

GERMAN FLEET SEVERELY HIT BY THE RUSSIANS

Six Torpedo Boats Known to Have Been Sunk in the Engagement

LOSSES ARE HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES

Two German Dreadnoughts, One Cruiser, Twelve Torpedo Boats and One German Transport Known to Have Been Put Out of the Fighting.

Patrolog, Monday, Oct. 22.—Two German dreadnoughts, one cruiser, 12 torpedo boats and one transport were put out of action by the Russians in the fighting around the islands in the Gulf of Riga last week, but their ultimate fate is unknown, according to a statement by the Russian admiralty.

VISIT THE FIREMEN TOMORROW NIGHT

Tomorrow night, the public of Rocky Mount is cordially invited to visit the home of the Fire Department.

At eight, from seven thirty to ten, the home of the firemen will be thrown open to the public.

A visit to the fire department quarters will be very interesting and, at the same time, the people can show that they at least have some interest in the men who volunteer themselves to protect the lives and property of citizens from fire.

CAPTURE BIG STILL IN PITT COUNTY

Greenville, N.C., Oct. 23.—Sheriff Joseph McLawhorn on yesterday captured his thirty ninth still since being in office, and of that entire number possibly the last was the best equipped of them all.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS TO ERECT ORPHANAGE

Wilson, Oct. 23.—Great preparations are being made by the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, to erect an orphanage one and a half miles north of Middlesex, on the Norfolk and Southern railroad.

For this noble purpose Rev. B. R. Beane, of Middlesex, has donated fifty one acres of land to the church and work on the building will begin at once.

LOYAL CLERKS OUT WILMINGTON

Men Are Transported from General Office to Points Where Strikes Occur

MEN VOLUNTEERED

President John R. Kenly Says Conditions Are Satisfactory and are Rapidly Becoming Normal.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Loyal clerks were this morning transferred from the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line here to offices where walk outs of clerks have occurred.

LIBERTY LOAN GOAL STILL IS FAR OFF

Today the total subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan in Rocky Mount was only a little over \$300,000, and about \$100,000 is still to be raised before the desired goal of \$450,000 is reached.

UNKNOWN VESSEL REPORTED SEIZED

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 23.—According to reports in marine circles last night, an unidentified vessel is said to have been taken in custody off the Atlantic coast.

LOSES HALF OF ZEPPELIN FLEET

Washington, Oct. 23.—Germany lost one half of her total effective fleet of super Zeppelins on the day of Oct. 20th in the disastrous raid over England.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 23.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 28 points today.

ANTI-CANNING RUMOR BY TEUTONS

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SUGAR PROBLEM IS CONSIDERED

Federal Food Board Considers Problems in New York

FIND A BIG STORAGE

Ten Million Pounds of Sugar Are Discovered by The Federal Agents in a Buffalo, N. Y., Warehouse.

New York, Oct. 23.—Sugar refiners wholesalers and retailers met at the local offices of the Federal Food Administration today to work out plans for an equitable distribution of the sugar supply in New York city.

"SILKEN ROMANCE" PLEASES CHILDREN

The lecture and picture at the Grand theatre this morning was a big success and was witnessed by over six hundred children of the Rocky Mount Graded Schools.

LEGITIMATE BUSINESS SAFE

Food Administrator Page desires to emphasize the statement that the proposed regulations do not attempt to change in any way the customary channels of business or eliminate any dealer who has an established channel of distribution.

TELEPHONE SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Eastern Telephone Society was held in the Manager's office, Friday night, October 19.

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All Dealers Under the License System Had Better Get Busy

TO FURNISH BLANKS

Every Person Subject to License Must Obtain and Fill Out Completely an Application Blank. Those Who Are Subject.

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—With only ten days remaining during which to secure licenses the North Carolina dealers in those commodities which have been put under the license system by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson, are likely to be in quite a hurry in getting through the required forms.

Those Who Are Subject—Those who are subject to license are dealers in wheat, barley, oats, corn, rye, and the products of these cereals; and their products; peanuts and soy beans and their products; milk and its various products; oleomargarine, lard and all oils and cooking fats; fresh, canned or cured beef, pork and mutton; poultry, eggs, fresh and frozen fish; fruits, vegetables, and all canned and dried products; sugar, syrup and molasses.

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THIS GIRL WON A PRIZE OF FIVE DOLLARS IN NATION-WIDE CONTEST FOR CANNING



Miss Helen Fox of Washington, D. C., has been awarded check No. 1 for five dollars in the nation-wide contest conducted by the National Emergency Food Administration for the best canned vegetables grown in war gardens.

A. C. L. CLERKS AT CHARLESTON QUIT

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GREAT ACTIVITIES ON FRONTS IN WEST AND EAST

Russians Hammer German Fleet in Riga Bay Despite Superiority

BRITISH IN DEADLOCK IN THE WEST TODAY

Officers Report From Stockholm Declare Germans Have Gathered Many Submarines and Destroyers in Waters Eastern Denmark.

Fifteen German fighting ships, including two dreadnoughts were put out of action last week in and around the islands at the end of the Gulf of Riga.

The overwhelming superiority of the German naval forces told, however, and the Russians were forced to retire with their units intact except from the Battleship Slava and a large destroyer.

Oesel, Moon and Dago Islands now are completely in possession of the Germans, who claim also the capture of 20,000 prisoners, 100 guns and more material.

An official report from Stockholm says that the Germans have gathered a large number of submarines and destroyers in the waters around eastern Denmark in anticipation of an attempt by an entente fleet to force its way into the Baltic to aid the Russians.

Minor operations undertaken by the French and British yesterday from Poel Capelle northward to the Houtholst forest were most successful.

East of Poel Capelle English troops captured strongly fortified buildings and redoubts on a front of about a mile and a half and southeast of the village other appreciable gains were made.

Berlin officially says that on the Meuse-Ypres road southeast Ypres "strong British attacks broke down completely."

British aerial activities in Flanders continue unabated. More than seven tons of bombs have been dropped on aerodromes, railway stations and other strategic points of attack.

On the Aisne front and at Veslum, the artillery fighting has increased. Around Cerisy, north of the Aisne the opposing gunners have been exceedingly busy but neither the French or the German Crown Prince has launched an attack in force.

What may prove to be an operation of first rate importance was initiated by General Petain early today in the Aisne region north of Soissons.

Good progress was reported early today by Gen. Petain, the French foreing their way forward along the whole front of the attack.

Mr. F. S. Spruill will make an address tonight at Whitakers at a meeting to be held to give impetus to the Liberty Loan drive.

Mr. Spruill will speak on the advantages of the Liberty Loan and his speech is expected to do much to make the campaign in and around Whitakers a big success.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SOLDIERS TO BE LIMITED TO SEVEN POUNDS BY ABILITY FRENCH RAILWAYS TO HANDLE.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Christmas gifts and other presents from home must be restricted to seven pounds if sent by parcel post.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Oct. 23.—Rails were the strong feature of today's early dealings, advancing from large fraction to more than a point on the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission to re-open the hearing of the eastern roads for higher rates.