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GERMANS SCORE IN STRUGGLE TO COAST

Invaders Are Less Than 50 Miles From Calais; and Nearer Dunkirk.

RUSSIAN PURSUIT IN EAST SLACKENS

Allies' Theory Is That Holding of Dixmude by the Germans Is For Short Time Only.

The Russian successes in the east which for a time were a predominant feature of the war news, must again divide space with the accounts of re-kindled activity on the part of the Germans in west Flanders, where the forces of Emperor William have disproved the contention of the allies that their attempt to force their way to Dunkirk or Calais had finally failed.

With Dixmude in their possession the invaders were today less than 50 miles from Calais and much nearer Dunkirk, and the fight they have been putting up in the face of tremendous losses seems to bear out what has been so often said—that they will not abandon this struggle to reach the coast unless they are utterly crushed. The English and French theory is that the holding of Dixmude is only temporary; that its history will be much the same as that of other towns which have been taken and re-taken in the fighting on the Yser.

London, Nov. 12.—The wave of optimism which has been sweeping England for the past week was hecked today by news of the occupation of Dixmude by German forces and the renewed indication of the peril from German submarines by the case of the torpedo gunboat Niger which yesterday morning was destroyed by a torpedo launched from submarine of the enemy. This occurred within sight of the English shore in the narrow part of the channel where several hundred ships lay at anchor.

The importance of the fall of Dixmude is difficult to estimate without exact knowledge of how the opposing forces are disposed in this locality, but the town is on the direct road to Dunkirk, and if the German forces can debouch from it the allies probably will be compelled to fall back to new positions in their efforts to block the way to the coast.

The allies still hold Ypres, where the fighting evidently is of the most desperate character. Shells constantly are falling in the town, which also is the object of aeroplane attacks. Armentieres, which has been constantly a bone of contention, being first occupied by the invaders and then by the defenders, has now become too hot for occupation by either side.

The Germans occupy hills on one side of the town and the allies are entrenching themselves on the other side.

The official communication given out in Paris last night claims that the invaders throughout the day continued their efforts of the day before without achieving any fresh result and declares that the Germans are making vain attempts to move out from Dixmude along the left bank of the Yser. Russian Pursuit Slackened.

For the moment the Russian pursuit along the Silesian frontier has slackened. The Germans are reported in London to be making efforts further to strengthen their present line of fortresses, anticipating a Russian invasion, and the marvelous system of strategic railroads extending along the line of fortresses between Grand-ecq, Thorn, Posen and Cracow, will enable them to bring up reinforcements so rapidly that the German center is not likely again to be exposed to the same weakness which led to the retreat before Warsaw. The rumor still continues persistently in London that the German crown prince was in command of the German center which gave way before the Russian assault outside of Warsaw, and he is being blamed for this reverse.

Teuton Dissensions.

A dispatch received here from Petrograd declares that the dissensions between General Von Hindenberg, commander of the German forces in East Prussia, and General Dankl, the Austrian commander, are so acute that Austrian officers are refusing longer to co-operate with the German staff.

Vienna officially admits the withdrawal of the Austrians from western Galicia, and the complete investment by the Russians of the Przemyel fortress, but up to yesterday the Austrian general staff was reporting continued success in the Austrian invasion of Serbia.

Russian Army Headquarters in the Caucasus reports only minor actions, with the Russians still occupying the points in Armenia previously captured by them.

French Statement.

Paris, Nov. 12.—The French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon says: "On our left wing the fighting still continues with violence and has been accentuated with alternate advances and retirements without importance. Speaking broadly, the battle front has not varied greatly since the tenth of November. In the evening of yesterday it extended along the line between Loubaertzyde and Neuport, the Neuport canal to Ypres; the approaches of Ypres; in the region of Zonnebeke, and the east of Armentieres.

METHODISTS GET DOWN TO WORK

This Is the Year for Naming of Quadrennial Boards and Committees—Important Matter.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE LATER IN WEEK

Annual Committees Are Named—Presiding Elders Made Reports Yesterday to the Conference.

Special to The Gazette-News. Shelby, Nov. 12.—Under ideal conditions, beautiful weather, kind hospitality and determined resolution on part of minister who may be shifted to a distant charge to go willingly, the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, assembled here began the second day's session in central church at 9 o'clock with Bishop Richard G. Waterhouse, of California, presiding.

The church was crowded and nearly 400 visitors are now within the walls of the city.

This is the year for naming the quadrennial boards and committees and, on motion, a layman from each district will confer with the bishop in the appointments which will be made later in the week. Much interest centers around these boards because of their important work.

Dr. J. R. Serogus, presiding elder of the Shelby district, read the names of the men who will constitute the annual committee as follows:

Committee on books and periodicals—W. E. Poovey, M. F. Morris, C. P. Goode, Parker Holmes, M. T. Smathers, J. P. Starnes, M. E. Clegg, A. L. Aycock, B. A. York, E. M. Lyda, S. L. Rogers, J. N. Hauns, S. W. Brown, D. B. Coltrane, R. H. Sorrels, C. W. Hoyle, J. A. Yokeley, R. L. Snow, J. O. Irvin.

Committee on temperance—J. H. Brendall, A. N. James, D. P. Waters, J. B. Tabor, E. E. Whittama, J. W. Ingle, W. T. Usury, J. B. Johnson, T. S. Coble, O. J. Jones, W. S. Miller, D. A. Fulton, G. W. Martin, D. L. Webb, L. A. Falls.

Spiritual state of the church—P. L. Shore, E. M. Hoyle, T. J. Ogburn, W. Mahaffy, S. T. Coburn, J. W. Daniel, W. H. Willis, J. W. Kennedy, W. L. Dawson, C. C. Hall, Ira Erwin, E. P. Stabler, R. A. Taylor, T. J. Rogers, W. R. Lynch, L. H. Phillips.

District conference records: R. M. Taylor, J. W. Campbell, J. F. Moser, J. C. Harmon, A. P. Rattledge, C. M. Shurt, E. J. Poe, J. A. Sharpe.

Bishop Waterhouse introduced to the conference Dr. J. M. Moore, secretary of the foreign mission board of Nashville who delivered a masterful address on home and foreign missions, saying that the per capita contribution had gradually grown until it now reached 44 cents, but this, declared he, is not enough to carry on the work which the boards have before them, especially in the foreign field where the demand is greater on account of the nations engaged in war being unable to support their missionaries.

Another object which the mission board has before it is to better take care of the ministry in the matter of salary with a view to seeing that the minimum pay for a single preacher is \$2400 and \$300 for married preachers.

Each of the 11 presiding elders was called on to make his report to the conference and they were gratifying indeed from the standpoint of spirituality, church building and membership growth. Rev. Dr. Plato Durham, (Continued on page 2.)

succeeded in reducing to silence the cannon of the enemy. Several of their pieces were even destroyed. We also made some progress in the vicinity of Barry-Au-Bac.

COUNTED UPON LOSING EMDEN

Berlin Papers Declare That Destruction of Active Little Cruiser Had Been Discounted.

HIGH PRAISE GIVEN TO HER COMMANDER

General Hans Von Below, Who Has American Wife, Is Given Decoration of the Iron Cross.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—(Via The Hague and London)—All the morning papers in Berlin unite in publishing articles in praise of the commerce destroying career of the German cruiser Emden, and they declare that her final destruction always had been counted upon. The Emden was driven ashore on the Cocos island by the Australian cruiser Sydney.

The Morgen Post says that since the beginning of the world never has a single ship taken part in international warfare with such terrible results, and all the papers reprint from London Journal's laudatory articles on Captain Carl Von Muller, the commander of the Emden.

Major Morahl, the military critic, writes in the Tagblatt: "There has been no question that the career of the Emden was bound to come to an end before long. The British admiralty would have lost the confidence of the nation unless it finally succeeded in destroying her. In view of the great difference between the fighting power of the Emden and that of her opponent, the Sydney, it is no wonder that she suffered severely. Her career has been a glorious one and never will be forgotten."

The decoration of the iron cross of the first class has been conferred upon General Hans Von Below who some weeks ago was given the second class decoration of this order for military valor before Namur.

General Von Below's wife was formerly Mrs. Nina Bryce Turnbull, of Philadelphia.

General Von Below and Mrs. Turnbull were married in Buenos Ayres in April of 1907. General Von Below was then a major and had been detailed by the German government to assist in the reorganization of the Argentine army.

Mrs. Turnbull was Miss Nina Bryce. Her first husband was Frederick Turnbull of Philadelphia.

NORTHERN LEAGUE CASE CONSIDERED

Question of Salary Limit in C. and D. Leagues Is Also Discussed.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 12.—Consideration of the Northern league case by the arbitration board of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs was one of the matters of importance to be taken up today. The league disbanded and re-organized last year. The re-organization left out the cities of Winona, Minneapolis and Winnipeg, placing two other cities, both in Canada, in the league. The present case is a protest from the cities left out. The question of salary limit for classes C and D leagues was the first order of business today.

The question of changes in the American association and Western league if any are to occur, will probably be settled after the national association has closed its sessions and any proposed changes will hinge principally on the final settlement between the national commission and Charles Weegman, president of the Chicago Federal league club, when proposed changes in the ownership of a major league club occur.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Sale of the Chicago club of the National league to Charles H. Weegman, owner of the Chicago Federal league club was expected to be made here today as a part of a "peace" plan between organized baseball and the Federal organization.

A conference arranged by August Hermann of Cincinnati, chairman of the National Baseball commission, was to be attended by Mr. Weegman and George Ward, one of the owners of the Brooklyn Federal league club. Charles P. Taft, owner of the Chicago Nationals, also was expected to participate in the meeting.

BOMB THROWN BY ANARCHISTS

Believe Bronx Out-rials Sequel to the Chicago Riots of 20 Years Ago.

FIRST BELIEVED IT WHITE SLAVER'S WORK

Tattered Pamphlet Found Tells Story of Haymarket Anarchists Who Killed Chicago Police.

New York, Nov. 12.—Amidst the ruin wrought by a powerful bomb exploded last night at the entrance to Bronx county's new \$1,000,000 court house, detectives found today what they consider strong evidence that the outrage was perpetrated by anarchists who had in mind the Haymarket riots at Chicago more than twenty years ago.

Detectives, who had believed that the explosion had been prompted by vengeance upon County Judge Louis D. Gibbs for heavy sentence imposed recently by him on seven traffickers in women, turned from their theory to follow the fresh clue.

Among the fragments of metal clipped from the door casing and cornice of the court house they found the tatters of a pamphlet printed in Spanish and headed "Los Martires de Chicago." ("The Martyrs of Chicago"). The pamphlet so far as it could be pieced together purported to tell the story of the Haymarket anarchists who killed the Chicago police in the famous riots. A rough wood cut showed the Haymarket anarchists swinging from a gallows. There were incidental statements concerning the duty of anarchists to avenge "the martyrs."

Close investigation today developed that there was only one bomb instead of the two first reported.

CONVICT LABOR IS MATTER DISCUSSED

Road Congress Also Considers Contract Work and Engineering Features.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12.—The fourth American road congress, in session here today, devoted much of its time to a general discussion of convict labor as a means of building and improving public highways. Road work by the army, contract work and highway engineering education also were features of addresses and papers by state and federal officials.

Today's program included addresses by George P. Coleman, state highway commissioner, Virginia; John N. Carlisle, state commissioner of highways, New York; Brigadier General William T. Russell, U. S. A., retired; C. J. Bennett, state highway commissioner, Connecticut; Irving W. Patterson, state board of public roads, Rhode Island; Major Amos A. Fries, corps of engineers, United States Army; John J. Ryan, secretary New York state road builders association, and others.

Charles P. Light, field secretary of the American Highway association was expected to describe the progress of work on the Washington-Atlanta highway.

The congress will conclude its business sessions Saturday.

GATHER TO DISCUSS COTTON FUTURES LAW

Washington, Nov. 12.—Representatives of all branches of the cotton producing and marketing industry were here today to explain to Secretary Houston and treasury officials their views of the administration of the new anti-futures law. The act does not go into effect until next February but the officials aim to have machinery for its administration determined upon so that the cotton industry may become accustomed to the new conditions.

The law is directed at gambling in cotton futures. By prescribing a federal tax of two cents a pound on all cotton sold for future delivery, except under contracts conforming to regulations of the department of agriculture, it is expected to prevent speculation and the manipulation of prices on exchanges.

Vessel in Fo't. New York, Nov. 12.—Arrived: Antonio Lopez, Genoa.

NATIONAL MEET OF SUFFRAGISTS

Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of National American Woman Suffrage Ass'n. in Nashville.

SEVERAL HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTEND

Credentials Committee Report Among Important Matters Considered During the Morning Session.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—Several hundred delegates from all sections of the United States were in their seats when the forty-sixth annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association was opened here today in the hall of representatives at the state capitol. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, called the convention to order and reminded the delegates that it was an auspicious date for the assembling of the convention, in that it is the ninety-ninth anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the pioneers in the woman suffrage movement in this country and who died in 1902.

The delegates were welcomed to the city in addresses by Mayor Hillary Howe, of Nashville, and by officials of local and state suffrage organizations. Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott responded or the visitors. Following welcoming exercises, the convention began its initial business session, which included presentation of reports of various committees and officers of the association.

The report of the credentials committee by Mrs. Stanley McCormick of New York, chairman, was considered among the more important matters before the early session, as the convention will be called upon to settle contests between opposing delegations from Tennessee and from Illinois.

At tonight's meeting Governor B. W. Hooper of Tennessee formally will welcome the suffragists to the state and Dr. Shaw will deliver her annual address. A celebration of campaign states also will be a feature.

Southern Meeting.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 12.—At the final business session late yesterday, the conference allowed to die in committee the proposed declaration of principles. Two paragraphs of this declaration—one affirming that suffrage is a states right question and the other calling upon the democratic party to include a woman suffrage plank in its next national platform—aroused spirited opposition.

Officers elected by the conference, in addition to Miss Gordon, include: Vice president at large: Miss Laura Clay, Lexington, Ky.

Secretaries: Mrs. John B. Parker, New Orleans and Mrs. Nellie N. Somerville, Greenville, Miss.

Treasurer: Mrs. H. B. Bartlett, Louisiana.

Auditors: Mrs. C. E. Elliott, Maryland and Mrs. D. P. Montague, Tennessee. Among state vice presidents were:

North Carolina: Mrs. Archibald Henderson.

South Carolina: Mrs. Coleman, Abbeville.

Virginia: Mrs. John H. Lewis.

Honorary vice presidents: Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, New York; Miss Mary Johnston, Virginia; Mrs. Helen Gardner, Washington, D. C.

NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE ARE SAFE

Short Wireless Disposes of the Fear that Cruisers Had Been Sunk.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The armored cruiser Tennessee in the Mediterranean reported early today she had been in wireless communication with the cruiser North Carolina yesterday and that the ship was safe in Beirut harbor.

The message was sent by Captain Benton C. Decker, of the Tennessee, and reached the United States by relay of wireless and cable. It was six words long, simply announcing the safety of both ships, but made no mention of the reported landing of bluejackets from the North Carolina at Beirut.

The Tennessee's report dispensed of the persistent rumors of the last three days, untraceable to any source but widely circulated through the country, that the North Carolina had been sunk by a mine. Hundreds of friends and relatives of men and officers on board were thrown into great distress and besieged the navy department with inquiries. Navy department officials never had any fears for the safety of the ships and so secured all inquiries.

LITERATURE ON NEW TARIFF ACT

Collector Bailey Is Sending Out Cart Loads of Information About War Revenue Law.

LITTLE FOR ALCOHOLICS FROM NORTH CAROLINA

State Supreme Court Calls Attention to Need of Medical Expert as Adjunct to the Courts.

(By W. T. Bos.)

Raleigh, Nov. 12.—Collector Bailey's office is sending out cart loads of literature on the new revenue act, a 32 page paper that catches its thousands in the state.

The revenue on whiskies and wines will be put a small amount of what is allowed the eastern district and the increase of the 11 tax now imposed on all beer, lager beer, ale, porter and other similar fermented liquor, to \$1.50 isn't going to make any great difference in the moneys raised in this end of the state.

The government's tribute from wines in the state will touch a considerable number. The graduated tax of one-fourth of a cent on one-fourth of a pint of wine in bottles, one-half for a half pint, and one cent for more than a half pint and not exceeding a pint, will reach a fair number of dealers. Still wines in all other containers than those mentioned in the tedious text of the bill, will bear eight cents a gallon. This applies to domestic and imported wines.

The higher grades bear more burden, five cents for the half pint bottle and not exceeding a pint; ten cents for the pint to quart; and on all other containers at the rate of 20 cents a quart.

Special instructions are being mailed the bankers and money dealers. Bankers must pay \$1 on each \$1000 capital and surplus and undivided profits must be counted as capital. It is estimated that Raleigh will raise \$1500 on this item.

Brokers pay \$30 annually and every "person, firm, or company, whose business it is to negotiate purchases or sales of stocks, bonds, exchange, bullion, coined money, bank notes, promissory notes, or other securities for themselves or others," is regarded as a broker unless as banker he has paid the special tax. Pawn brokers pay \$50, commission brokers pay \$30 and custom brokers \$10.

It gets these men, the gradation being \$25 for 250 capacity and down; \$50 for 500 and below and \$75 to \$99, the \$100 tax being for houses between 500 and 1000. Proprietors and agents of all other public exhibitions, are to be taxed \$10. Bowling alleys pay \$5 for each alley and commission merchants \$20.

Tobacco Dealers.

Collector Bailey's greatest revenue comes from tobacco. He has Durham as a manufacturer and lives in the best producing section in the world, tobacco men declare. Tobacco dealers pay from \$6 to \$24, the 1000 pounds determining the tax. Those who deal in tobacco to a less extent than 1000 pounds pay no tax and dealers whose annual receipts from the sale of tobacco exceed \$200 pay \$4.80.

The cigar makers pay \$6 tax for smokers up to 200,000. If they reach 400,000 cigars, the tax is \$12; if 400,000 to 1,000,000, they pay \$30 and from one to five millions \$150, the rate doubling as it goes up. Cigarettes proceed at a rate of \$12 on the million, \$24 for two, \$60 up to five, \$120 for ten millions and the gentleman who makes 100,000,000 cigarettes must pay \$496.

It touches promissory notes, mortgages and similar instruments, gets the makers of cosmetics and puts a heavy tribute on women's beauty. These bear stamps. It gets the telegraph and telephone message at one cent a message, exempting those dealing with employees. Insurance policies on life, accident and health pay half cent on each dollar involved, mutual fire companies carried on without profit to investors, being exempted.

Legislative members-elect here picking their seats for the coming general assembly confess themselves interested in the recommendations of the Supreme court last week in the Tighman vs. Seaboard damage case governing the medical expert. The court found no error in the case not called attention to the need of a court medical expert whose opinions would come from as unprejudiced minds as those of the judge and the jury. It is the first time that the court has gone on record to such effect.

The judicial body can do nothing for itself. It has no way to inquire, but a few days ago the sixth district submitted a report to the supreme court.

Inquiries. Navy department officials never had any fears for the safety of the ships and so secured all inquiries.