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## GOVERNORS ASK FEDERAL HELP

### Only U. S. Aid Can Forestall Disastrous Results in Cotton States, Say Letters to the President.

## GOV. COLQUITT SEES CERTAIN BANKRUPTCY

### Situation Grows Worse Day by Day, Says Cruce—All Want Congress to Take Early Action on Matter.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Declaring that the crisis confronting the cotton industry is so serious that only federal aid can forestall disastrous results, the governors of four cotton states in telegrams made public here today appeal to President Wilson and congress for immediate relief measures. Gov. O. B. Colquitt of Texas characterizes the outlook as one of "certain bankruptcy" and advises that the situation is "daily growing worse."

## TROOPS SPARED FROM THE EAST

### Owing to Russia's Failure to Progress German Masses to Be Transferred to West Front.

## WILHELM MOVES BASE FURTHER INTO FRANCE

### Invaders in Belgium Moving in Part Toward Ostend and in Part to the Frontier of France.

London, Oct. 15.—"Germans arriving here," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Times, "state that owing to the failure of the Russians to make progress against the Germans, the Germans have decided to immediately transfer considerable masses of troops from the eastern to the western front."

# FURIOUS FIGHTING ON FRENCH BORDER

## Allied Forces Battling Desperately to Prevent An Advance of Invaders

## GERMANS ONLY 15 MILES FROM COAST

### Reports of Allies' Progress Comes From Paris--Conflicting News Of Important Battles in East

The Germans moving on Ostend are reported to have occupied Bruges, 15 miles east of the former city. This report is confirmed from neutral sources.

A German official statement coming direct from Berlin says there has been heavy fighting east of Soissons and the Argonne and the Germans have at no point lost ground, it is declared. French claims of successes in the Woevre district are denied.

This afternoon's French official statement announced that the allies have made marked progress in the region of Lys and between Arras and Albert. On the center the allies, it is said, have advanced in the direction of Craonne, while a German offensive movement to the north of St. Die has definitely been checked.

The reports and claims regarding the situation in the eastern theater are as conflicting as before.

A dispatch from Petrograd says the Austro-German army was completely defeated Wednesday in the neighborhood of Warsaw, Russian Poland, suffering enormous losses in casualties and prisoners.

A wireless message from Berlin says it was officially announced there today that the battle to the east of Wirballen in Russian Poland, continues after eleven days of fighting favorable to the Germans, repeated assaults of the Russians having been repulsed with heavy loss.

# FAIR WILL RUN ALL THIS WEEK

## INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE CHARGED TO LIQUOR

### Sixty Per Cent Due to Whiskey Says Speaker—Better Entertainment, Solution.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Sixty per cent of the industrial accidents in the United States are charged to liquor, R. L. Palmer, chief inspector of the Pennsylvania department of labor and industry, told delegates to the national congress for industrial safety today.

## SUPREME COURT TAKES UP BOUNDARY DISPUTE

### To Settle Location of Line Between Commonwealths of N. C. and Tennessee.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The dispute between North Carolina and Tennessee over the exact location of the boundary line between these commonwealths was taken up today by the Supreme court after five years preliminary proceedings. The case is one of the few original suits instituted in the Supreme court itself, and attracted attention because of the sovereignty of the parties at bar.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY BANKERS ASSOCIATION

### Disposition of Wexler Plan to Change the Federal Reserve System to Be Made.

Richmond, Oct. 15.—Election of officers and disposition of the Wexler plan to bring about changes in the federal reserve law today occupied the attention of delegates at the fortieth convention of the American Bankers' association.

## NAVAL BATTLE BEGINS IN THE BLACK SEA

London, Oct. 15.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Bucharest coming by way of Rome says: "Heavy cannonading has been heard the past day off Kustendje (in Roumania on the Black sea). It is believed the former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, which now fly the Turkish flag and which yesterday undertook to escort from Sullina (an arm of the Danube) traversing the strait of Euboea, Roumania's several transports laden with munitions have either attacked or been attacked by the Russian fleet."

### Secretary Harris Issues Statement to Effect That Big Exposition Will Close Saturday at Midnight.

### EXHIBITS AND MIDWAY WILL STAY ON GROUND

### Change in Plans Made So That Many, Kept Away by Rains, May Have a Chance to Visit the Great Fair.

Third Day's Program. (Thursday, Western N. C. Day.) 9:00 a. m.—Gates open. 3:00 p. m.—Free acts on the midway, weather permitting. 7:45 p. m.—Fireworks, weather permitting.

Fourth Day's Program. (Friday—Day of Mirth.) 9:00 a. m.—Gates open. 3:00 p. m.—Free acts on the midway. 7:45 p. m.—Fireworks. 9:00 p. m.—Masquerade and "tacky" parade on the grounds; four prizes to the winners. 9:30 p. m.—Free acts on the midway.

Fifth Day's Program. (Saturday—Special Added Program.) 9:00 a. m.—Gates open. 3:00 and 9:00 p. m.—Free acts on the midway. Shows, music, parades, free shows, distribution of exhibit samples and other special added attractions. 11:00 p. m.—Regular fireworks program. Midnight—Gates close upon fair.

Bad weather does not stop a good fair. The fair here will continue through Saturday night. The two above important statements in connection with the fourth annual Western North Carolina fair, the biggest and best show of its kind ever held in this section, are given to the public today by the officers of the association.

## CULEBRA LANDSLIDE BLOCKS CANAL TRAFFIC

Panama, Oct. 15.—A serious landslide in the Culebra cut at a late hour last night interrupted completely all traffic through the Panama canal. Several ships in the canal have been unable to complete their passage.

## CARRANZA RESIGNATION IS NOT YET CONFIRMED

Washington, Oct. 15.—Acting Secretary Lansing said today that the State Department had no confirmation of published reports that the resignation of Gen. Carranza had been presented or accepted by the Mexican convention at Aguas Calientes.

## APPROVES WADE PLAN

H. E. Walters, chairman of the board of directors of the Atlantic Coast line, called on President Wilson today to discuss the cotton situation. He approved the Wade plan for a \$150,000,000 pool for relief of planters, telling the president this was the most practicable suggestion yet brought forward.

## FIGHT IN SENATE BEGINS

Washington, Oct. 15.—The fight for cotton relief legislation in the pending war revenue bill was begun in the senate today. Southern senators vigorously pressed the amendment authorizing a \$250,000,000 bond issue for the purchase of 5,000,000 bales of cotton at ten cents a pound. Senator Overman also proposed a new amendment to authorize the secretary of the treasury to loan to the southern states the amounts collected by the government under the cotton tax imposed during and after the civil war.

## ROMANIAN DENIAL

Brest, Oct. 15.—(Via London)—The Roumanian envoy to Switzerland is quoted as denying it was untrue that Roumanian had been influenced by the alleged efforts of the triple alliance to draw her into the war.