

RUSSIANS CLAIM GREAT VICTORY

German Charge On Warsaw Rejected By The Slavs in a Decisive Battle

RENEW ATTACKS IN WEST

Turkey Claims Victory Over British In Egypt—Germany Bombarde Ypres

The German charge on Warsaw has now been checked, according to the latest reports both from Petrograd and Berlin.

The Turks on the south and east are reporting victories over both the Russians and British. On the Black Sea they declare they have taken Batum, a Russian sea port, and are in possession of all territory between the Turkish-Russian border and the Chursk river.

The Ottoman troops claim to have defeated the British in a decisive battle in Egypt and to have now reached the Suez canal.

On the Franco-Belgian frontier, the Germans have renewed their attacks against the Anglo-French lines and have bombarded Ypres again.

Warsaw is again threatened and much alarm is felt at Petrograd. The Russians, however, claim partial successes.

While German successes have been marked on the eastern border, the Anglo-French lines are announcing decisive victories on the west.

Turkish activities have commanded much attention in the east. The Ottoman cruisers have been reported successful on the Black sea, where the Russian port of Tauspe was bombarded.

A voluntary explanation was offered by the Ottoman government to the United States regarding the Tennessee incident in the Gulf of Smyrna, which has been accepted by President Wilson.

Austrian troops have started another attack on Serbia, much to the alarm of Bulgaria and the other Balkan states.

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THE DRACLE



London.—The battle in the region between the Vistula and Warta rivers in Poland appears to have turned in favor of the Russians.

A special dispatch from Petrograd to Paris says the Russian army already has won a decisive victory. While this may be an exaggeration, both the Russian and the German official reports suggest that General Von Hindenburg's second thrust at Warsaw has been checked.

Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, for two days in succession, has recorded partial successes, and the German staff says the arrival of Russian reinforcements has postponed a decision.

Both sides have expressed the greatest confidence in the outcome. Grand Duke Nicholas and General Von Hindenburg heretofore have been so successful in their strategy that their adherents look upon them almost as unbeatable.

The German papers were talking of a general Russian retreat despite the fact that the Russians have been advancing steadily in Galicia, have repulsed the Austro-German attack before Cracow, hold part of the German territory in East Prussia and oppose General Von Hindenburg's advance on Warsaw.

It is the same in Petrograd. All the correspondents there declare the Russian numbers must tell when the Germans have reached the ground on which Grand Duke Nicholas has chosen to give them battle.

While undertaking immense tasks in the east, the Germans, according to all accounts, are preparing to launch another offensive movement in the west. Just where this is to be known by the general staff alone. It is believed here they will make another effort to get through to the French coast and perhaps at the same time try to force the line of French fortresses in the Argonne region.

The Germans have been violently bombarding Ypres in Flanders, Solons in the Alsace, and Rheims, while they have been attacking in force in the Argonne region. The French claim the Argonne assaults have been repulsed while the Germans say that they have been gaining ground steadily.

Any or all of this activity may be intended to divert attention from the quarter in which the supreme attack will be made, but the allies are sure to discover soon where they must expect the next blow. To ward the possibility of the Germans again trying to move along the coast the British fleet has been bombarding their positions from the sea.

Turkey, as usual, reports victories over the Russians in the Caucasus and the British in Egypt, but these lack confirmation. The English have issued an account of successful British operations in the Persian gulf. The same statement told of the defeat of a British force sent against German East Africa.

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GERMAN PARTIES JOIN FOR VICTORY

BERLIN SAYS TURKEY HAS CONTROL OF THE SEA OF AZOV.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS DOUBTFUL

England Has No Definite Knowledge of Conditions in East—Germans Claim Victory.

Berlin.—The following information was given out to the press: "Recent bombardment of Zeebrugge and Heyste, Belgium, by a British squadron, destroyed the hotels. The inhabitants fled, German troops suffered no loss.

"The declaration in the Saxon Diet that peace would be concluded only after the attainment of security against further attacks was acclaimed enthusiastically by all parties, including the Socialists.

"Russian shipping companies at Odessa, have withdrawn their ships from the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov because of the Turkish naval supremacy in those waters.

"A brother of the Sheik of the Senous informed the Constantinople correspondent of The Berliner Tageblatt that hostilities were not directed against Italy. The Sheik, he declared, has over 100,000 warriors under his command in Tunis and Morocco.

"The Morgenpost thinks the check to Russian reinforcements near Lodz is proof that there are no Russian troops north of the Vistula. This further indicates that the German army is fairly on the Russian flank, with the roads to Warsaw open.

"From Galicia comes the official report that the Russians have been driven back through the Carpathian passes. Ugek Pass already is in the hands of the Austrians.

"Though no detailed account of operations in the neighborhood of Pilica and Walbrom (Southern Poland) is at hand the report that the Austrians have taken 29,000 prisoners and 49 machine guns the last few days appears to show that their advance continues, and that they are meeting with success.

"The Austrians have made progress in the offensive against Serbia and have repulsed several attacks with great loss to the enemy. The mountain ridges southeast of Valjevo, Serbia, though covered with snow, have been crossed by Austrian troops with little loss.

Reports Are Unconfirmed.—London.—While Petrograd correspondents continue to declare the Russians have won a great victory over the Germans in Poland, official confirmation still is lacking.

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STEALS NEWS OVER WIRE OF THE A. P.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR FURNISHED BUREAU WITH LISTED MESSAGES.

HAS CONFESSED HIS GUILT

Shrewd Detective Work Revealed the Method of Operation and Culprit is Held in Court.

New York.—H. L. Linder, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company and attached to the office of the New York Globe, was arrested here charged with violating Section 552 of the Penal Law, in that he revealed the contents of a telegraphic message sent out by the Associated Press.

For a long time it has been evident that dispatches of the Associated Press were being systematically stolen and were distributed by a number of smaller agencies. A careful watch was set upon the business and suspicion pointed to a man employed in the office of The Globe, a New York evening paper. The case was considered by the executive committee of Associated Press directors at the recent meeting and a plan to detect the culprits and bring them to justice was adopted.

For the purpose of transmitting the more important news in bulletins, wires connect the central office of the organization at 51 Chambers street with the editorial rooms of the various members in New York. In the office of The Globe these bulletins were copied surreptitiously by Linder and repeated to the New York News Bureau, a Wall Street concern. Frequently within two or three minutes after the receipt in the office of The Globe, they appeared on The News Bureau's ticker and in the reports of the International News Service, the Central News of America and other minor organizations.

QUARANTINE LIGHTENED.

Several States Given Release From Cattle Law.

Washington.—Parts of Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa were ordered released from some restrictions of the Federal livestock quarantine against foot and mouth disease. The order, issued by the department of agriculture, effective November 30, provides that cattle for immediate slaughter may be shipped in interstate commerce from the counties named and be received for feeding purposes, but not shipped out for feeding elsewhere.

All but 21 counties in Wisconsin, all but 21 in Iowa and a score in Illinois are released.

The release order will be followed as rapidly as possible by others lifting the quarantine in all localities where the disease has been eradicated.

The discovery of the disease among cattle and hogs at Waterford, Va., resulted in a quarantine covering parts of London County, Virginia.

Burned Under Car.

Wilmington, Del.—The body of an automobile driver found burned to death under his car at Newcastel, near here, was identified as that of Harry Doughty, of Franklin City, Va. The body was found by the crew of a trolley car. It is believed Doughty was on his way from Wilmington to his home alone when the car turned turtle and pinned him beneath it.

Burned Cotton.

Columbus, Ga.—Fire destroyed a cotton warehouse containing 1,500 bales at Georgetown, Ga. The loss is estimated at \$60,000 partially covered by insurance.

Blanco Arrested.

Vera Cruz.—Gen. Lucio Blanco, the last of the Constitutional leaders to evacuate the capital, has been arrested by his own officers and is on his way to Vera Cruz according to a report here.

North Carolina Sends Check, \$1,500.

New York.—August Belmont, treasurer of the National Committee of Mercy, received a check for \$1,500 from J. M. Rankin, treasurer of the North Carolina Committee of Mercy. This money was raised by a committee appointed by Governor Craig to help feed starving women and children made destitute by the war in Europe. The National committee is sending this week, \$20,000 worth of foodstuffs to Belgium, \$1,500 to suffering Belgians in London, and \$1,000 to buy shoes for children in France.

Villa Troops Join Zapata.

Washington.—Administration officials credited reports that General Villa's troops had joined Zapata's forces in Mexico City. They had no definite advice. The last dispatch to the State Department, reported that Zapata's men and agents of General Villa controlled the city. All official dispatches say order is being maintained, the only looting mentioned being that of a ranch in the outskirts owned by an American. In the same vicinity the Spanish ambassador said several Spaniards had been killed.

In view of General Carranza's arrival at Vera Cruz, Secretary Bryan wired American Consul Silliman to remain in Mexico. He said he had originally ordered Silliman to join Carranza when the latter was at Orizaba. American Consul Canada at Vera Cruz will handle all negotiations with Carranza. Enrique C. Lorente, Washington representative of Provisional President Gutierrez, received advice confirming reports that Gen. Luis Caballero, at Tampico, Governor of the state of Tamaulipas, had declared his adherence to the Agua Calientes convention.

MISS GRAHAM HEADS TUTORS

For First Time in History a Woman is Elected President of Teachers' Assembly.

Charlotte.—Miss Mary Owen Graham of Charlotte was elected president of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly at the concluding business session of that body. Her name was proposed by the committee on nominations, headed by Chairman Howell and was greeted by applause. She was elected by a rising vote.

The election of Miss Graham, though not unexpected, as she had royally earned the customary promotion from the office of vice president, is none the less a high honor and gives peculiar gratification to her thousands of friends in this city and state. She is assistant superintendent of schools in Mecklenburg and was formerly a member of the faculty of the State Normal College. She is a daughter of Mr. Archibald Graham, Sr., of this city and a sister of President E. K. Graham of the University, this is the first time a woman has been elected president.

In selecting what he termed the rare privilege of seconding the nomination, President Hobgood of Oxford Seminary declared that his was the deciding vote that brought the assembly to Charlotte, and that this vote, cast as a member of the executive committee, was in order that "we might come to the home city of this noble woman and crown her here."

President Robert H. Wright of the Eastern Training School, was elected vice president, and Mr. Emmett E. Sams of the State Department of Education was re-elected secretary. "I must say that Mr. Sams is a model secretary," said President Noble. "He has even tried to look like me."

Mr. M. B. Dry, principal of the Cary High School, and Miss Sallie Bethune, principal of the Fourth Ward School of North Charlotte, were elected members of the executive committee.

The assembly adopted, without public re-reading, the revised Constitution that was proposed. It merely clarified matters that had been left in doubt in the former document.

The session of the Assembly was brought to a conclusion by a pleasant event—the presentation of a beautiful loving cup from the assembly to Mr. R. D. W. Connor of Raleigh, in token of his fine services as secretary from 1906 to 1913. The presentation was made by Retiring President M. C. E. Noble. Mr. Connor seemed deeply touched by his unexpected tribute. It was awarded amid long-continued applause.

The singing of 50 pupils of the Charlotte High School, under the leadership of Mr. Robert L. Keeler, was a delightful feature of the evening. They occupied seats on the rostrum and rendered several songs in a creditable fashion.

The assembly adjourned about 10:30 p. m., after one of the best sessions in its history.

\$19,000 Fire at Southport.

Southport.—Southport had a \$19,000 fire recently, the Richard Doshier combination store and The Pilot office all being burned together. The origin of the fire is unknown, and the building was only partly insured.

COMING EVENTS.

December 15.—The North Carolina Community Service Week. Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville—January 19-21, 1915.

TAR HEEL BRIEFS.

Spencer Council No. 74, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Daughters of Liberty presented a flag and Bible to the Smith Grove school of Davidson county.

The sum of \$282.61 has been raised in Fayetteville for the relief of the suffering Belgians. The Belgium relief ball netted \$210.51.

Producing 128 bushels of corn to the acre at a cost of a trifle more than 11 cents is an achievement that speaks well for the land that produces it, and for the energy of the farmer who does it, but this is exactly what a tenant has done on the farm of E. J. Hill near Waxhaw.

J. W. Hill, of the bureau of plant industry, Washington, has accepted an invitation to speak to the members of the Buncombe County Boys' Corn Club at the annual seed corn show which is to be held at Asheville December 19.

The handbook of the North Carolina Debating Union has been issued. An inquiry that came to one of the State Departments brought out the fact that there are about 1,200 active lawyers in the state.

More money was given for charity in Kinston this Thanksgiving by fully 50 per cent, than on any preceding. Collections were taken in practically every church for local charity or Belgian relief.

A charter was issued for the G. C. Bugno Lime Company of Hot Springs, Madison County, capital \$15,000 authorized, and \$6,700 subscribed by G. C. Bugno of Fletcher and S. P. Burton and S. D. Holt of Asheville.

Sentiment is gradually growing for the proposed Henderson County Farm Life School and expression pro and con are heard from various sources.

Appalachia Belle, the black racing mare of William C. Colie of Asheville, known throughout the South where horseflesh is admired, died at Griffin, Ga., recently, according to a message received by her owner.

Rev. G. L. Merrill of Maysville, is the new superintendent of the Kennedy Memorial home, the recently opened eastern branch of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Five miles from Kinston.

Durham will erect an up-to-date incinerator in the near future. A juvenile protective association has been organized at High Point.

Returns from all the counties have been received at Raleigh. A new knitting mill, controlled by Kinston capital, has commenced operations at Beaufort. It is equipped with 45 modern machines, including German-made "loopers." Expert operatives from Kinston are breaking in the raw labor and the superintendent was sent from a local mill. The plant is expected ultimately to employ 200 people.

GREENSBORO GETS NEXT CONFERENCE

METHODIST PROTESTANT ASSIGN PASTORS AND ADJOURN ANNUAL MEETING.

FOR BEST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. J. A. Burgess Selected to Preach Ordination Sermon Next Year and Rev. H. F. Powell Conference.

Asheville.—Greensboro was selected as the place of holding the next meeting by the members of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference at their final session and pastors were assigned to their charges for the coming year, the reports of the stationing committee being adopted on the Conference floor as follows:

Alamance, J. A. Ledbetter; Anderson, W. A. Lamar, supply; Asheboro, C. L. Whitaker; Asheville, Cuthbert W. Bates; Buncombe, T. E. Martin, supply; Burlington, George L. Curry; Cleveland, W. C. Lassiter; Charlotte, D. A. Braswell; Creswell, J. H. Abernathy, supply; Concord, J. R. Hutton; Davidson, J. W. Hullin, supply; Denton, G. L. Reynolds; Falston, J. H. Moton; Fairview, J. W. Self; Flat Rock, W. F. Kennett; Forsyth, A. O. Lindley; Gaston, W. H. Meese; Greenville, D. T. Surratt; Granville, N. G. Bethes; Graham and Haw River, O. B. Williams; Greensboro, R. M. Andrews; Guilford, S. N. Needham; Halifax, R. A. Swaringer; Haw River, W. T. Ashburn; Henderson, J. D. Williams; High Point, A. G. Dixon; LaGrange, J. W. Alred, supply; Lebanon, R. C. Stubbins; Lincoln, B. M. Loy; Littleton, C. J. Edwards; Lenoir, H. D. Garmon, supply; Mehane, W. E. Swain; Mecklenburg, H. B. Waldrop; Mocksville, T. A. Williams; Mount Hermon, C. H. Whitaker; Mount Pleasant, Robert Troxler; Oak Ridge, L. W. Gertinger; Orange, J. A. Burgess; Pageland, J. W. Quick, supply; Pensacola, W. D. Surratt; Piedmont, A. D. Singleton; Pinnacle and Mount Zion, Ed Suits; Randleman, J. B. O'Brien; Randolph, W. M. Pike; Reidsville, E. G. Lowdermilk; Richland, D. A. Highfill; Roanoke, T. E. Davis; Rockingham, J. F. Alred, supply; Saxapahaw, George W. Holmes; Shelby, J. D. Morris; Seely, J. H. Bowman; Stanley, W. D. Reed; St. Paul, G. F. Millaway; Spring Church, T. F. McCulloch; Tabernacle, T. M. Johnson; Thomasville, J. E. Pritchard; Uwharrie, J. B. Cogdon; Vance, A. L. Hunter; West Forsyth, C. H. Austin; Wayne, J. R. Stowe; Winston, R. W. Taylor; Welch Memorial, High Point, D. R. Williams; Yadkin College, H. L. Powell; Yarbrow, W. A. Lamar, supply.

The handsome banner which is awarded to the Sunday school having the best attendance record at each annual Conference, was presented to the Clerk's Chapel Sunday school of Buncombe County.

Statesville Wants Town Nurse. Statesville.—The Civic League of Statesville has launched a movement for a visiting nurse for the town, a trained nurse who shall give her time to visiting among the unfortunate families of the town, giving advice as to sanitation and the care of the sick and nursing such patients as absolutely require a skilled nurse.

Mrs. Charles Anderson, who presented the matter to the league, has made extensive investigations during the past few months and finds that the towns now employing nurses consider them indispensable.

Mrs. R. S. McElwee told the league of the excellent results secured through the efforts of the nurse employed in her former home town, Goldsboro.

Kinston Sells 14,319,000 Lbs. Tobacco. Kinston.—The planters of this section of North Carolina had a great deal to be thankful for, despite the unfortunate cotton situation. Many of them have shared in the blessing of a remarkable crop of tobacco, of which 14,319,000 pounds had been sold here. Traveling men say that if collections were as good in towns as in the rural parts of the bright leaf belt, there would be no sign of depression here.

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Savannah, Ga.—One rider was killed and two others seriously injured, one probably fatal, in the second annual three-hundred mile motor cycle race here over the Savannah motor race course. The dead: Gray Sloop, Mooresville, N. C., neck; hip and leg broken. The injured: Z. D. Kelly, left leg crushed and serious internal injuries. Recovery doubtful. K. H. Verrill, Chicago, badly bruised and lacerated and skull may be fractured. Physicians believe he will recover.

Killed By Overturning Car. Rutherfordton.—Messrs. J. E. and A. J. Jolly, father and son, with their wives and the latter's two little girls, left Cliffside one morning recently for a day's outing at Chimney Rock. On the return trip near Dr. A. A. Rucker's, in turning a curve, the car was overturned and the elder Mr. Jolly so badly injured he died soon after being put in the hospital here, the younger Mr. Jolly and the two ladies were held under the car but not hurt. The children were thrown free of the car.