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## BRITISH SHIPS BACK AT BASE

### Warships Engaged in North Sea Battle Sunday Have All Returned—Lion Last to Arrive.

## LION AND TIGER MOST DAMAGED IN FIGHT

### Princess Royal and Cruisers Practically Unscathed—German Commander of the Bluecher Wounded.

London, Jan. 27.—Most of the warships which were engaged in the naval battle in the North sea Sunday, with the German squadron, returned to their base Monday and Tuesday night, it was announced today. The Lion, the flagship of Admiral David Beatty, was the last to arrive, reaching port Tuesday morning, with the Arctura and Laurel, light cruisers, and some of the destroyers; while the Tiger, the Princess Royal, the Indomitable and the New Zealand, battle cruisers, were already there.

The Lion arrived at 11 o'clock and was greeted with vociferous cheers by the crews of the vessels lying at anchor. It was spontaneous tribute to Vice Admiral Beatty and his flagship, Captain Erdmann, commander of the German vessel Bluecher which was sunk in the recent battle, has been placed among the wounded, according to the Edinburgh correspondent of the Times. He is said to be suffering from shock.

The Lion and the Tiger are the only British ships engaged in the battle which sustained serious damage, the correspondents report. The Lion had her speed reduced, but that is a matter that can soon be remedied. The Princess Royal and the battle cruisers which had almost as big a part in the battle are practically unscathed.

## OSBORN HOLDS A CONFAB WITH BRYAN

### Believed That State or National Politics Was Discussed—Other Capital News.

Gazette-News Bureau  
Wyatt Building  
Washington, Jan. 27.

It leaked out here yesterday that a rather mysterious conference was held between Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn a few days ago. When seen yesterday Commissioner Osborn admitted that he had been closeted with the Commissioner for an hour or two, but said if anything was given to the press it would have to come from the secretary.

It is a safe bet, however, that either state or national politics were discussed. Some contend that the Raleigh postoffice fight had something to do with the conference. This is not believed to be true, however, because it is known that Commissioner Osborn has positively refused to take a hand in this controversy.

It is not at all certain that a selection for the Raleigh job will be made in time to relieve Willis G. Briggs February 16, the date that his commission expires. President Wilson never played a more "watchful waiting" game than those interested in the Raleigh postoffice fight are playing now, and if the president would take the time to watch and learn how the game is being played in North Carolina, he would know that the national capital he might learn something that would be of value to him when he again tackles the Mexican situation.

Gatling is the only obstacle in the way of Mrs. Aycock landing the Raleigh job. Gatling is being backed by Bailey. When the latter left here last week he apparently had no intention of withdrawing his name, but of course if the all-powerful "silent hand" directs Mr. Bailey to do so it possible that he will take his name down.

As had been expected, it is being charged that the Raleigh postoffice is too large an undertaking for a woman, and therefore Mrs. Aycock should not be appointed. This may have the desired effect, but it is doubted. Up to the present time no one here has had the nerve to come out and say he would oppose the widow of the late Charles B. Aycock. Things must change materially, too, before any one will come out in the open and oppose Mrs. Aycock.

7. R. McCosker of Chicago, has secured passage to sail for France, where he has accepted a place with the allies to drive a hospital ambulance to and from the battlefield.

## MRS. AYCOCK IS GIVEN SUPPORT

### Many Are Flocking to Her Standard in an Attempt to Land the Raleigh Postoffice Job.

## BRITTON IS WILLING TO ENTER WITHDRAWAL

### Believed That Matter Will Be Finally Settled by Congressman Pou Within Next Ten Days.

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There has been no particular change in the fight for the Raleigh postmastership in last day or two. Bart M. Gatling and Dr. J. L. McCullers has returned to Raleigh. It is now believed that it will be a week or ten days before Representative Pou announces his recommendation.

One interesting phase of the subject is that there are some people who have urged Gatling on Representative Pou for the Raleigh job are now trying to "jump from under" and leave Pou with the bag to hold. Others are trying to claim that they have been for Mrs. Aycock all the time.

From the time that Judge Allen "hit the trail" for Washington up to the present time no one has mentioned the Raleigh postoffice without figuring Mrs. Aycock in the running.

She may be given the place simply because there are few people who can afford to refuse her if she wants the job. It is known now that she does want the place and has asked for it. Had not the friends of Mrs. Aycock come to the front in her behalf Bart M. Gatling would have walked (Continued on page 2)

## "MOTHER JONES" WILL INFORM ROCKEFELLER

### Strike Leader in the Colorado Fields Invited to Discuss the Situation.

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John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has invited "Mother" Jones, the aged strike leader in the Colorado fields to visit him and put before him all the information she has on the strike situation. The invitation was accepted by "Mother" Jones.

The invitation to "Mother" Jones was extended by Mr. Rockefeller when he entered the room of the city hall, where the federal commission on industrial relations is conducting its inquiry into the philanthropic foundations and into the causes of industrial unrest.

Mr. Rockefeller testified before the commission and was the first witness called yesterday. As he walked into the room he saw "Mother" Jones and shook hands. "I wish you would come to see me and give me any information you have on the Colorado situation," he said.

"Mother" Jones expressed surprise that "that is very nice of you," the strike leader answered. "I have always said that you can know little about the condition of workers in Colorado, unless you hear something else besides what these hirelings tell you."

## PRESIDENT WILSON SIGNS URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL

### Carries Approximately Five Million Dollars—Also Signs National Park Bill.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson has signed the urgent deficiency bill carrying approximately five million dollars. It is the first of the general appropriation bills presented at this session of congress to come before the president. Fifteen other bills will have to come before the president for his signature before March 4.

The president also signed the bill creating the Rocky Mountain National park in Colorado, which will contain about 300,000 acres of public lands.

## Zeppelin Is Brought Down By Russian Artillery Near Libeau

Petrograd, Jan. 27.—A German Zeppelin which flew over Libeau on January 25, and dropped nine bombs on the city, was brought down by the Russian artillery fire, at Virghen, according to an official communication given out today by the general staff of Russian army. The Zeppelin fell into the river and light gunboats coming out from Libeau finished the work begun by the ar-

## NIGHT SESSIONS AGAINST REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER

### Democrats Will Attempt to Fire out Opposition to the Ship Purchase Bill.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Administration leaders in the senate, asserting that the republicans were conducting a filibuster against the government ship purchase bill, have determined to wear out the opposition in long night sessions. One had been planned for tonight, but it was abandoned as a courtesy to Senator Gallinger, the minority leader, who had spoken for several hours and had not concluded his remarks.

After an executive session the senate resumed open session late in the day when the night meeting proclamation was delivered by Majority Leader Kern.

"It is fair to minority senators," said Senator Kern, "to state that the majority proposes to meet what we believe to be a filibuster against this bill by holding night sessions."

Senator Gallinger declared that he was ready to proceed, but the majority insisted, upon allowing him to rest and the senate recessed until today.

Democratic senators were aroused yesterday when, after the way had been opened for business for the first time in ten days, republicans began reading the long journal of proceedings as well as speeches on various subjects, submitting them for introduction in the Congressional Record.

## SOLDIERS IN LEBANON MOUNTAINS SUFFER

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 27.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The sufferings of the Turkish soldiers in the Lebanon mountains of Palestine have been so severe, owing to the exceptional coldness of the winter, that three hundred and fifty deaths from exposure were reported up to December 25. Fighting between the Turkish troops and the natives has occurred at several points.

A considerable number of Turkish soldiers was killed at Beersheba recently by Bedouin tribesmen. The Turks, it is said, had ordered a shipment of 500 camels from the sheikhs of the tribe, promising to pay \$50 on each delivery. When the camels arrived, the Turkish commander offered \$250 for the lot. The indignant tribesmen thereupon broke into the Turkish arsenal, seized weapons and ammunition and fled into the desert with the camels. Soldiers who were sent out to bring them back were disastrously defeated; the Bedouins escaped.

Application for loans so far have amounted to about \$12,000 and officials here have no reason to believe there will be many more applications before February 1, when the period for making them expires. The federal reserve board in its individual capacity as a central committee of the loan fund, has concluded in view of this showing that the plan should be abandoned.

The \$12,000 applied for probably will be taken care of by some bank in New York and the other subscribing banks will be released from their pledges.

Members of the board said that in spite of the few applications the loan fund had done its work in keeping up the confidence of the cotton men at a time when confidence was needed.

## COTTON HIGH IN GERMANY.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Cotton prices in Germany, as reported by cable from American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin are as follows: Bremen 16.88 cents for good middling; Hamburg 16.44 cents for spot cotton; February deliveries 15.

## WHEAT GOES HIGHER.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Wheat swept to higher prices today, easily exceeding all previous war quotations. Business in the pit was on a large scale. There was free buying by commission houses.

tillery. The crew of seven were taken prisoners. The bombs dropped by the airship did no serious damage in Libeau.

The communication also records bayonet fighting in the Palkalen region where the Russian offensive drove back the German line from Malzisehen to Lasdenon, on January 25. Advance guard engagements are reported on the right bank of the Vistula, while on the left bank of the river the German attempt to start an offensive

## Two Strong Supports Of English Are Captured

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The German war office in a statement issued, says that two points of strong supporting positions of the English were captured by the Germans yesterday, and the Germans assaulted the English positions near La Bassee. The text reads:

"In the western theater of war, the enemy, following their custom, have placed Middelkerke, Westende (in Belgium) under fire and a large number of the inhabitants of those towns have been killed and wounded by the fire of their artillery, including the burgo-master of Middelkerke. Our losses were small. Our troops attacked the positions of the enemy on both sides of La Bassee canal. While in the attack north of the canal, between Gizeheny and the canal, we could not hold the positions taken from the enemy on account of a strong flanking movement, and the attack of troops from Baden to the south of

the canal was completely successful. "In this region, positions of the enemy 1,100 meters in width were taken by storm, and two strong points of support were captured. We took as prisoners three officers and 110 men, and took one cannon and three machine guns."

"A battle, successful for us, has been fought on the heights of Craonne southeast of Laon. All attacks of the French south of Argonne have been repulsed, as a result of which 50 prisoners of which are in our hands.

"In the eastern theater the Russians attacked our cavalry at Cumbinnen in east Prussia but without success. A fierce artillery attack took place on the front in east Prussia. Northeast of Wlaczlawek, on lower Vistula about 40 miles southeast of Khan, we have been successful. Nothing of importance in Poland west of the Vistula or east of the Pillea has been reported.

## "NOT GUILTY", PLEA ENTERED BY THAW

### Arraigned on a Conspiracy Charge in New York Today—Trial Set for Feb. 23.

New York, Jan. 27.—Harry K. Thaw entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of conspiracy under which he was brought to New York from New Hampshire Sunday, when he was arraigned today. The date of the trial was fixed for February 23.

In the meanwhile, Thaw will remain a prisoner in the Tombs, as his counsel have agreed not to apply for bail.

## CANCELLATION OF COTTON LOAN FUND IS PROBABLE

### Few Applications for Loans—Scheme Has Done Good, It Is Asserted.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Unless there is an unexpected increase in the demand for loans the \$125,000,000 cotton fund plan will be abandoned shortly after February 1. Subscriptions of northern, western and southern banks will be cancelled and eastern banks and cotton men left to finance the surplus crop in their own way.

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## GENERAL VON BUELOW MADE FIELD MARSHAL

Amsterdam, Jan. 27.—(By way of London)—A telegram from Berlin announces that Gen. Von Buelow, commander in chief of the second German army, has been appointed a field marshal.

vement in the region of Gorlnow and Coumine on January 24 and 25 was repulsed with serious losses to the Germans.

In Galicia the German activity has increased on the front between Gasdisk and Onjek and Nijnecegrtsk and Maidanka, where the Germans endeavored to inaugurate an offensive movement.

There are no important changes in Bukowina, it is said.

## ASSOCIATION IS TO RE-ORGANIZE

### Will Establish Greater Western North Carolina Association on a More Lasting Basis.

### AUXILIARY BRANCHES ARE TO BE PERFECTED

### Members Will Be Secured and Funds Guaranteed for Continuance of Great Work in This Section.

Following a session held in the Langren hotel yesterday afternoon, the members of the Greater Western North Carolina association gathered there again this morning with a large attendance. President W. E. Breeze, Jr., presiding, and heard the report of the committee appointed yesterday to plan for a re-organization. This report was submitted, the recommendation of the committee being in effect, that the members who had attended the meeting should return to their respective counties and complete a local organization in each county, upon the completion of which they could be prepared to come back and report, at a meeting to be called by the chairman of the executive committee, giving the names of the members of the organizations and the funds available from each unit of the association to be devoted to its work.

A long and exhaustive discussion followed the introduction of the resolution. Members from every county and representatives of the Southern railway being unanimous in their opinion that the time has arrived when the association should take time to breathe and secure its foundation on a lasting and permanent basis. S. H. Hartwick of the Southern drew especially on the unique character of the organization and the wonderful work it has accomplished; the great pleasure it has always given him to attend its meetings and the unwavering interest felt in the association by both the late W. W. Finley and Fairfax Harrison, the present head of the Southern railway system.

A motion to adopt the resolution and recommendation of the committee was finally adopted unanimously, and it was also agreed that all indebtedness of the association and to the association be and are hereby cancelled and the association started with a clean sheet on its upward and onward progress from this meeting. As formerly stated, all the indebtedness of the association has been taken care of, and checks have been issued covering all obligations; and the organization stands today, at the end of its three years of useful work, absolutely free of debt and with a small balance to its credit.

Pending the call of the executive committee chairman, the Southern railway has arranged to remit to Col. S. H. Cohen, the manager, for the next three months if necessary, the same salary he has been receiving since the association was organized, and Mr. Dunn, the secretary, will be paid one month's salary out of the available fund. A resolution, couched in the most glowing terms, endorsing the indefatigable, consistent and persistent work of the manager and expressing surprise at the tremendous amount of advertising secured by him for this section by the funds available for that purpose, was passed by a rising vote, and acknowledged by Col. Cohen, who desired to place upon record his sincere appreciation of the kindly co-operation, not only of the officers but of every member in every community, as well as of the press of Asheville and western North Carolina.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 1 o'clock subject to the call of the chairman of the executive committee. The sessions held here mean that the association is to be re-organized on a much broader and more permanent basis than that on which it has been operating; and that western North Carolina is to receive in future the excellent results attained by the organization since its inception.

The two days' meeting of the members of the association convened here yesterday afternoon with a good attendance from all sections of the seven counties represented in the organization, and a spirit was evidenced from the first that the members desire the work that has proved so gratifying during the past three years continued. This work was partially reviewed by all the speakers and tributes were freely paid to Manager S. H. Cohen for the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the association during this time.

President W. E. Breeze, Jr., called the meeting to order at 2:30 o'clock, and in doing so spoke briefly of the accomplishments of the organization since its organization. He declared that the usefulness of the organization is just now beginning to be felt throughout the section; that it has passed the experimental stage and

## GERMAN COMMANDER IN S. W. AFRICA DEAD

### Cape Town, Jan. 27.—(By Way of London)—Colonel Sedetrecht, the commander of the German forces in German southwest Africa, has been killed at Windhoek, according to advices received here. The commander was examining some hand grenades, when one of them accidentally exploded, causing his death.

## ORDER RECONSIDERED

Washington, Jan. 27.—Secretary of War Garrison has consented to reconsider his recent order discontinuing Asheville as the summer encampment ground for the school of instruction. Senator Overman and Representative Godger conferred with Secretary Garrison today and he promised to look into the matter further before making a definite decision.

It is thought Asheville has a good chance of again being selected.

## CLOSE STOCKYARDS.

Washington, Jan. 27.—An order closing the Chicago and Pittsburgh stock yards, because of a new infection of foot and mouth disease among cattle was made today by the department of agriculture. The yards will probably be closed about a week.

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During the past few days there has been no little complaint heard in the city relative to some provisions embodied in the commission charter proposed for Asheville and passed upon by a mass meeting of citizens last Friday night. It is claimed by many that the bill was not in reality favored by all members of the committee of 21 which drafted it, and that the impression that went out that the decision was unanimous was therefore misleading and resulted in a large number of people not attending the mass meeting who might otherwise have done so. Some who held this view have expressed a desire for either another mass meeting or a conference of the committee with a view to making certain changes in the charter before it is submitted to the general assembly.

There are many arguments submitted by both sides. Few are willing to be quoted on the matter, but this morning a statement was given The Gazette-News by S. Lipinsky, one of Asheville's most prominent business men, in which he expresses the decided view that a conference would be of less, aside from being unnecessary. "I believe that the present charter is the one that the people of the city desire; therefore that it is the one that should be submitted to Buncombe's legislature for action of the North Carolina general assembly. Mr. Lipinsky's statement follows:

"Judge Murphy suggests a conference to amend the commission charter bill before submitting it to the legislature—who would call such a conference? And what would be the result of such a conference? There is no reason to believe the proposed conference would be unanimous. The committee of 21, after careful and painstaking consideration, reported a bill for a commission form of government. There was no disagreement in this committee on any essential point. The bill was then submitted to a mass meeting of citizens for ratification; and I believe it suits the people better than any bill that could be made. I'm sure the committee would not like to be made to do their work over again in order to please a few lawyers who think the bill too drastic. My opinion is that the bill embodies the proper form of government for us, and if we are not going to change the present form in a decided way we should let things stand as they are."

"As to criticisms in regard to schools, I think it only right for the commissioners, who are to be responsible for all money spent, to know how practically one-third of it is spent. As to the recall of the police court judge, I can see no reflection on anybody or any profession simply to provide that if a man does not do his duty he can be recalled by the people. This bill as it now stands is a good one, and, in my opinion, the people will adopt it, and ought to do so, if the legislature gives them the opportunity of voting on it."

## RUSSIANS COMPELLED TO EVACUATE POSITIONS

### Austrian Official Reports Speak of Successful Fighting in Hungarian Passes.

Vienna, (By way of London), Jan. 27.—The official Austrian communication speaks of successful fighting in the passes leading into northeast and northwest Hungary. The communication continues:

"In the valley of the Ung at La Torza, Magy and Scamos, the enemy has been forced to evacuate important positions after repeated and fruitless counter attacks, with heavy losses."

from now on should be one of the biggest factors in the development of western North Carolina.

George S. Powell, treasurer of the association, then submitted his report, showing in itemized form the payments that have been made by the various counties and the disbursements of the association. His report (Continued on page 7.)