabinet ever threatened him on any subject. The malice that would seek for partisan advantage to emasculate the policy of one's government in a vital international affair by the mongering of backstairs gossip is beneath contempt."

Another denial of Senator Lodge's assertion was contained in a message received at Democratic headquarters here today by David M. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, who said: "I have received a telegram from the Philadelphia Public Ledger reporting Senator Lodge as having said at Brooklyn that after the second Lusitania note had been read the President added a postscript informing the German government that the words 'strict accountability' and other strong phrases were not to be taken seriously and that I threaten to resign if the postscript was added. Of course, this a fabrication and has been incapable of conceiving such a crooked course.

"I never heard of such a postscript and did not threaten, and have at no other time threatened, to resign. I would have been astounded at the reported statement if I had not noted other irresponsibilities, unpatriotic and disloyal utterances of Republican leaders, especially those raising and dealing with sectionalism. Surely the Republican leaders are very desperate and in sad need of issues when they lend themselves to such things."

FORMER SECRETARY GARRISON DECLINES TO DISCUSS MATTER

Washington, Oct. 29.—Former Secretary of War Garrison, here to appear as counsel before the Supreme Court tomorrow, declined tonight to comment on Senator Lodge's speech in a telegram of Mr. Breckinridge, his former secretary.

Mr. Garrison asked whether Mr. Breckinridge had denied the statement attributed to him but declined to discuss the matter further.

PRESIDENT LEAVES DENIAL TO HIS CABINET MEMBERS

Long Branch, N. C., Oct. 29.—Renewal of claims by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, that President Wilson had eliminated a weakening postscript from the cabinet members were sufficient in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania, brought forth no statement from President Wilson tonight, officials here taking the position that denials by cabinet members were sufficient.

BODY OF NORMAN PRINCE RESTS IN VAULT IN FRANCE

Uncle of American Aviator Who Was Killed Returns to America

New York, Oct. 29.—Dr. Morton Prince, of Boston, an uncle of Norman Prince, the American aviator recently killed in France, returned here today on the American Line Steamship Philadelphia from Liverpool. The body of the young American, he said, is now in a vault at Luxeuil, awaiting removal to America.

LUTHERAN CELEBRATION IS TO CONTINUE FOR ONE YEAR

Commemoration of the Quadri-Centennial of Reformation Begun.

Philadelphia, Oct. 29.—The nationwide celebration of the quadri-centennial of the Reformation by members of the Lutheran church was inaugurated here today by special services in all churches of that denomination and by a union meeting tonight at which leading Lutherans made addresses. The celebration will continue a year and an effort will be made to raise a fund of \$10,000,000 for education, missions and pensions for aged ministers of the Lutheran church.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 29.—Mr. James A. Ruble, 30, member of the Holston conference Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years, and captain of Mountain Branch National Soldiers' Home at Johnson City, died today.

PRESIDENT HAS A BUSY WEEK AHEAD

Plans to Devote Virtually His Entire Time to His Campaign for Re-Election.

MANY OPTIMISTIC LETTERS

Messages From Various Parts of the Country Predict Victory—Mr. Wilson Will Go to New York State Wednesday.

Long Branch, N. J., October 29.—President Wilson plans to devote virtually his entire time this week to his campaign for re-election. Letters and telegrams from various parts of the country predicting victory for the Democratic ticket, were forwarded to Shadow Lawn today from the executive offices.

The President will visit Buffalo on Wednesday and New York city on Thursday, and next Saturday will address a gathering of New Jersey citizens here. He probably will go to Princeton election day to vote. Arrangements have been made for the President to receive full election returns at Shadow Lawn.

Mr. Wilson probably will return to Washington within two or three days after the election.

Viscount Amano Sato, the new Japanese ambassador to the United States, will pay a formal call on President Wilson tomorrow afternoon to present his credentials. Later the President will receive a committee from the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture and tomorrow he will have as his dinner guest Augustus Thomas, the playwright, who speaks here tomorrow night in behalf of Mr. Wilson's candidacy.

Word came from Secretary of State Lansing tonight that the statement credited to Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican section of the joint international commission, criticizing the American government for failing to prevent assistance being given Mexican revolutionaries from the United States, had been repudiated by Mr. Cabrera.

McCORMICK SAYS CAMPAIGN FOR WILSON ALREADY WON

New York, Oct. 29.—Chairman Vance C. McCormick, of the Democratic National Committee left today for Chicago to look over the Western situation before his departure he declared the campaign for President Wilson already had been won.

SAYS ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA FOR HUGHES

New York, Oct. 29.—Optimistic reports of conditions in the middle west came here today from the office of Chicago, head of the Western headquarters, at a conference of Republican campaign managers with National Chairman W. R. Wilcox. Mr. Hirt told his co-workers the Republicans were certain to carry Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

HUGHES STARTS ON LAST WEEK OF HIS CAMPAIGN

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Charles E. Hughes today started on the last week of his presidential campaign. He left at 11:45 p. m. for points in Ohio and Indiana.

IRISHMEN PUT INTO EFFECT

London, Oct. 30.—Speaking at Sligo Sunday John Redmond, the national leader, urged the immediate putting into effect of home rule for Ireland.

"Ireland is suffering from a brain storm. A guest of passion has swept the country and a period of calm is necessary to restore a rational and sane view of the causes and the consequences of the tragedy through which Ireland has just passed.

"Common sense is rapidly reasserting itself and the passion is subsiding. Ireland has come to believe that she must not sacrifice the fruits of 40 years of patient labor in a moment of anger and disappointment."

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Oct. 29.—A war line steamer Jalisco arrived here today, inaugurating a direct service between New York and Central American ports.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPER IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 29.—Private Lee Furtie, of troop A, North Carolina cavalry, was killed today in his tent, while writing a letter, by the accidental discharge of his pistol. He enlisted at Mount Island, N. C.

Genius of the German Army and His Aged Mother



Field Marshal Von Mackensen, commander of the Teuton forces in Dobrudja, who has just routed the Russo-Rumanian armies and now threatens a drive on Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, is regarded today as one of Germany's foremost Generals. Many of her military successes in the East are attributed to his sagacious campaigning. Mrs. Von Mackensen recently passed her eighty-ninth year and takes great pride in the achievements of her illustrious son.

CABRERA DID NOT ISSUE STATEMENT

Declares Mexican News Bureau Acted Without Either His Knowledge or Consent.

TO SIGN ALL STATEMENTS

Gives Notice That He Will Be Responsible Only For Those Above His Signature—Will Instruct News Bureau.

New York, Oct. 29.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican-American joint commission, said here today that he did not authorize the statement issued by the Mexican News Bureau in Washington Saturday assailing American officials for alleged laxity in dealing with anti-Carranza propagandists along the border.

"The statement purporting to be from me, was not issued by me or given out by my knowledge or consent," Mr. Cabrera said. "All statements issued, or which I may issue, will appear signed by me."

Regardless of what his personal attitude may be, the Mexican commissioners said he would not, in view of his official position, issue a statement of the character of that of the news bureau while negotiations were pending between the two governments. He declared that the bureau would be instructed not to give out further statements as coming from him unless they bore his signature.

A representative of the news bureau conferred with the Mexican members of the joint body in Atlantic City recently, Mr. Cabrera added, and probably carried back with him to Washington the impression that the Mexican commissioners were of the opinion that the United States should adopt a firmer attitude toward anti-Carranza propagandists.

THREATENED FRICTION HAS APPARENTLY CLEARED AWAY

Washington, October 29.—What promised to be a new source of serious friction between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico apparently was cleared away tonight, through formal repudiation by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, of a statement issued here yesterday in the name of Luis Cabrera, assailing the Carranza government for permitting aid to reach Villa and other bandits from its side of the border.

Mr. Arredondo will go to the State Department tomorrow with the explanation that the statement was put out by an employee of the Mexican News Bureau, the de facto government's semi-official publicity agency, without the knowledge or consent of either the embassy or Mr. Cabrera. Department officials said tonight that it would be accepted and would be regarded as closing the incident.

While at the department, Mr. Arredondo says, on special instructions from his government, he will deny also the authenticity of what it is understood will purport to be quotations from General Carranza, General Obregon, the Mexican war minister, and General Abelardo Gonzalez, commander of the forces in Mexico City, reflecting strong anti-American sentiments, which are expected to appear tomorrow in an American weekly magazine. Information reaching the embassy recently concerning the magazine article caused an exchange of messages with Mexico City, and brought the ambassador authority to repudiate them in advance.

Until word of Mr. Arredondo's action and of Mr. Cabrera's repudiation at New York came to them tonight, the heads of the State Department had taken a most serious view of the statement attributed to Cabrera, who, besides being Carranza's minister of finance, is chairman of the Mexican group of the joint committee now sitting at Atlantic City, N. J. The general feeling was that if the statement was authentic the usefulness of the commission would be destroyed, and consequences of the most undesirable character might result.

How the statement originated has been the subject of much speculation, and apparently has narrowed down to a question of veracity between Mr. Cabrera and the member of the news bureau staff who gave it to the press. The bureau, set up some time ago with G. F. Weeks, formerly a press censor for the Carranza government at Mexico City, at its head, has been regarded as the semi-official mouthpiece of the embassy. The employee who issued yesterday's statement was George F. Edmunds, publicity representative of the embassy until the bureau was organized. Edmunds asserts that the statement was dictated to him at Atlantic City by Cabrera, who authorized him to make it public. Weeks tonight telegraphed Cabrera, disclaiming responsibility for the action.

The appearance of the statement created consternation at the embassy. Mr. Arredondo promptly had a conference with Mr. Cabrera over the long distance telephone. Later he explained that the bureau had prepared and issued without authority the statement as a result of remarks made by Cabrera Friday to a representative of the bureau. He said Cabrera made no unpleasant references to the American government, and moreover, was not expecting his remarks to be quoted.

STEAMER ANGELIKE TORPEDOED.

Was Conveying Volunteers to Salonki, Says Athens Dispatch.

London, October 29.—The steamer Angelike, conveying volunteers to Salonki, has been torpedoed at Fleva, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens today.

No steamer of this name is listed in available shipping records.

VIRGINIA TO BE 'DRY' STATE AFTER TUESDAY

Officers of the Law Preparing for Strict Enforcement.

Railroads Refuse to Receive Liquor Shipments After Today—Churches and Temperance Bodies to Celebrate.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 29.—Virginia enters the ranks of prohibition states at midnight on Tuesday, swelling the total to 18 states.

State and local authorities are preparing for a strict enforcement of the law, which is drastic and believed to be practically court proof, combining the strictest features of measures that have already stood the tests.

For all practical purposes, Virginia will be dry before tomorrow night, as liquor houses throughout the state are rapidly disposing of their stocks. The liquor can be shipped after midnight on Tuesday, carriers have served notice that none will be received for shipment after tomorrow, consequently little will remain for sale on Tuesday.

Churches and temperance bodies throughout the state are preparing to celebrate the wiping out of the liquor traffic in Virginia with "watch parties". The celebration in the clubs and hotels will be more of the nature of a wake.

In spite of a provision which makes the possession of liquor in certain quantities prima facie evidence of intent to violate the law, large supplies are being laid in by those able to provide against arid days. This feature of the law, it is expected, will soon meet with a test in court. The mails have been swamped for the past few weeks with letters from out-of-town liquor concerns soliciting future orders.

Under the new law one quart of whiskey, one gallon of wine or three gallons of beer may be purchased outside the state by any man over 21 years of age who is not of intemperate habits or a student, or by a woman if she is the head of a family. No malt liquor of any kind may be sold even if it shows no percentage of alcohol. The only alcohol permitted in beverages is in cider up to one per cent.

DESPONDENT OVER STATE'S GOING DRY, HE KILLS HIMSELF

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 29.—W. H. Suter, a local liquor dealer, committed suicide today at Ocean View. Despondency over the business outlook with the state on the eve of going dry, is given as the cause of the act by friends. Mr. Suter shot himself in the left temple and lived but a few minutes.

ONE KILLED; TWO INJURED

Fatal Automobile Accident Takes Place Near Edenton, N. C.

Edenton, N. C., Oct. 29.—In an automobile accident near here at noon today, Augustus Hughes, a well known general merchant, was instantly killed, Julian Braddie was seriously injured, and Hayward Hughes lost an eye.

FRANCE ANXIOUS TO TRADE WITH AMERICA

Business Interests Ready to Consider Any Proposal.

Members of American Industrial Commission Return From Two Months' Tour—Made a Visit Near the "Front".

New York, Oct. 29.—Business interests of France are anxious to do everything in their power to promote trade relations with the United States and are ready to consider any proposals which might be made from this side, according to a report made by members of the American Industrial Commission who arrived here today on the steamship Philadelphia from Liverpool, following a two months' visit to France. The commission was organized under the auspices of the American Manufacturer's Export Association to return the visit of a like commission of French interests made in the United States last winter.

Members of the American commission was made up of leading manufacturing and exporting companies of this country.

Edward V. Douglass, secretary of the commission, said the party was treated with every courtesy while in France.

"We went to the front," Mr. Douglass said, "at least we were close enough to hear the sounds of the bombardment. At Belfort, where we visited October 2, the following day 25 shells fell in the city.

"We talked with David Lloyd-George in Paris and were given a cordial invitation by him to extend our visit to England. In talking with us of trade and commercial matters to follow the war, he stated that it is not planned that Germany shall be put entirely out of the running by the war—that she will have to be considered and dealt with in a commercial way, after peace is declared."

A full detailed report of the commission's visit will be made later.

ON SECRET MISSION

Austrian Minister to Mexico On His Way to Washington

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 29.—Admitting his mission was secret and that he could not discuss it at this time, Count Kalman Kanja Volkanya, Austro-Hungarian minister to Mexico, passed through here today on his way to Washington. He said he would be in the United States possibly a month and then would return to Mexico. Asked about conditions in Mexico, the Count smiled, and after a moment, replied: "Excellent."

Further than this he would not discuss conditions below the Rio Grande.

CONSCRIPTION DEFEATED!

This is Indicated by the Returns from Election in Australia.

Melbourne, Australia, via London, October 30.—Latest returns in the referendum on compulsory military service show the following results, although still incomplete: For conscription, 798,000; against conscription, 887,000.