

WEATHER.

Probably local rains Monday and Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

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GREAT CROWD GREET'S PRESIDENT UPON HIS RETURN TO CAPITAL

Hundreds Begin Shouting and Rush Forward to Shake His Hand at Passenger Station.

DOFFS HIS HAT AND SMILES

Is Assured by Secretary Tumulty There Has Been No Change in California Vote.

HAS CHANCE AT MINNESOTA

Hughes and Willcox to Remain in New York for Week or More.

Washington, Nov. 12. — President Wilson came back to Washington tonight, ready to take up waiting public documents and begin framing plans for his second term in the White House. He had been away two months.

A cheering crowd packed the railroad station and waiting outside in a drizzle of rain to welcome the President. As he appeared walking down the station platform accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and flanked by secret service men, hundreds began shouting and rushed forward in efforts to shake his hand.

Smiles With Head Bared Mr. Wilson walked through the station with his hat off bowing and smiling, and was taken through the Presidential waiting room to an automobile outside. Secretary Baker, Attorney General Gregory, Secretary Tumulty and Senator James, of Kentucky, were among those who greeted him. Mrs. Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Boney, a cousin, accompanied the president.

Mr. Wilson paid particular attention to the official business tonight but tomorrow will be at his desk. Secretary Lansing is expected to lay before him a summary of recent developments in the submarine situation collected at the State Department, dealing particularly with the Marins, Clumbian, Arabia and Lano cases. No secret is made of the belief of some officials that the situation is serious.

The President has made it clear to friends that the policy toward submarine warfare will be corresponded to the Sussex case will be followed strictly. Mr. Wilson probably will have another conference in the near future with James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, who has been in this country for several months.

The President also will take up consideration of the Mexican situation promptly. He has been getting requests from Secretary Lane, chairman of the American section of the Mexican-American commission meeting at Atlantic City, and will give the question detailed study.

Important Appointments Soon A number of important appointments are to be made soon, but some of them may be postponed until Congress convenes. They include the members of the tariff commission, the shipping board, several federal judges and a board of administrator the workmen's compensation law for Federal employees.

New York and Chicago also are to be appointed. Reports that the President has decided on changes in his cabinet are said tonight by officials to be premature. The President's plans for the period between now and the opening of Congress are not decided definitely, although officials close to him believe that he will spend most of the time here in Washington attending to official business and preparing for the coming of Congress. He has been invited to go to the Army-Navy football game in New York, November 25 but has not yet accepted.

HUGHES PLURALITY IN MINNESOTA STANDS AT 230 St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 12.—Today's corrections additions and subtractions left the Hughes plurality in Minnesota at 230. The vote to date was: Wilson 175,547; Hughes 178,898. Cases county's returns gave Wilson 1,260; Hughes 982. Fairbault county soldiers favored Wilson 14 to 12.

Tabulation of reports from the county auditors at the capital is to begin this week and first sheets are expected tomorrow. There are a few prospects to hear from and practically all of the Second and Third regiments.

SCULLY THREATENS CONTEST IF RETURNS SHOW DEFEAT Trenton, N. J., Nov. 12.—New Jersey will be represented in the next House by ten Republicans and two Democrats if the official canvass to be made in Ocean county tomorrow changes an (Continue on Page Eight).

COLUMBIAN VICTIM OF GERMAN U-BOAT

American Ship is Said to Have Encountered Submarine During a Violent Tempest.

WAS AT ANCHOR TWO DAYS

According to Information Reaching Paris Vessel Was Kept Under Surveillance Until the Storm Subsided.

Paris, Nov. 12. (via Madrid).—It was a German submarine which sank the American steamship Columbian. According to this information, the Columbian encountered the submarine on November 8 during a violent tempest. The submarine compelled the Columbian to interrupt her voyage and lie to under surveillance until November 8. When the storm subsided, the dispatch says, the submarine ordered the crew to abandon the ship and then sank her.

A Hayas dispatch from Madrid quotes the newspapers of Corunna, Spain, where the crew is reported to have landed, to the effect that when the Columbian was held up, the submarine ordered the crew to disembark but that the storm was so severe that this was impossible until two days later. The dispatch also says that the Norwegian steamships Balto and Fordanen were destroyed in the same manner on November 9. (A report of the sinking of these steamships was received from London Saturday night.)

FOUR SOLDIERS ON THE BORDER MEET TRAGIC DEATHS

Body of Private Headin, of the Fourteenth Cavalry, is Found.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 12.—With the finding early today of the body of Michael Headin, a private of I troop 14th cavalry, the number of United States soldiers who met tragic deaths here yesterday and last night was increased to four. The other were Private Jones and McKnight, of K troop, 11th cavalry, who were shot and killed early yesterday by a corporal of the same troop, who officers believe was demoralized, and Paul Torrey, a private of the supply company of the Ninth infantry, who was struck by a train last night and killed.

There were no bruises on Headin's body which was found in a road near the camp, and the cause of his death has not been determined.

APPEAL FOR SYRIAN RELIEF

Is Issued by Sixteen Bishops of the Episcopal Church.

New York, Nov. 12.—Sixteen bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church, headed by the Right Rev. David H. Owen, of New York, have issued an appeal for the relief of 100,000 Syrian Christians, chiefly women and children. It was announced here tonight. These people, left to die by the Kurds and Turks, have straggled to the lower villages of Kurdistan, it was said.

INTEREST UP IN THE TENTH AT FEVER HEAT

Weaver and Britt Both Still Claiming the Election.

Board of Canvassers to Meet No More Until Thursday—Chairman Warren Will Look Into the Situation

(Special Star Telegram) Asheville, N. C., Nov. 12.—Interest in the election of a congressman from the Tenth district is still at fever heat, with claims and counter claims being freely made by both Democrats and Republicans anent the election of Mr. Weaver or the re-election of Congressman Britt, the Republican incumbent. The board of canvassers, after holding several conferences, has adjourned until Thursday. Mr. Britt is claiming his re-election on the face of the official returns. He claims a majority of thirteen votes. Mr. Weaver, asked tonight for a statement, said: "More votes were cast for me than have been counted, and this will be shown when a final canvass of the votes is made."

The best legal talent of both parties is taking an active interest in the vote situation here, and State Chairman Thomas W. Warren will arrive here tomorrow to look into the situation. In the meantime, nobody has conceded the election of either candidate and hundreds of dollars, waged on the result, are being held up by the stake holders, who refuse to turn over the money until the contest is definitely settled.

ORGANIZATION OF 65TH CONGRESS IS MOST UNCERTAIN

Even if Republicans Have Plurality, It is Doubtful Whether They Can Gain Control.

DEMOCRATS ARE HOPEFUL

Leaders Believe Independent Republican Members May Help Them Hold House.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Members of the House of Representatives in the newly elected sixty-fifth Congress face one of the most uncertain organizational situations in the history of the government.

With a few districts still in doubt, the Republicans appear to have a plurality of four or five members and a possible majority of two or three when it is figured that an Independent elected in Massachusetts and a Progressive elected in Minnesota probably will vote with them for organizational purposes. Independence of action has characterized a number of the re-elected members on the Republican side, however, and their attitude toward Democratic legislation in the last few years has given Democratic leaders cause for hope that some of them might carry their independence into the organization of the next House.

No Working Majority On the face of the unofficial returns, the political division of the House is so close that an effective and working majority probably does not exist. In view of the situation, it is regarded by Democratic leaders as improbable that President Wilson will call an extra session of the new Congress next spring. In that case the regular session in December, 1917, which will mean maneuvering for more than a year in the contest for speakership of the House and the organization of important committees.

Probable Candidates As matters stand today, the candidate of the Republicans for speaker would be James R. Mann, the present minority leader, and Speaker Clark generally is regarded as the Democratic choice to succeed himself. Already, however, there are rumblings of uncertainties because of the close political division. On the Republican side there are reports of disaffections against the minority leader as a candidate for speaker on the part of several members, who it is suggested, might vote for Clark instead. Consequently there is gossip among some Republicans regarding the advisability of naming another man as candidate for speaker if one can be found upon whom the Republican membership would unite.

There are certain to be some interesting and lively party conferences on both sides before any organization tickets are finally launched, it is assumed. As the Democrats apparently will be in the minority, some of the friends of Camp Clark are not certain that he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Unless he cannot be elected speaker, they propose that he abandon the race and become a candidate for minority leader, the post he held for many years before the Democratic ascendancy in 1910. Such a development might precipitate a live-vote fight.

ZAPATISTAS MASSACRE NEARLY 100 PERSONS

Women, Children and Carranza Soldiers Among the Number.

Representative Slomp, of Virginia, on Train Near Contreras—Dead Lay in Piles Beside Cars, They Stated.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 12.—An indiscriminate massacre of nearly 100 women, children and Carranza soldiers, who were traveling on a train near Contreras, state of Morelos, which was attacked by Zapata followers, is reported in Mexico City newspapers received here today. After the attack on the train, the dead lay in piles beside the cars, the papers state.

Only one person, so far as known, escaped death at the hands of the bandits. He was Captain Antonio Priego. The attack occurred November 9. The passenger train, covered by a military train, was halted in a mountain wilderness after the military train had blown up to pass unimpeded.

For 15 minutes the bandits murdered men, women and children indiscriminately. Soldiers aboard the passenger train were without their accoutrements and unable to offer any resistance. Among the list of dead given in the Mexico City papers is the name of Colonel Gardio Alfaro, two majors and three captains. When a relief train reached the scene of the attack several hours after it occurred the Zapatistas had scattered into the hills.

ROWANMORE TRIED TO ESCAPE, SAYS U-BOAT'S CAPTAIN

Report to German Admiralty Says Steamer Disregarded Submarine's Signal to Halt.

CREW TOOK TO THE BOATS

No Report Has Yet Been Received Regarding Sinking of British Steamer Marina.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—(By wireless to the Associated Press via Sayville, November 12).—The report of the commander of the German submarine which sank the British Rowanmore on which there were several Americans, has been received by the admiralty and indicates that the captain of the steamship was responsible for her bombardment by the submarine. The report says the Rowanmore disregarded the submarine's signal to halt and endeavored to escape at full speed, making it necessary for the submarine to fire a few shots in order to bring her to.

The crew showed its opinion of the captain's course, the report says, by piling into boats, leaving the master alone on the steamer. He was forced to lower a boat unaided and was paddling around alone therein when picked up by the submarine. The Americans on board, as far as can be learned, consisted of several negro firemen. No report has been received in the case of the British steamship Marina, which with fifty-two Americans in the crew, was sunk by a submarine off the Irish coast. Inasmuch as she was sunk on the same day as was the Rowanmore a report is expected soon. Three other cases of the sinking of the steamships have been submitted by the American embassy to the foreign office. These vessels were destroyed in September. No evidence was presented in this connection to indicate that Germany's assurances in regard to the conduct of submarine warfare have not been observed. No reply has been received by the embassy.

An informal request for information in regard to the sinking of the Rowanmore and Marina was made to the German government by the American government last month. There were two white Americans and five Filipinos in the crew of the Rowanmore. Affidavits obtained by the American consul at Liverpool said the Rowanmore attempted to escape but that the submarine continued to shell her after she stopped. The Americans on the Marina, which was armed with a 4.7 inch gun, lost their lives. American survivors said under oath that the vessel was torpedoed without warning.

INVESTIGATION IN GERMANY GROWING OVER U-41 AFFAIR

Two Survivors in Row Boat Deliberately Rapped Down by British Craft.

Berlin, Nov. 12. (via Sayville).—A deep impression has been made on the German public by the recent report from the admiralty that a British patrol vessel, the American flag, after destroying the German submarine U-41 deliberately ran down a rowboat containing the two survivors of the submarine's crew in an endeavor to remove the only witnesses.

"Indication is growing in Germany," says the Overseas News Agency, "and the excitement is stimulated by the fact that German submarines returning from trips report again and again that they have been attacked treacherously by host merchant men. These cases furnish proof that the instructions given by the British admiralty in May of last year, a copy of which was found on the steamship Woodfield are still in full force. According to these instructions, armed trading ships are to attack submarines on sight."

WILL CONSIDER ADVANCING CLOCK HANDS ONE HOUR

Question to Come Before Railway Association Next Wednesday.

New York, Nov. 12.—"Day light saving," the plan tried last summer by several European nations involved in war, when the hands of the clock were advanced one hour, will be considered at the semi-annual meeting of the American Railway Association in this city next Wednesday, it was announced tonight.

A report by the committee on standard time, headed by E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley railroad, will oppose the change, it was said.

NO MANIFEST FILED

Time of Departure of Submarine Deutschland Remains Uncertain. New London, Conn., Nov. 12.—The time of the departure of the German commercial submarine Deutschland was still uncertain today through every thing has been in readiness since Saturday for a quick dash to sea. At the customs house it was stated the manifest had not been filed, but that this formality together with the issuance of clearance papers would occupy only a short time.

There were rumors today that British cruisers were outside the 3-mile limit waiting for the Deutschland and that two German war submarines were off the coast to convoy the boat back to Germany. There was no confirmation.

KAISER TALKING TO WOUNDED SOLDIER



This cut shows the Emperor of Germany visiting a field hospital on the western front in France. The photograph was received from German via the submarine Deutschland.

NAME OF KAISER MAY COME INTO THE CASE

Arrangements for Trial of Graves to Be Made Today.

Prince Hatzfeldt, of German Embassy, May Appear as Witness—Ambassador and Mrs. Bernstorff Not Likely to Be Called.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Arrangements for the prosecution of Karl Armgard Graves, self styled "master spy" and magazine writer, who was arrested here yesterday on a charge of attempting to extort \$3,000 from Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador, will be completed tomorrow at a conference between agents of the Department of Justice, representatives of the district attorney's office and Prince Hatzfeldt, counselor of the German embassy.

The name of Emperor William of Germany may be brought in the case indirectly as a result of this conference. A diplomatic representative in a foreign country cannot divest himself of his immunity from giving testimony without special permission from his sovereign. As Graves conversed solely with Prince Hatzfeldt, it may be that the district attorney's office will determine that his testimony is essential. It is not expected that either Countess von Bernstorff or the German ambassador will be requested to appear against Graves. The warrant was sworn out by A. Bruce Bielski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, as the complaining witness.

The warrant is made out on two counts. One charges attempt to extort, penalty of which is five years imprisonment or a fine of \$1,000, or both. The other charges that Graves brought into the District of Columbia letters obtained by theft, the penalty of this offense being nearly as severe as for the first one.

The letters for which Graves is alleged to have asked \$3,000 remained in the possession of agents of the Department of Justice today. The German embassy is most anxious to learn how Graves obtained the letters which he is alleged to have thought would "embarrass" Countess von Bernstorff, if made public. It is considered unlikely, however, that information on this point can be obtained until the steamship Oscar II, upon which Graves declares he was brought to the United States, returns to New York.

Graves was in New York today. He left Washington last night, after his release on \$2,000 bail, saying he intended to secure counsel before returning to his preliminary hearing Wednesday morning.

SOUTHERN DOCTORS GATHER THIS WEEK IN ATLANTA, GA.

Modern Methods of Surgery and Medicine Will Be Discussed

Atlanta, Nov. 12.—Modern methods of surgery and medicine, ranging from latest treatment of wounds as practiced in hospitals in France to new ideas for combating Pellagra in the Southern states, will be discussed here this week, during the tenth annual convention of the Southern Medical Association. Infantile paralysis also will be taken up in a special address tomorrow night by Dr. W. W. Evans, former health commissioner of Chicago.

Delegates representing 16 states were gathering here today and visiting physicians occupied pulpits in many churches where they discoursed on health topics. The convention will be formally opened tomorrow. Eminent physicians from over the South as well as many from northern and eastern states and several from Europe will be present.

Dr. Robert Wilson, Jr., of Charleston, is president of the association.

TWO STUDENTS KILLED

Another Mortally Injured When Train Struck Automobile. Newark, N. J., Nov. 12.—Two students were instantly killed and three others badly injured, one mortally, near here today when their automobile was struck by an express train. The dead are Thelma Jackson, 18, and Richard Jackson, 14, of Newark.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS ON OFFENSIVE ON TWO WAR FRONTS

Driving Teutons in Dobruja and Transylvania—Russian Reinforcements Arrive.

FRENCH OCCUPY SAILLISEL

Little Fighting Going on at Present in Russian, Macedonian and Austro-Italian Theatres.

The Russians and Rumanians on both the Dobruja and Transylvanian fronts of the Rumanian theatre are vigorously on the offensive against the troops of the Teutonic allies. Keeping up their operations to the north of the Constantza-Thornavoda railway begun last week, the Russo-Rumanian forces have been enabled to push back Field Marshal Von Mackensen's men to a front running through the towns of Topal, Inancense and Karanaguf.

In the Transylvania zone the Russians have gradually reinforced the Rumanians on the northern section of the line until they now are fighting side by side with them over a front of about fifty miles south of the Bukovina border. The latest official communications from both Bucharest and Petrograd report the capture of Austro-German positions in the Tratus and valleys, and the repulse of attacks at various points. Near the Oultuz pass the Austro-Germans have made advances, according to Berlin.

After days of sanguinary fighting, the village of Saillisel, lying to the east of Peronne-Bapaume road in the Somme region of France, has at last fallen entirely into the hands of the troops of General Foch. In the capture of the town, the French inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans and in addition captured seven officers and 220 men and eight machine guns. On the remainder of the front in France artillery duels are in progress.

Little fighting of moment is going on in the Russian, Macedonian and Austro-Italian theatres. Along the Narayuvka river, in Galicia, attacks by the Russians have been put down by the Austro-Germans. The town of Folog and Cules hill have been captured by the Serbians from the Bulgarians, according to Paris. Berlin admits an advance by the Serbians in this region.

No infantry engagements on the Austro-Italian front have been reported. Official advices from Berlin say that the commander of the German submarine that recently sank the British steamer Rowanmore, on which there were several Americans, reports that the vessel was shelled because she refused to halt when so ordered by the submarine commander.

FOUR INHABITANTS WOUNDED IN RAID BY ALLIED AIRMEN

Berlin, Nov. 12. (via London).—"Enemy aeroplanes on Friday afternoon attacked industrial works in Saar region, dropping bombs on the villages of Volkingen, Mehreden and Forbach, killing three inhabitants and wounding two slightly, two seriously," says an official announcement given out here today. "No military damage was inflicted. The material damage was small."

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED ON TRANSYLVANIAN FRONT

Berlin, Nov. 12. (via Sayville).—Heavy fighting is in progress on the Transylvanian front. The war office announces that eight Rumanian attacks yesterday north of Oltuz pass were repulsed and that several hundred prisoners were taken. The Austro-German troops gained ground at several places. Renewed assaults yesterday by the Russians against Austro-German positions on the river southeast of Lemberg resulted in failure. It is announced officially from the Russo-Galician front.

BATTLE LASTED ALL DAY SOUTHEAST OF LEMBERG

Petrograd, via London, Nov. 12.—After an all day battle in Galicia, southeast of Lemberg, Austro-German troops captured a section of the Russian trenches, the war office reports. The engagements occurred in the vicinity of Lipnicadolina and Svatelinki where continuous heavy fighting has been in progress since the Russians captured Austro-German positions there last week.

The war office also announced that the Russian army which is invading Transylvania to assist the Rumanians in the defense of their western frontier has gained further successes and has penetrated transylvania a distance of more than 50 miles below the Bukovina border. In Dobruja the advance against Field Marshal von Mackensen's army continues.

REBELS LEAVE KATERINA IN HANDS OF THE FRENCH

Litokhoron, Greece, Nov. 10 (via London, Nov. 12).—The insurgents have completed the evacuation of Katerina, leaving the town in the hands of a few French guards. The government troops have recommended their withdrawal southward to take up quarters at Peloponnesus, on the Isthmus of Corinth, in compliance with the agreement between the Entente commanders and the Royalists.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Arrangements for a five-day sight-seeing trip to the Panama Canal for the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet, were announced tonight by the Navy Department. The fleet will visit the canal during the exercises, beginning March 12.

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