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## RUSSIAN FLEET SCORES STRATEGIC VICTORY OVER GERMANS AT MOON BAY

### OUTWIT GERMAN FORCES AND ARE OUT OF THE BAY

They Escape Sunday and are Now in Position to Give Battle

### CARRY TRANSPORTS TO POINT OF SAFETY

Russian Submarine Claims To Have Sunk Ship of the Markgraf Type In An Engagement.

Russian naval units in the northern part of the Gulf of Riga have outwitted the superior German forces and have moved from Moon sound, where they apparently had been bottled up after the engagement in and about the sound last week. The Russian warships made their escape without losses and are now in positions protecting the northern entrance to Moon sound. The new position of the Russian squadron probably will give the Germans battle of their wish to enter the Gulf of Finland by going between the sound between Dago Island and the coast of Estonia.

The military forces in the sound region were forced successfully by the Russians who also rescued their transports and smaller craft. Before their retirement they destroyed all positions of military value to the enemy.

In addition to the warships and transports also reported sunk by the Russian units, Petrograd reports the sinking of another German transport by a Russian submarine. Two torpedoes were fired by the same submarine at a German transport of the Markgraf type, a vessel of 25,000 tons displacement. Being attacked, the submarine was unable to note results. One torpedo detonated and the submarine, on rising again saw clouds of smoke.

In Flanders the artillery activity continues to be violent while British air forces have been busy raining German aeroplanes and other military points behind the German lines. Hundreds of balloons have been dropped on the air-drome and station at Roulers Courtrai and Ingelmunster and Gontrode.

Lieutenant Williams' return to Berlin today and among his engagements are national conferences with Prince Von Hohenlohe and Dr. Van Bohmann Holweg. The former Imperial Chancellor, Prince Von Buelow has been mentioned as the probable successor of Dr. Michaelis, whose position as Chancellor, recent reports from Germany have indicated, is most uncertain.

### INTERESTING PICTURE FOR SCHOOL PUPILS

An interesting motion picture will be shown and a lecture given tomorrow evening at 11:30 o'clock at the Grand theatre for the benefit of the school children of Rocky Mount. The lecture will be given and the picture shown under the arrangements made by the management of the Grand theatre and the management of the Anchor Stores Co. here. Miss Mignon Pfeuffer will deliver the lecture accompanying the film. The picture will be "Silken Romance" and will show all stages of the silk industry from the cocoon to the finished product. Most of the scenes in the picture, which is hand colored, were taken in Japan, and will be most interesting, showing the Japanese costumes, and the people of this country. Picture was taken and made by Pathé and is owned by Belding Brothers. The children of the high school and part of the grammar grade children will attend the picture and lecture in a body tomorrow morning.

This afternoon and tomorrow afternoon the picture will be shown free on the second floor of the Anchor Store for the benefit of the older people and customers of this establishment.

### STOCK MARKET

New York, Oct. 22.—The week in the stock market opened with a continuance of activity in war shares at higher levels. Equipments were again the conspicuous feature at gains of 1 to 2 points. Shipings, metals, oils and various specialties shared in the advance but rails were sluggish and utilities as represented by gas shares manifested some of their recent reactionary trend. Trading was rapid and suggested further rising of short contracts.

### NOW FIRE UPON THE PRISONERS

Prisoners Told to go. They Have No Food and Are Then Fired Upon

### EXPERIENCE RUSSIANS

MEN ESCAPING FROM OESAL AND MOON ISLANDS TELL OF EXTREME CRUELTY OF THE GERMANS. MEN MURDERED.

### APPARENT SHORTAGE IN AUDIT BOOKS

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 22.—An apparent shortage of more than seven thousand dollars in the books of the State Property and Disbursing Officer, covering the time that office was held by Major George L. Peterson, now in Federal service as Major and Assistant Quartermaster on the staff of the Thirtieth Division, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., has put the Governor and military officials of the State on edge.

A report of the auditor, Mr. B. A. McKimney, who has made a thorough examination of the books of the property and disbursing officer, is not available to the public yet. Governor Bickett, interviewed yesterday afternoon, confirmed the report of apparent shortage, but declined to discuss the audit if it self or the amount of the shortage it showed. Reliable information would place it at \$7,500.

The work of the auditor apparently has been of the most exhaustive kind. Since very shortly after Major Peterson quit the service of the State upon the appointment of General Laurence Young as Adjutant General, the accountant has been working on the books in the department and accounts of a Clinton bank, Clinton being Major Peterson's home.

### FIRE PREVENTION DAY WEDNESDAY

Interesting Features on the Program for This Day. Public Invited to Visit Firemen's Building.

Fire prevention Day will be observed here Wednesday. The exercises will be the same as were planned for the ninth, with the exception of the contest with the schools and the demonstration of how to turn in a fire alarm.

On Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock, there will be a contest between the new motor pump, or the Red Truck and the old steam pump, to demonstrate the efficiency of the former over the latter, when it comes to throwing water and otherwise. The idea is to show how superior the modern fire fighting apparatus is over that a few years ago. The new pump will be at the corner of Tarboro and Main streets during the contest, while the old steamer will be at the corner of Hill and Main streets.

At night the home of the fire boys will be thrown open to the public, which is cordially invited to come around, and inspect the quarters and apparatus. Some time between eight and nine o'clock the fire committee will pull a hose somewhere in the city, and the people in the building at the time will have an opportunity of seeing how the firemen answer the alarm at night. The firemen who live in the building will be put to bed at eight o'clock and when the alarm is sounded, they will respond as if they were taken unawares at two o'clock in the morning. This promises to be very interesting and it is hoped that many people will come out and visit the quarters of the fire department Wednesday night.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 22.—The cotton market opened steady but first prices were 5 to 20 points lower and the general list sold 55 to 75 points under Saturday's closing. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather it appeared that a good many selling orders had accumulated over Sunday.

### LITTLE CHANGE CLERK STRIKE

Men Leave Service at Columbia, S. C., as an Over Sunday Development

### MORE ARE EXPECTED

The Railroad Officials Say Freight is Moving at Normal Course While Strikers Say this is not the Situation.

The situation with regard to the strike of clerks on the Atlantic Coast Line was practically unchanged today according to the leaders who outlined that through the over Sunday developments that clerks had left their posts at Columbia, S. C., the one additional point and that 24 men were out there. It was pointed out that other points were expected to go out in the next 24 hours. On the other hand the railroad officials declared that there were but twelve men out at Columbia and that no difficulty had been encountered in filling their positions and that throughout the entire system from Richmond to Florida that freight was being handled satisfactorily and with dispatch, and that a canvass of the representative firms both receiver and shippers at points where the men had gone out had disclosed that freight shipments were following their normal course, so the company spokesmen say. On the other hand the strikers declare that this is not the case and that congestion is occurring at some places.

### NOTED NEGRO HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

A noted speaker will be here tomorrow night, at the colored First Baptist church, at 8 o'clock. This is the Rev. Richard Carroll, D. D., one of the best known and most highly respected colored men in the South, and a preacher and lecturer among the best of his race. He will lecture "Good Luck and How to Get It." Adequate accommodations have been made for white people and it is hoped that many will attend this event tomorrow night, as it will prove beneficial to all who are present.

In regard to Dr. Carroll, Senator B. B. Tillman, of South Carolina, says: "Rev. Richard Carroll is a colored man highly thought of by the white people of South Carolina. He has always borne a good reputation and has a great deal of common sense." This is only one of the many prominent men of the South, who are high in their praise of the famous colored speaker.

### JAPANESE SHIP BELIEVED LOST

The Boat Is One of Larger Japanese Tonnage And All On Board Believed Lost.

Tokio, Japan, Oct. 22.—The Japanese steamship Hitachi Maru, due at Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, October 1, is missing and is believed to have struck a mine with the loss of all on board. The number of passengers on board is not known but the London managers of the owners of the vessel were among them.

The Hitachi Maru, a vessel of 6,500 tons gross sailed from Yokohama for Liverpool on August 29. She touched at Colombo Colon, on September 24 but since then nothing has been heard from her.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO LIBRARY FUND \$516.30

The amount of subscriptions in Rocky Mount to the Soldiers and Sailors War Library fund was \$516.30. The campaign was under the direction of Mrs. F. S. Spruill, chairman of the Library committee for this city. The result of the campaign was most gratifying and the contributions of the people of the city were most creditable. Mrs. Spruill has received a telegram of congratulation from the national treasurer, Harold Braddock, expressing his hearty appreciation of the liberal response of the people to the nation's need. The telegram follows: Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Chairman War Library Committee Rocky Mount, N. C. Library War Council congratulates you and Rocky Mount on patriotic response to the nation's need. Harold Braddock, Treasurer.

### HORRIBLE STORIES OF BRUTALITY

Butchery of Crews of Merchantmen Told by Officer Who is Rescued Off Bergen

### DESTROYER FOUGHT

The Mary Rose Fought Single Handed the German Cruisers. Women in Open Boat Waving White Flag Silenced by German Battery.

London, Oct. 22.—The British destroyer Mary Rose fought single-handed against the German cruisers in the convoy section in the North Sea, according to a story ascribed to a British officer rescued off Bergen and transmitted to the Christiania correspondent of the Times. The other destroyer, which should have been present, never appeared and it was thought likely that it was destroyed at the beginning of the action. The correspondent says that the reports of the butchery of the crews of merchantmen passed description. Two women on one ship waved a piece of white cloth which was perfectly visible. They were silenced by a volley from the German cruisers.

### OFF FOR FLIGHT TO MINEOLA, L. I.

Italian Flyer Leaves Newport News With Eight Passengers Today. Names Passengers Not Given.

### INCREASE SHOWN IN BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS

The total amount subscribed to the Liberty Loan Bond issue in Rocky Mount up to Saturday night was \$298,650 with a little over \$150,000 more to be subscribed by Thursday night before the goal of \$450,000 is reached. The subscriptions up to Saturday night the total near the \$300,000 mark. Canvassers are working energetically in the city to bring the grand total to \$450,000 before the campaign closes, so let the people who have not done so, come across and see that this goal is reached.

The subscriptions Saturday showed a big increase over the preceding days, and it is hoped that today's subscriptions will beat that. Nearly \$100,000 was subscribed in Rocky Mount Saturday.

Don't let Rocky Mount fail, and let other cities oversubscribe the amount allotted them. It is your duty to buy a bond and back up the government with your money, if you can't back it up with your life. All those who have not bought one of the bonds of the second Liberty Loan should lose no time in seeing one of the canvassers, or going to his or her bank at once, and give in their subscription. Don't let the campaign fail. Loosen the strings of your pocketbook and buy a bond.

At the convention Sunday, the members of the resolution committee submitted the following resolutions: On behalf of all visiting Endeavorers, we wish to thank the Endeavorers and people of Rocky Mount for their kind hospitality and courtesy during our stay here. Both the auto ride and the entertainment in your homes were most appreciated by us all. We want to mention especially the delightful social given at the home of Mrs. C. C. Clough.

We have been unusually fortunate in having with us during our meeting Mr. Wyatt Taylor, our field secretary, and

### SWEEPING CHANGES IN DRAFT PLANS

New Machinery For Operating Draft Law Approved By President Wilson

### ELIMINATES TROUBLE

Makes Work of Local Boards Little More Than Rubber Stamp Proceedings. Each Man's Order of Eligibility Fixed.

Washington, Oct. 20.—A sweeping change in the machinery of the selective draft, based on division of the 9,000,000 remaining registrants into five classes in order of their eligibility for military service, is announced by Provost Marshal General Crowder. Details of the plan, which has been approved by President Wilson, are not disclosed. It is calculated, however, to do away with virtually all the complicated machinery of the first draft and to make the operations of the local boards hereafter little more than rubber stamp proceedings.

The plan was worked out at conferences with local and district board officials and approved by the various state authorities. Its chief features are, that every registered man will know his exact position and be able to arrange his affairs accordingly and that no man deemed necessary in any important industry or needed at home to support his family will be called to the colors unless the military situation is desperate.

### ANNUAL ENDEAVOR MEETING CLOSES

George Howard, Jr., of Tarboro, Re-elected President of Northeastern District. Wilson Gets 1918 Meeting Place.

Wilson was selected as the next annual meeting place for the convention of the Christian Endeavor Society, of the northeastern district of North Carolina, and George Howard, Jr., of Tarboro was again elected president for the district, at the annual convention of the society, which was held in Rocky Mount, Saturday and Sunday, at the First Presbyterian church. Many delegates were in attendance for the sessions on those days, and many matters were discussed and disposed of. The convention was most interesting and much good was accomplished. Principal addresses were made by Mr. Wyatt Taylor, field secretary for the South and Mrs. Lewis C. Farland, junior leader for North Carolina.

The other officers of the society for the ensuing year are: Vice-president, R. M. Wilson, of Rocky Mount; corresponding secretary, Miss Sissie Wooten, of Tarboro; recording secretary, Miss Follows, of Kingston; treasurer, R. L. Topping, of Roanoke Rapids; Junior superintendent, Miss Ora Lee Born, of Tarboro; intermediate superintendent, Mrs. Julian Lane, of Wilson; quiet hour and Tent Legion superintendent, Mrs. Hunter McPherson, of Rocky Mount; and publications superintendent and press superintendent, H. Galt Braxton, of Kingston.

Superintendents of the county division for the coming year, as named at the convention, are: Edgecombe, Mr. Robinson, of Leggett; Lenoir, Miss Follows, of Kingston; Halifax, Mr. R. L. Topping, of Roanoke Rapids; Pitt, (The Junior superintendent at Greenville will act as superintendent for this county); Beaufort, Mr. F. A. Lilly, of Washington; Wilson, Mr. Massey, of Wilson; Northampton, Miss Copeland, of Rich Square; and Craven, Dr. Summerell, of New Bern.

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### RENEW ACTIVITY IN THE AIR BY BOTH SIDES

The British Airmen Get In Much Work in Bombing Expeditions

### GERMANS ARE DRIVEN DOWN IN THE FIGHT

The German Official Statement Declares That Four Zeppelins Were Lost in the Raid of Friday Night.

London, Oct. 22.—British airmen carried out numerous attacks on German aeroplanes in Belgium and on important objectives near Seerbrucken northeast of Metz Saturday and Sunday. The official statement of aviation activities says that nine German machines were brought down and that four otherwise were driven down out of control.

### GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF ZEPPELINS

Amsterdam, Oct. 22.—The loss of four Zeppelins is admitted in a statement received here from Berlin. An airship squadron attacked London, Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Lowestoft, Hull, Grimsby and Norwich, England with "special success."

### TO ORGANIZE SECOND FIRST AID CLASS

The second class of the first aid division of the Rocky Mount Red Cross Chapter is to be organized Thursday night at seven thirty o'clock at the rooms of the chamber of commerce. Everyone who has pledged membership in this class is requested to be present and anyone who wishes to join this class is cordially invited to attend and become a member.

### ENGLAND TO FACE UNIQUE TRADE FIGHT

London, Oct. 22.—After the war Great Britain will have to face a competitive struggle unique in history," writes the editor of the British review Engineering in his annual discussion of trade competitors of England and the United States he points out as the most formidable competitors of England in the after-war rivalry, saying: "On the one side Germany, well equipped, highly organized, forced by defeat and debt in desperate exertions, spurred by poverty to accept small profits, anything to regain her markets and her ruined credit. Unscrupulous and grasping methods will be backed by the German government and financed as never before. Germany has only to pick up the broken threads of foreign connections and to supplement the home demands and thus secure the output necessary fully to occupy her large specialized mechanical equipment.

"On the other side we shall find the United States better equipped and staffed than any other industrial country, overflowing with money with the highest credit, and a big home market, and other conditions essential to low-cost production.

"Great Britain's distorted industries, flunked by abnormal power and starved desperation, demand, first of all definite and powerful government protection. Unless this can be secured her industrial leaders will have little encouragement to undertake a programme of improvement and reformation to put her on equal footing terms with America and Germany. There is evidence that this will be insisted upon and secured."

### A NEW PROGRAM IN SELECTIVE DRAFT ANNOUNCED TODAY

Cumbersome Machinery of First Draft Is Overcome by New Plan

### ALL MEN KNOW HOW THEY STAND NOW

The Exceptions Are Given For the Remaining Nine Million Men Who Await Call for the National Service.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Five classifications into which men awaiting draft will be divided under the new regulations provided by President Wilson have become public much before the time planned by the Provost Marshal General's office and are here published. The classifications are as follows and show every man registered to which class he belongs and in what order the different classes will be called to service. Class one, Single men without dependent relatives. Second—Married men or widowers with children who habitually fails to support his family. Third—Married men dependent on wife for support. Fourth—Married men or widowers with children not usefully engaged family, supported by income independent of his labor. Fifth—Men not included in any other description in this or any other classes. Sixth—Unskilled laborers.

Class Two, Married men or father of motherless children usefully engaged, but family has sufficient income apart from his daily labor to afford reasonable adequate support during his absence. Second—Married men, no children wife can support herself decently and without hardship. Third—Skilled farmer laborer engaged in necessary industrial enterprise. Fourth—Skilled industrial laborers engaged in necessary agricultural enterprise.

Class Three—First—Man with foster children dependent upon daily labor for support. Second—Man with aged, infirm or invalid parents or grandparents dependent upon daily labor for support. Third—Man with brothers or sisters incompetent to support themselves, dependent upon daily labor for support. Fourth—County or municipal officers. Fifth—Firemen or policemen. Sixth—Necessary artificers or workmen in arsenals, armories and navy yards. Seventh—Necessary custom house clerks. Eighth—Persons necessary in transmission of mails. Ninth—Necessary employes in service of the United States. Tenth—Highly specialized administrative experts. Eleventh—Technical or mechanical experts in industrial enterprises. Twelfth—Highly specialized agricultural expert in agricultural bureau of State or nation. Thirteenth—Assistant or associate manager of necessary industrial enterprises. Fourteenth—Assistant or associate manager of necessary agricultural enterprises.

Class Four, First—Married men with wives or children or widowers with children dependent upon daily labor for support and no other reasonably adequate support available. Second—Married men in sea service of merchants or citizens of the United States. Third—The heads of necessary industrial enterprises. Fourth—Heads of necessary agricultural enterprises.

Class Five, First—Officers of the States or the United States. Second—Regularly or duly ordained ministers. Third—Students of divinity. Fourth—Persons in military or naval service. Fifth—Aliens. Sixth—Allen enemies. Seventh—Persons morally unfit. Eighth—Persons mentally or morally unfit for the service. Ninth—Licensed pilots.

### SIX AIRPLANES WERE DOWNED

London, Oct. 22.—Six German airplanes were brought down yesterday by British airmen says a statement from the Admiralty today.

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—I am working as I have never worked before for every feature of transportation efficiency, striving to keep my organization intact, personally talking to every man—appealing to his pride and patriotism, also helping him over his difficulties—convinced that transportation is as important to the success of the war as men, money and munitions.

Mayor T. T. Thorne made a five minute talk this morning at one of the tobacco warehouses, speaking on the subject of the second Liberty Loan. The mayor's remarks were well received, and he put before his hearers the immediate needs of the country, and the need of the people in lending money to the government by buying Liberty Bonds. Prominent citizens will speak at the warehouses where the first talks begin each morning for five minutes until the campaign closes.