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POLAND STILL CENTER OF MILITARY INTEREST

PLAN TO TAKE WARSAW FAILS

Reports of Rival Headquarters Agree That Decisive Results in Poland Are Still in the Balance.

SERBIA LOOKS TOWARD CARPATHIAN HOPEFULLY

Anxious for Russians to Relieve Pressure on Them—Typhoid in Belgian Army Report

London, Dec. 2.—Russian Poland remains the center of interest in the European war so far as active military operations are concerned. Reports from the headquarters of the rival nations indicate that decisive results of the desperate fighting that has been going on in that country for days are still in the balance, although in the face of known facts the conviction is growing that the German General Mackensen has done at Lodz what Bazaine, in the Franco-Prussian war, failed to do at Metz, saving his army after it had been encircled by desperately cutting his way through the enemy's lines.

It is clear, however, that the German tactical plan of taking Warsaw has failed, according to opinion prevailing in England. Whether the invasion of the Polish province of Silesia has now become possible on account of the recent operations, or the present, remains to be seen. Little activity along the Austrian front is reported, except it is asserted from Vienna that an Austrian victory over the Russians resulted in the capture of a great quantity of prisoners and munitions of war on the south line. But there is nothing to indicate that the Russians have given up the intention of invading the province south of Cracow. Late Vienna reports say that the situation is calm at Cracow but that there has been some fighting in the Carpathians. Servian eyes are turned hopefully in the direction of these mountains in the expectation of seeing Russian troops under the walls of Hungary. This would release the pressure on the Servians by about half million Austrians who have forced the Servians back over the boundary into their own country. Army headquarters in Berlin claim that the three days' battle in Poland was accompanied by successful efforts of the German army to break through the encircling Russian ring. The report admits heavy losses but takes consolation in the fact that severe punishment was inflicted on the Russians. According to dispatches from Petrograd Lourez and Rodz continue to be the critical points in the fighting in north Poland. Petrograd puts a great deal of emphasis on the cap-

ture of a quantity of arms and ammunition during the fighting on the Vistula near Plock as well as in the cutting of certain German communications in Poland.

In the political field the meeting of the German Reichstag is attracting attention. Many members have gathered in Berlin, a large number in uniform, in anticipation of this meeting, which is important in that it is expected that the legislative body will pass the new war loan measure.

Comparative quiet continues to prevail in the western fields of battle; but alarming news is received in the report that typhoid has broken out in the Belgian army.

Critical Situation.
London, Dec. 2.—Dispatches from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, from the correspondent of Reuters Telegraph company says that a report has reached that place that the situation in Serbia is critical. The Servian army it is declared, was withdrawing from Belgrade and that telegraphic communications between Belgrade and Nish, the temporary capital of Serbia, have been interrupted.

Paris Statement.
Paris, Dec. 2.—The following official communication was issued by the war office last night:
"In Belgium the German infantry has essayed without success, a sortie against those trenches to the south of Elschote between Bethune and Lens. After a rather brisk affair we captured the chateau and the park of Vermelles (south of the 1st Army). In the Argonne we have advanced appreciably in the wood of Laururia. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

Vienna Statement.
Vienna, Dec. 2.—(Via London)—An official announcement issued yesterday says:
"In the southern war theater a step in the operations has reached a victorious conclusion. The enemy, who for several days has been offering strong resistance east of the rivers Kolubara and Ibrd (Serbia) again attempted to take the offensive, but was repulsed, suffering heavy losses in his retreat. On the battlefield at Komacine alone our troops found 800 unburied bodies."
"Since the beginning of our last offensive we have taken more than 19,000 prisoners and have captured 47 machine guns, 46 guns and quantities of other war material."

Servia's Flight.
London, Dec. 2.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Times describing Servia's flight says:
"Austria has a half million men on the Servian front but the Servians were informed of this in time and retreated into positions more convenient for defense. The Servians hope the Russians will soon appear under the walls of Budapest."

Prepare for Attack.
London, Dec. 2.—Telegraphing from Copenhagen the Daily Mail's correspondent says:
"Realizing Great Britain's preponderance in dreadnaughts, work at the German dock yards is being concentrated on the construction of submarines and aircraft and also on what are called 'floating batteries.'"
"The German fleet appears to be that the British fleet can be beaten by launching against it a huge submarine and air attack."
"It is reported that the German fleet again has steamed into the North sea."

SOLDIER IS EXECUTED IN VERA CRUZ, MEXICO
First Instance of Its Kind Recorded Since Return of Mexican Troops.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Dec. 2.—The first execution in this city since the Mexican troops returned, following the evacuation of the American forces, occurred yesterday. It was that of a soldier who was detected in an attempt to steal some ammunition. He was tried by summary court martial and executed within one hour of his sentence.

Stone Gets Decision.
Boston, Dec. 2.—Harry Stone of New York, who claims the lightweight championship of Australia, was awarded a decision after a 13 round contest with Gilbert Gallant of Chicago, last night.

HEAVIEST FOG FOR 15 YEARS

Shipping in New York Harbor Today Is Fog-Bound in the Heaviest Mist Known to Records.

FIFTEEN BIG LINERS ROCKED IN HEAVY SEA

Believed That Fog Extends West to the Mississippi—Train Service Greatly Crippled by it.

New York, Dec. 2.—A fleet of 15 ocean liners rocked in a heavy sea at the entrance to New York harbor today, fog-bound in the thickest mist that has been experienced here in 15 years.

The half million commuters from New Jersey, Long Island and other places were delayed from one-half to one and one-half hours. Trains crept slowly past semaphores, almost hidden in the mist. Ferryboats from New Jersey and Brooklyn moved cautiously, the mist being so dense that a vessel could hardly be seen a boat's length away. Hardly half of the ferryboats were operated. The local weather bureau stated that the fog covered a wider area than has ever covered before since records have been kept of them, and placed the western limit of the mist at the Mississippi.

Observers here declared that the fog is the heaviest of the twentieth century.

BAPTISTS FACING A DEBT OF \$5,000

State Mission Board Fell Short by That Amount in Subscriptions for Year.

Rev. Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the First Baptist church, received a telegram this morning from Livingston Johnson, secretary of the State Mission board of the Baptist church, in which it was stated that the board faces a debt of \$5,000. This simply means that the amount to have been raised this year has fallen short of the mark set by that amount. Dr. Waller states that the board was to have raised \$55,000 the past year. The fiscal year closed last night and all contributions had to be in before the books closed at Raleigh. The state Baptist convention will be held in Raleigh next week, and the report of the Mission board will be one of the most interesting submitted. Baptists in this city and section have been awaiting with keen anticipation the outcome of this campaign for \$55,000, and they will doubtless be disappointed to learn that a deficit of \$5,000 is to be faced.

TO DISCUSS SUBMARINE BUILDING WITH SCHWAB

Washington, Dec. 2.—Secretary Bryan today invited Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, to the state department to discuss with him the government's view on the building of submarines for the warring countries in Europe by American construction companies.

McCarthy Wins.
New York, Dec. 2.—Tom McCarthy, of Lewiston, Mont., out fought Terry Keller of California, in a fast ten round bout here last night. McCarthy weighed 181 pounds; Keller 178.

Oldest Odd Fellow.
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 2.—William D. Ermann, 97, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, died here last night. He joined the order in 1839.

IMMIGRANTS TO N. C. POSSIBILITY

President of State Press Association to Discuss the Plans With State Board of Agriculture.

\$10,000 APPROPRIATION WILL BE CONSIDERED

Representative Bowie of Asheville Thinks He Will Be Next Speaker of the House—Other State News.

(By W. T. Bost.)
Raleigh, Dec. 2.—President W. C. Hammer of the North Carolina Press association has sent out letters advising his appointees to meet this afternoon with the board of agriculture to consider the appropriation of \$10,000 for bringing desirable immigrants to North Carolina. The board has its regular December meeting at this time and the newspaper committee will discuss the advisability of conducting a publicity bureau that will put North Carolina as much in the eye of the world as it can be. Mr. Hammer is expected to attend the meeting and state to the board just what the resolution of the State Press association was when he named this committee.

Bowie and Speakership.
Representative T. C. Bowie of Asheville is strongly persuaded that he will be the next speaker. The fact that he is considered the most ultra of the conservatives, does not frighten him. The returns from the western part of the state show something of the same thing. Mr. Bowie's friends do not think it is E. R. Wooten against the field, but that it is the field against Bowie. The fact that he was against nearly all the "new things" last year is not expected to hurt him. He opposed the special session, the amendments, the Justice freight act and various other measures and his backers think that subsequent events have shown him wise and far seeing. The Justice act was almost re-written by a commission of which Mr. Justice's father was head. Bowie's backers say, the amendments were beaten, the special session's mission failed and the only thing left is a controversy between big democrats as to whether the state is running in debt or paying as it goes.

"I am going to be elected, I think," Mr. Bowie said today. "I believe the west is entitled to it."

New Deputies Appointed.
Collector J. W. Bailey has appointed four new deputies, two of whom were made necessary by the new war tax.

The men are John Morrison of Rockingham, Richmond county, Phil Hayes, of Moore county, C. H. Jenkins of Edgecombe, and Lee C. Ashcraft, of Chatham. Ralph Duffey is made deputy for a temporary period to take the place of Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp, whose recent illness and treatment in London, Ontario, makes necessary a temporary rest. Mrs. Shipp came back to the department and worked two weeks, but was not able to continue. The new war tax makes a multitude of additional duties. It has been discovered that many institutions that need the stamps have not ordered them and that business in many places has been interrupted because the stamps were lacking. Some of the railroads have provided their stamps from other sources but many others, expected to get them from Raleigh, have omitted to do so. Some banks in this territory have not called for them and papers requiring them had to remain without execution.

Pardon to Long Turner.
Governor Craig yesterday pardoned Lemie Hurd, of McDowell county, who began February of 1908 to serve 25 years for murder in the second degree.

Governor Craig says this girl was a young woman then and got into a difficulty at a dance. The deceased cut the defendant with a razor and the defendant shot and killed her assailant. In view of the fact that the killing resulted from a fight and the further fact that the woman has served nearly seven years, he thinks a conditional pardon is justified.

EX-PRES. TAFT WILL SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—Former President Taft, now professor of law at Yale, has been secured to deliver a series of three lectures at the University of North Carolina, the dates fixed being March 17, 18 and 19 of next year.

The series of lectures by ex-President Taft initiates the first of a number of lectures by distinguished American citizens on American citizenship, the plan being to afford the students of the university access to national and international viewpoint on current questions.

DEATH RATE IN MINES IS HIGH

Peaceful Industry Has Its Horrors as Well as War, Bureau of Mines Report Shows.

3651 DIED IN 1913, IN MINES AND QUARRIES

Out of Each 1000, 3.49 Were Killed, Much Higher Death Rate Than Those of Europe.

Washington, Dec. 2.—That peaceful industry has its horrors as well as war is shown in the casualty list of American mines and quarries for 1913 issued by the United States bureau of mines. This list gives 3,651 men killed in the year. The number of men injured was not tabulated, but it is estimated that it reached 100,000. Altogether in the coal mines, metal mines and quarries 1,047,010 men were employed, and the death rate for each 1,000 men engaged was 3.49, or nearly three and one-half men.

Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the bureau of mines, comes forward with the statement that, taking the hazards of the industry into consideration, this list of death and injury is excessive and unnecessary, and a discredit to the industry and the country. Commenting on the deaths in the mines, Dr. Holmes said: "We stand aghast at the slaughter in Europe as respects men's lives concerning the terrible war that is raging, and we pride ourselves on our freedom from war through the adaptation of higher ideals and standards. Yet to me this report on the death in one year of 3,651 men engaged in a peaceful industry is quite as discreditable. And when we consider that this record is being repeated year after year, the very thought of it becomes appalling. In the last three years, as far back as the records of the bureau covering certain branches of the industry go, the mines and quarries of the United States have swallowed up 10,457 human lives and have incapacitated temporarily probably a quarter of a million men. And the saddest part of it all is that a great part of this death toll and a still greater part of the injuries are not necessary. I believe I am conservative when I say that half of the 3,651 men killed in the year 1913 might have been saved and three-fourths of the 100,000 men injured in the same year might have escaped injury had all the various agencies involved, the operators, the miners, and the state and national governments done their full duty in the matter."

ONE SON OF PREMIER IS KILLED IN BATTLE

M. de Broqueville Loses One Son, and Reported Another Is Dead

London, Dec. 2.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of Reuters Telegraph company says that one son of M. de Broqueville, the Belgian premier, has been killed in battle, and that a second son of the premier is also rumored to have lost his life on the field of action.

Furious Blizzard.
Nome, Alaska, Dec. 2.—A furious blizzard has forced the shore ice pack high upon the shore and has driven the water farther inland than it has been for several years. All trails are impossible.

Several mining camps along the shore are entirely surrounded by water.

Nothing at Present.
Washington, Dec. 2.—After discussing with Secretary Garrison the request of Governor Ammons that United States troops be withdrawn from some of the Colorado strike districts, President Wilson has decided that nothing should be done at this time.

Cordial Relations.
La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 2.—Official announcement is made that cordial relations between Bolivia and Paraguay have not been interrupted as reported and that no mobilization of Bolivian troops has taken place on the Paraguayan frontier.

FOUND GUILTY, LABEL CHARGES

Four Members Colored Masonic Grand Lodge Found Guilty of Labeling Fraternity "Administration."

EACH IS GIVEN SMALL FINE; APPEALS ENTERED

Defendants Not Surprised at Verdict—Failed to Show Hand After Non-Suit Was Refused.

(By W. T. Bost.)
Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Judge W. C. Harris yesterday afternoon convicted Dr. J. B. Dudley, Dr. J. E. Dellinger, Dr. A. M. Rivera and C. C. Amey, of Greensboro, on a charge of libeling C. S. Brown, H. R. Goodson, and other members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, colored. The fines were \$100 each for Dellinger and Dudley and \$10 each for Amey and Rivera. All defendants gave notice in open court of appeal and the case will be heard here again soon when Superior court has a chance at more extended investigation of it. The defense produced no testimony, and falling in its motion for non-suit under the new act of 1911, it declined to show its hand. Judge Harris in giving his decision against the defendants said that he had thought that the circular issued by the defendants against the lodge officers would have contained no libel of itself had the writers not said that the conduct of the officers indicated "method and deliberation, no accidental mistake." He declared that he was moved to find against the defendants because, in spite of the utterly unintelligent and unbusiness like method of keeping books and accounts, the defendants had not taken notice of this until they had interests at stake in the grand lodge. He just thought they had gone too far, though he believed all were men of good character. He said he never had any idea of sentencing anybody to the roads.

The court room was still full of colored Masons, most of whom were jubilant over the result, the insurgents being in decided minority. The colored majority, however, deeply deplored the fact that the defense had decided to "drag grand lodge matters still further in the courts." It is well known in the grand lodge that there are witnesses who avow their intention to testify that some office holders in the lodge have been energetic in attacking the character of aspiring candidates for office. The blunt avowal of men here to "get Dudley and Shepard," two recent candidates, got out a few days ago, "Dudley and Shepard" being college presidents. A move of the defeated defense will be an effort to show that conviction of Dudley, Dellinger and the others was for grand lodge purposes. The secret order brothers do not conceal well.

The defendants were allowed to go on their present bonds and expressed not the slightest surprise at the result. It was generally thought that the court would have to reach such a verdict.

ABOUT \$40,000,000 ASKED FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

Estimated by War Department—Half of Mississippi and Tributaries.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Upwards of \$40,000,000 for river and harbor improvement is asked of congress in estimates the war department has prepared. Approximately half is for the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

There are thirty projects in all the department wants favored at the coming session, and they range all the way from \$275,000 to \$4,000,000 each. The estimates will be cut closely by the house rivers and harbors committee, when it meets the last of this week, and it is possible the committee will vote to limit the bill to continuation of existing projects.

The situation was discussed yesterday by Representative Sparkman of Florida, chairman of the committee, with President Wilson and Colonel Townsend of the Mississippi river commission.

The largest single item in the department's estimates is \$4,000,000 to carry on next year's Mississippi river contracts previously authorized by congress.

William Coleman has returned home from Richmond.

HOFFMAN URGES CANCER CONTROL

Statistician of Insurance Company Discusses Subject Before American Public Health Association.

POINTS OUT NEED OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Thinks Enormous Recorded Increase in the Cancer Death Rate Not Due to Statistical Recording.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2.—The importance of a nation-wide educational campaign for the control of cancer was emphasized by Frederick L. Hoffman, statistician of an insurance company, in an address before the American Public Health association here today. The subject of his address was "The Accuracy of American Cancer Mortality Statistics." Mr. Hoffman said:

"The truly enormous recorded increase in the cancer death rate during the last 25 years, compared with the previous quarter-century, absolutely precludes the possibility of this increase being exclusively the result of improved methods of medical diagnosis and death certification. The burden of proof that cancer is not on the increase rests with those who make the assertion that the increase in the recorded cancer death rate is exclusively the result of improved methods of diagnosis and death certification. The required evidence in support of this argument has not been forthcoming."

"In contrast, the statistical evidence of cancer increase throughout the civilized world is so overwhelming and so obviously conclusive, and so thoroughly in accordance with medical and surgical experience, that perhaps no other fact in the vast domain of human mortality and disease is more completely established at the present time. It is therefore, a rightful exercise of the critical method of reasoning that public attention should be directed to what is obviously a serious menace to civilization and the importance of cancer control on the basis of a nation-wide educational campaign."

REAR ADMIRAL MAHAN, HAS PASSED AWAY

Styled "Greatest Modern Writer of Naval Strategy"—Works Text Books.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Rear Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N. retired, acknowledged in naval circles as the "greatest modern writer on naval strategy," died at the naval hospital here yesterday, aged 74 years. Death was due to heart trouble.

Admiral Mahan had overtaxed his strength studying the great European conflict, and it is believed the many long hours he devoted to following the naval operations of the belligerents probably caused the breakdown that hastened his end.

In the early stages of the European war, Admiral Mahan, whose works are naval text books almost the world over, discussed for the newspapers the significance of various naval maneuvers. He gave up these activities when President Wilson issued his proclamation exhorting navy and army officers to desist from any and every partisan discussion of the conflict. He, however, did not relax his close observation of all that went on in Europe.

Admiral Mahan came to Washington from his home in Quogue, L. I., in early autumn and had planned to spend the winter here.

Funeral services will be held from St. Thomas Episcopal church in this city this evening at 9 o'clock. In accordance with Admiral Mahan's expressed wish, services will be of the simplest character. There will be no military ceremonies and no honorary pall bearers. The body will be taken to Quogue, L. I.

7584 NATIONAL BANKS IN U. S. NOVEMBER 30
Washington, Dec. 2.—There were 7,584 national banks in the United States at the close of business November 30. They had a capital of \$1,074,974,875, circulation outstanding of \$740,600,000 secured by bonds and by other securities of \$76,922,821. During November twelve applications for organization of national banks were approved.