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## RESULTS NOT DECISIVE IN BATTLE IN POLAND

### THE CONFLICT STILL RAGING

Germans Have Been Checked But Are Still Stubbornly Trying to Pierce Russian Line.

### FIGHTING IN WEST MAINLY IN ARGONNE

Reports Tell of More Men Sent From West to East—Russians Report Success in Caucasus.

Both the Russian and German official reports state that there has been no decisive result in the fighting in Russian Poland, where press reports have been insisting that the Russians won a great victory a few days ago. While the German advance has been stopped the invaders are still fighting desperately to cut their way through the Russian lines. The Russian official statements, while depreciating the reports of enormous victory in north-western Poland claim decisive success in the battle before Ypres and also successes on the Austrian side of the Carpathians and against the Turks in the Caucasus.

There appears to be little infantry fighting in the western arena except in the Argonne, but the French official reports say that the artillery fire of the Germans was more active yesterday. The German reports say there has been little change in the fighting in France and Belgium. The allies claim to have captured several supporting positions to the north and to the south of Ypres.

Unofficial messages lead to the conclusion that the allies, having discovered that the German line was weakening, had begun taking the offensive south of Ypres. Other unofficial advices are to the effect that the Germans are again sending troops to the eastern field, from the western battlefield. This may account for the comparative quiet in Belgium and France.

A sensational press dispatch says that the wife of General Von Moltke, German chief of staff, has written to Danish relatives that the general is virtually the prisoner of Emperor William in a palace at Homberg as the result of having interfered with the strategic plans, in the west, of the crown prince.

From Russia comes the news that the Germans, in groups and companies and even in battalions are wandering starving and half frozen in the snow covered fields around Lodz and are surrendering willingly. Thirteen trains of German prisoners are reported as going eastward from Wasaw.

Von Moltke Prisoner? London, Nov. 30.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Daily News says the wife of General Von Moltke, German chief of staff, has written to a Danish relative that General von Moltke is virtually the prisoner of Emperor William in a palace in Homberg as a result of having interfered with the strategic plans, in the west, of the crown prince.

## French Official Report

Paris, Nov. 30.—The French official statement, given out in Paris this afternoon, says:

"In Belgium the enemy is still on the defensive. Their artillery fire is feeble, and we have made progress at a number of points. "In the region of Soissons the fighting has been intermittent. There have been no developments of importance at this point. "In the Argonne several attacks made by the enemy have been repulsed. For some time there has been a heavy fog on the heights of the Meuse, which has rendered operations difficult. "In the Vosges the enemy bombarded the Apremont forts but without results. Nothing of importance has developed in the Vosges.

result of his interference with the crown prince's strategic plans in the west. Take Offensive. The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent says the allies are taking the offensive south of Ypres, having discovered that the German line is weakening.

Soldiers Starving. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says: "The Germans in groups and companies even in battalions are wandering starving and half frozen in the snow covered fields around Lodz seeking an opportunity to surrender."

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that trophies captured by the Russians at Lodz, together with several captured cannon have arrived in Warsaw. "On Monday last," the correspondent continues, "German airmen dropped 18 bombs in the main street of Lodz, destroying the Golrechter factory, killing or wounding many of the populace and causing heavy property damage."

Telegraphing from Berlin, Reuter's correspondent sends this official announcement: "Emperor William has sent this birthday telegram to Dr. von Bethmann-Holweg, German imperial chancellor: "I come to your excellency with congratulations of a particular kind. Luck is necessary to pilot the ship of state through stormy times into the harbor, and for this purpose Providence employs men who know how to fight firmly and steadily, and to keep the welfare of the fatherland in mind until the great aim is accomplished."

"Among those men your excellency occupies first place. The German people know it and I know it. God bless your work. (Signed) "WILHELM."

The chancellor in reply said impressions he had received in Berlin gave him confidence that the proposition especially was to fight until an ultimate victory.

Churches in Turkey. Paris, Nov. 30.—The Havas correspondent at Athens says: "According to news received here Turkey has decided to sequester all religious establishments in Palestine belonging to France, Great Britain and Russia."

To Eastern Frontier. Geneva, Nov. 30.—The Journal de Geneve says that on November 21 and 22, one hundred and ten trains, each of fifty cars conveying artillery and cavalry passed through Luxembourg from Flanders on the way to the German eastern frontier.

German Prisoners. Petrograd, Nov. 30.—Count Tichkavila, a prominent Russian, on arriving here yesterday from Kiev reported that on the way he passed 13 trains containing German prisoners going eastward from Warsaw.

Von der Goetz Relieved. Berlin, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Baron von der Goetz has been relieved as military governor of Belgium and attached for the remainder of the war to the entourage of the Sultan of Turkey.

General Fretschner von Blasing has been nominated as military governor of Alsace.

A dispatch from Berlin Saturday said that Zekki Pasha, former commander of the Turkish troops, had been attached to the suite of Emperor William as an expatriate of the present relations of Turkey and Germany.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH IS REPORTED ILL

Belgium's Queen Confined to Her Bed After Months of Red Cross Work.

Rotterdam, Nov. 30.—The Maasboldt learns that Queen Elizabeth, of Belgium, is ill and confined to her bed.

Queen Elizabeth has been very active in Red Cross work since her country has been embroiled in the war and has shown great interest in the amelioration of the condition of her sufferers.

## W. ROCKEFELLER CHANGES MIND

Asks Permission of Federal Court to Change Plea to the New Haven Indictment.

JOINED IN PLEA BY OTHER DIRECTORS

They Had Filed Plea in Abatement Seeking to Have the Indictment Dismissed.

New York, Nov. 30.—William Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, today sought permission of the Federal court in this city to change his plea to the indictment, charging him and twenty other directors of the New York, New Haven and Connecticut railroad with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Mr. Rockefeller had filed a plea in abatement last Monday. He was joined in this application by Robt. W. Taft, Charles H. Booker, William Skinner, and James S. Eller. These defendants also filed a plea in abatement last Monday. In the application to the judge of the Federal court the defendants did not intimate the nature of the plea they had in mind, but simply made known their desire to file a substitute plea. Under the plea in abatement they sought to have the indictment dismissed on the ground that it was defective.

## PAUL E. WILKES TO LEAVE GROVE PARK

Resigns as Associate Manager to Accept Position With Atlanta Papers.

Paul E. Wilkes, associate manager of Grove Park Inn for the past year, has resigned to become assistant business manager of William Randolph Hearst's Atlanta papers, The Georgian and Hearst's Sunday American.

Mr. Wilkes was connected with these papers before coming to Asheville and, as advertising manager, he made a record which brought him to the attention of newspaper publishers all over the south.

As associate manager of Grove Park Inn, Mr. Wilkes has had charge of the advertising and promotion end of the business. Because of the unique and live ideas advanced along this line by F. L. Seely and Mr. Wilkes and carried to a successful termination, nearly one thousand guests were turned away for lack of accommodations only eight months after the hotel was opened. This record has been the subject for discussion in hotels, advertising and financial circles all over the country.

The work which has been so successful will be continued under the direction of Mr. Seely, but Mr. Wilkes will continue to act in an advisory capacity and will visit Asheville frequently for this purpose. Mr. Wilkes will be associated in his new work with Hugh E. Murray, business manager, and one of the best known and most efficient men in the large Hearst organization.

## FRENCH TROOP'S BRAVE EXPLOIT

Squad of Dragoons Attempts Subjugation of German Aeroplanes Conveyed by Nine Automobiles.

ONE PLATOON ON FOOT ENTIRELY ANNIHILATED

Two Mounted Platoons Then Started Assault; the German Guns Were Silent, Gunners Being Dead.

Paris, Nov. 28.—The French war office has supplemented a late statement with an account of the exploits of a squadron of dragoons during the early part of September. "During the night of September 9," the account reads, "a lieutenant of dragoons who had become isolated with his squadron in the midst of the German lines and had taken refuge at a farm learned of the presence of a park of German aeroplanes on the road leading from Viviers to a factory between Soissons and Compeigne. According to the gossip of peasants, the aeroplanes had landed about 7 o'clock in the evening and had been joined about 10 o'clock by an automobile convoy consisting of from seven to nine machines which had kept company with them during their flight. "The lieutenant decided upon an immediate attack. It was then half past two in the morning. It was proposed that two platoons on foot should approach as near as possible to the convoy, fire three shots and no more. A mounted platoon profiting by the consequent disorder, would hurl itself upon the automobiles and charge with their lances, thus being able to escape. Another mounted platoon was to remain in reserve at the factory. "The two platoons on foot succeeded in approaching to within 40 meters of the automobiles and the challenge of the German sentry was the signal for opening fire. Scarcely had the fire ceased in conformity with orders received when the platoons charged with galloping horses shouting "Vive La France."

"Unfortunately the Germans were only partially surprised and a rapid fire gun stationed at the head of the automobile convoy opened fire. The French officers were killed and the platoon literally annihilated. Not one of the troopers reached the automobiles. Seeing this the lieutenant in command of the two dismounted platoons also attempted an assault. The German machine gun was silent, the gunners having been killed at their positions.

## BOY SHOTS FATHER TO PROTECT MOTHER

Roy Price of Goldsboro Justified by Coroner's Jury for Patricide Friday Night.

Special to The Gazette-News. Goldsboro, Nov. 30.—Coroner C. E. Stanley was summoned to the neighborhood of Seven Springs Saturday morning to investigate the shooting and killing Friday night of Robert A. Price, a well to do white farmer of that section, by his young son, Roy.

The coroner summoned a jury and thoroughly sifted the evidence and the verdict of the jury was one of acquittal on justifiable grounds, as the evidence showed conclusively that the boy had to shoot to save his mother from great bodily harm and probably death, as the father was beating her in a drunken rage. The dead man was a heavy drinker and had been on a protracted spree, leading up to the incident last night that resulted in his death.

## TWO WOMEN AND MAN VICTIMS OF TRAGEDY

Special to The Gazette-News. High Point, Nov. 29.—A telephone message received in the Enterprise office here Saturday night from Carter's store in Randolph county told of a terrible tragedy enacted there Saturday evening. The message stated that a man named Will Daniels shot and killed two women and a man. It was stated that his wife's sister was one of the women killed and that the other two persons were a man named Valzner and Varner's sister. No details of the tragedy nor the cause were obtainable.

## WORK ON CANAL TO BE PUSHED

Col. Goethals Is Determined to Put Last of the Finishing Touches Before Time Limit Expires.

FORCES WORK HARDER THAN EVER BEFORE

Colonel Himself Setting the Pace—Especially Efforts Being Made in the Culebra Cut.

Panama, Nov. 30.—A hurry-up order has been issued by Governor Goethals for the completion of the canal. The time limit set by congress is July, 1916, and Col. Goethals is determined that the last of the finishing touches in every department from dredging to landscape gardening shall be completed ahead rather than behind time. Col. Goethals himself is setting a pace, and may be seen often at work in the administration building at Balboa late at night. Men and machines now on the isthmus are said to be working harder than at any time since the great work was started ten years ago.

Every morning Col. Goethals appears at some part of the work where he has not been for several days previously, to hurry things along. There is the case of the steam shovel delving into the side of Sosa Hill for the rock that goes to form the east breakwater in front of Colon harbor. On each one is a huge placard which shows the numbers of cars loaded as the work progresses. For every job a mark has been set, to be surpassed if possible. On Sosa Hill the man who has charge of loading the cars that take the rock 50 miles across the isthmus to the new breakwater is working against the man in charge of transporting those same cars those 50 miles while the man who unloads them out near the end of the 2-mile trestle is rushing things so that he will always be just a little ahead of the other two. At present there are 200 to 250 cars of rock sent him every working day.

Out in Culebra cut, where a large slide recently choked the channel for a few days and canal traffic came to a standstill with a large number of ships seeking passage through, dredging ceases only during the eight daylight hours when the canal is used for navigation purposes. The other 16 hours are devoted to the fastest dredging the canal has ever seen. The men work in two shifts and as they eat and sleep on the bridges no time is wasted. Their work in handling the recent slide and re-opening the canal to traffic within five days won for them high commendation from Col. Goethals.

## S. W. DAVIDSON IS APPOINTED DEPUTY

Cherokee Man Given Temporary Appointment to Serve for Deputy Marshal.

United States Marshal Charles A. Webb announced this morning that he has appointed ex-Sheriff S. W. Davidson of Cherokee county for a term of 90 days, upon authorization of the department of justice, to serve in the place of Deputy Marshal Bruce Slaughter. The appointment is only a temporary one, as Mr. Slaughter will resume his duties as soon as he recovers sufficiently from a wound received on the night of November 19. It will be recalled that Mr. Slaughter was shot by Harve Sheppard in a barber shop at Franklin, when the former went there with the chief of police to arrest Sheppard. The bone near his right hip joint was shattered and his conditions since then has been rather serious. It is believed, however, that he has every chance of completely recovering. Sheppard made good his escape at the time, but was arrested a few days ago in Spartanburg and is now held in the jail at Franklin.

The body of G. W. Misenheimer, aged 84, who died here Saturday following an extended illness, was shipped to Concord Saturday night, where the funeral and interment took place yesterday. The deceased had been living in Asheville for several years and was well known by a large number of friends.

H. W. Plummer goes to Minneapolis tonight to attend a convention of his men.

## AUSTRIANS NOT OUT OF HEART

Spirit of Dual Monarchy's Troops Excellent—They Consider Situation Satisfactory.

LOSING GROUND NOT ALWAYS A CALAMITY

War Has Lasted Long Enough to Have Lost Novelty—People Engaging in Usual Pursuits.

Correspondence of The Associated Press. General Field Headquarters, Press Department, Galicia, Nov. 6.—The spirit of the Austro-Hungarian forces is excellent. Officers and men who come to this point speak of the situation as highly satisfactory. By now even the veriest private seems to have learned that losing ground is not always a calamity, and that, as has been already demonstrated, the strategic retreat is of necessity an attending phase of the "position" fighting of which there has been so much in both the eastern and western battlefields.

Meanwhile better weather has set in in Galicia. For the last two weeks the leaden sky has shown large rifts through which peeps with increasing frequency a sun that seems oddly impotent, but which at least is the promise that there will be no more rain that day. Now the rivers are low, the fields comparatively dry, and the roads are once more passable, made so largely by the army engineers, who have not been found lacking in efficiency. During the first stages of the war the army wheel transportation cut deep into the surface of the roads and the many hoofs converted them into quagmires.

A trip from Vienna to the Galician front is not as exciting or even interesting as one might think. The war has lasted long enough here to have lost the quality of novelty. Everywhere one sees signs of confidence. In the larger and smaller cities bustling operations are going on; husky peasants, men and women alike, plow the field or harvest the sugar beet, potato or other late crops, and the active railroad traffic is only in part of a military character.

Almost the only reminder of war is an occasional Red Cross train, going to, or returning from the front. There is, however a rather lively military passenger traffic on the regular trains, and one notices that all bridges, tunnels and stations are guarded by soldiers. This is the case throughout the parts of Austria and Hungary which are traversed on the way to the Galician front. In upper Hungary one sees large droves of cattle, intended to feed the men in the trenches. Quite leisurely these "round-ups" go through the Waag and Arva valleys, towards the Galician border, following highways that wind in and out the hills and mountains. Now and then, too, one meets small groups of solid and massively built Hungarian peasants in charge of men in uniform, recruits of an army which may be said to be still in the process of mobilization.

## BANKRUPTCY PETITION FILED BY BIG METAL

United States Metal Products Co. in Financial Trouble, Assets \$3,700,000.

New York, Nov. 30.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed today in the United States court, by the United States Metal Products company, a Massachusetts concern, with seven billion dollars in outstanding stock. The liabilities are listed at one million, eight hundred thousand dollars, and the assets at three million, seven hundred thousand, in reality and in stock in trade.

## MRS. JENNIE C. HAWLEY OF ROCHESTER IS DEAD

Special to The Gazette-News. Buffalo, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Jennie C. Hawley, aged 70 years, whose only brother, Andrew Colliester, resides in Asheville, died last night of heart failure at her home in Rochester. She is survived by two sons, two daughters and one sister. Interment will be held tomorrow in Rochester.

## NO PLACE FOR COURT IN WAKE

Federal and County Court Rooms Undergoing Improvements—Court Postponed.

ELECTION IN STATE HAD PECULIARITIES

Democrats Do Not Feel Perfectly Easy Over the Future Prospects—Several Disquieting Indications.

(By W. T. Rost). Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Wake Superior court, which was to have convened today with Judge Harry W. Whedbee presiding, has been postponed until Wednesday when the city court room will be turned over to the county. A conflict of federal and state courts made the delay necessary. It so happens that while the government is putting on the finishing touches to its court building on Martin and Fayetteville streets, the county is becoming thoroughly ashamed of itself and erecting a decent court house on Fayetteville street. That makes the Federal court hold its sessions in the Montague building on Hargett street, and leaves Judge Whedbee without any place to sit.

The city court room is quite an attractive place, but the colored Masons have such a colossal row on that there must be some place big enough for the witnesses. That makes impossible any place for the county today. It is thought the Masonic case will be settled in another day and Judge Whedbee will sit in the municipal court room.

The biggest case that Judge Whedbee will try is the News and Observer against the Wake Water company, but unless the Supreme court hurries its Washington decision, it may be necessary for the plaintiff to continue its case. The Washington suit is very akin to that of Secretary Daniels who is asking the courts to tax the old water company \$75,000 for letting his newspaper plant burn down under the pitifully weak stream of water held on the blaze.

Judge Connor continues to try the federal docket, one overrun with petty revenue cases, today. He is to try Portland Ned, the Blessie pardon and alleged crackman, who is charged with blowing open Siler City and Plymouth postoffice safes. A number of Syrians are in court on various charges of false representations. The docket is clearing rapidly.

Peculiarities of State Vote. The board of canvassers will figure yet today and perhaps a portion of the next day on the state election returns, but already such figures have been produced as to explain the fear of wise democrats that the party can not be too careful as to its conduct in offering amendments, issuing bonds and parceling jobs.

The majority of Senator Overman of 34,146 looks formidable enough, but the senator was the beneficiary of a national split, many progressives evidently having declined to vote when Charles H. Cowles retired from the senatorial race. The majority in house and senate is likewise large, but a study of the returns from individual counties shows how precarious is the democratic position in many counties.

The democratic house and senate majorities are overwhelming, but the increasing number of counties that slumped entirely or in part, is alarming. The fact is not talked out much, but men mighty close to the administration shake their heads when they do talk. It is true that congressional majorities in favor of democrats were satisfactory, even the Tenth district which elected Brit over Gudgeon, having gone for Senator Overman by 1,256.

Solicitors Shave Through. When the redistricting of the judicial districts came up in the regular 1913 general assembly, it was almost decided to turn Linney's old district "over to the radicals," and take 19 democratic officials to make the state be good. It turns out that the democrats have almost an unbroken line of prosecutors, but some remarkable results are tabulated. One Republican Was Chosen. In the first J. C. B. Eringhaus, with hardly any opposition, has more than 5,000 majority; in the second, R. G. Allebrook has 2,768 with none at all; in the third John H. Kerr beats H. C. Coleman by 5,455 to 333; in the fourth Walter D. Siler defeats J. D. Parker 8,356 to 1,191; in the fifth Charles L. Abernathy is chosen over Claude Weatherly by 5,544 to 129; Henry E. Shaw in the sixth without opposition and polling 4,246; Herbert E. Norris in the seventh without opponent, 3,061; in the eighth Homer L. Leon without a fight by 4,395; S. B. McLean in the ninth with no opponent and a 5,493 vote; in the tenth S. M. Gattis with 4,688 to 1,691. Here the walkovers cease. For the remaining half of the state, it is a (Continued on page 2)