

GERMANS MAKE READY TO STAY

Invaders of France and Belgium Are Plainly Preparing for Long Occupation of Conquered Lands.

REFUGES ARE MADE IN THOROUGH MANNER

Names of Streets Changed and Enamelled Signs Erected—German Officials Patient With People.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—In occupied districts of France and Belgium, which the Associated Press correspondent has just visited, the Germans are plainly preparing for a long occupation, should it be necessary. Everywhere one sees instances of their national thoroughness. Whenever repairs have been made they are carried out solidly and methodically. Even enamelled street signs occasionally appear where the name of a street has been changed. The "gare" has become a "Bahnhof," permanent signs limiting the speed or course of automobiles have been set up, and the visitor from the fatherland feels himself quite at home in the once French public buildings at beholding the old familiar placards, "Do not spit on the floor," or "thrown refuse in this basket."

Mingling with the uniforms of the soldiers are the sober uniforms of the German postal and railway authorities. The struggles of their wearers to understand and make themselves understood with the French inhabitants form a humorous side of war. Some of them have acquired a few words of French, and some of the inhabitants have reciprocated by learning a few German words. These, with the help of an assortment of fearful and wonderful gestures, generally succeed in clearing up the situation. When all means fail appeal is made to some bystander.

TRAINING IN Y. M. C. A. DEVELOPING ATHLETES

That the training received by Asheville boys while members of the Y. M. C. A. Bible and Basketball league stands them in good stead when they leave here to attend schools and colleges was commented on today by a member of the local association who reviewed the athletic careers of several Asheville boys now attending schools in various sections of the state and in the South.

Ruby Tennent, for several years a member of various teams at the local institution, is now a member of the University of North Carolina basketball team and has also taken as prominent part in football at the university. Wilbur Smith, while a student at A. M., made several of the teams and his athletic career there is one that any boy can well be proud of.

David Baird, William Brown and Royal Tooley all made the first basketball team of Tusculum college while students at that institution last year and year before. M. Burbank is now a member of the basketball team of Georgia "Tech," and his playing has received favorable mention in the Atlanta papers. Edward P. Childs, Jr., now a member of the Davidson college basketball team, is considered one of the best players on that team, and on last Thursday afternoon at Charlotte, in a game between his team and the Charlotte Y. M. C. A., his playing was the feature of the game, Davidson winning by the score of 27 to 25.

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL LEADS THIRD MATCH

Washington, Feb. 8.—With a score of 225 out of a possible 1000, the New Mexico Military Institute led all other military schools in the third weekly shooting match.

EXEMPTIONS TO NEW WAR ZONE

Navigation Routes North of Shetland Islands, in Eastern North Sea, and Strip on Dutch Coast Open.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT REPORTED BY WIRELESS

Germany Does not Propose to Interfere With American Ships Carrying Food to Civilians.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The official text of the German admiralty's proclamation as transmitted to the state department by Ambassador Gerard would be published later. The wireless report of the official admiralty statement is as follows: "Shipping around the Shetland island and in the eastern basin of the north sea and a strip of at least 30 nautical miles along the Dutch coast is endangered in the same way."

The text of the same section of the proclamation is: "Navigation around the Shetland islands, the eastern part of the North Sea, and for 30 sea miles along the Dutch coast is not open to the danger zone."

In other respects the text conforms in sense to the reports which were made to the United States by wireless, although the phraseology differs slightly. State department officials indicated that the text of the German proclamation as received from Ambassador Gerard would be published later.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The German embassy declared in a statement issued Saturday in regard to decrees of the German government placing the waters around the British Isles in the naval war zone, that the German vessels did not intend to molest and seize American vessels which were carrying food to the civilian populations of hostile countries. The statement expressed the hope that England would make it necessary to reconsider this attitude by seizing ships like the Wilhelmina.

Chevalier Van Rappard, minister from Netherlands, conferred Saturday with Acting Secretary Lansing at the state department. He stated that he had received no instructions as yet concerning the attitude of his government to the German decree and that he was simply preparing to reply whenever called upon for the probable attitude of the United States.

CLAIMANT OF MILLIONS FOUND DEAD IN TANK

Houston, Tex., Feb. 8.—T. S. Earl, who claimed the estate of the late multi-millionaire, Francis A. Ogdan, by virtue of a holographic will, was found dead in a water tank at his home here Saturday. Earl was a profane reader. About a week ago, the probate court rejected the will under which he claimed the estate. His counsel were considering an appeal.

WAYNESVILLE MERCHANT IN BANKRUPTCY COURT

A. M. Simons, a merchant of Waynesville, yesterday afternoon filed in the office of the clerk of the Federal court here a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The petitioner sets forth, through his attorneys, that he is unable to pay all his debts, and prays the court for the relief in such cases provided. The liabilities are scheduled at \$2,964.16, and assets are listed at \$2,450, with an exemption claim of \$1,600.

SPARTANBURG MAN IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Clarence Johnson, colored, was arrested here Saturday by members of sheriff's office on advice of the Spartanburg authorities, where he is wanted on charges of abandonment. It is alleged that Johnson deserted his three small children in that city several weeks ago and local officers were asked to make a search for him here, with the result that he was arrested.

The Lusitania's Use of U.S. Flag Stirs People of Great Britain; Battles Still Raging In the East

Not Believed British Government Will Act in Lusitania Incident Unless Washington Requests Explanation—Russians Appear to Have Checked Adversaries in the Carpathians But Hammering in Poland Continues.

LONDONDERRY'S DEATH OCCURS

Marquis of Londonderry Was One of Foremost Leaders of Ulster Movement and Prominent Lawyer.

HELD MANY OFFICES UNDER GOVERNMENT

Was Knight of the Garter and Attendant of King—Also Large Land Holder—Pneumonia Victim.

London, Feb. 8.—The Marquis of Londonderry died today, a victim of pneumonia.

The Marquis of Londonderry was one of the foremost leaders of the Ulster movement, one of the foremost members of the British bar and one of the great noblemen of the United Kingdom. He was a Knight of the Garter and aide de camp to the king. He traced his lineage from Sir Piers Tempest, who fought a Avincourt.

The Marquis of Londonderry was born in Ulster 52 years ago. His first preferment under the government came in 1892 when he was made solicitor general of England. He was viceroy of Ireland from 1886 to 1889, and held several offices under the Balfour ministry.

Lord Londonderry was one of the largest land owners in the United Kingdom, holding title to about 50,000 acres of land. He was married in 1876 to the daughter of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

There was two children, a son and a daughter. The son, Viscount Castle Reach, is the heir.

MORE DISTILLERIES SEIZED BY OFFICERS

Local revenue officers continue to make precarious the business of those men who think they have a constitutional right to manufacture their corn crops into beverages for the thirsty. On Saturday afternoon Officers Galloway and Cane captured a medium sized outfit in Polk county. Part of the outfit had been removed before the officers arrived, but most of it was captured.

DISABLED STEAMER IN PRECARIOUS CONDITION

On Board United States Ship San Diego, Ensenada, Mex., Feb. 5.—(By Wireless to San Diego, Cal., Feb. 6.)—The cruisers Maryland and Annapolis tonight are standing by the steamer Colon, which is aground at the entrance of Topolobampo harbor awaiting an opportunity to transfer her crew and passengers. The disabled vessel is drifting steadily further ashore. Heavy seas and shoal waters prevent the approach of the cruisers near enough to the Colon to attempt to winch her to safety.

52 Indictments

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 8.—Fifty-two indictments charging murder have been returned by a grand jury against 24 deputies in connection with the shooting of 19 strikers at Roosevelt, N. J., January 19. One of the men is at large. Two of the 19 men shot died of their injuries and each of the deputies was indicted in connection with the death of each striker.

London, Feb. 8.—News of the Lusitania's arrival in Liverpool under the American flag Saturday is being given a great deal of space in the British papers, which reflect the popular feeling that it is an incident of great importance, although it is not generally believed that the government will take any action unless Washington requests an explanation.

Military interest is still centered in the east. Tremendous efforts are being made both by the Germans and by the Russians but as yet no decisive results have been reported. The Russians appear to have checked the fierce attacks of the reinforced Austro-German troops in the Carpathians, but in Poland, on the Warsaw front, both sides appear to be hammering each other with a fierceness which recalls the first German invasion of Poland.

In spite of the desperate nature of the fighting in front of Warsaw, it is generally believed the actions developing in the Carpathians are more critical. An Austrian reverse, it is thought, would complete the Russian plans for a campaign against Hungary.

Except for minor attacks by the Germans on Niempur, the western theater evidently enjoyed a quiet week-end. Air and sea operations have also been suspended for the past few days. London was not even thrilled by the usual Sunday rumor of a Zeppelin raid. There is also a complete absence of naval news.

Russian Success.—Hard fighting continues in the Carpathians with successes of considerable importance for the Russians, according to the Russian official communication issued today. The pursuit of the Austrians, after their resistance had been broken at three fortified positions near Mezoladorc, is said to have resulted in the capture of more than 2500 prisoners. The Russians also captured additional troops after the Austrian retreat north of the Uzsok pass, it is claimed, and it is stated that Austrian attacks were repulsed in the other passes.

Minor Russian successes are reported in East Prussia and North Poland. The communication says that a Russian torpedo boat destroyer in the Black sea bombarded Choppa. The Turkish cruiser Breslau arrived at Batum, and after firing 30 shots from the Batum forts.

Desperate Fighting.—Fighting continues in the Carpathian mountains between Lavome, Galicia, and Bolocet, Hungary. Advice says that the Russian troops have captured Ullies, Kormarnik, Cieroz and Swidnik.

Another great battle is raging in Bukovina, between Dona Watra and Kimpolung. The Austrians are reported to have been driven beyond the Moldava. The Russians are also said to have gained small successes near Yablontza.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(By wireless to Bayville)—Two new French attacks against the positions taken by the Germans north of Massiges remain unsuccessful, says the report of the German army staff headquarters concerning the progress of the war issued Saturday. The report continues: "French attacks in the Argonne were also unsuccessful."

"The Russians yesterday attacked on the East Prussian and south of the Vistula against the German positions from Humin to the Baura river. All the attacks were repulsed. The Germans took 1000 prisoners and six machine guns."

"Especially from the British, but also from the French, allegations have been repeated continuously that the Germans, in order to commemorate the Emperor's birthday anniversary, planned to attack on a large scale which resulted in reverses to the Germans. All German official reports of the events in question prove that the allegations were invented with perfidious intention. Of course such fighting

ANNUAL MEETING OF GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

Sixteenth Annual Meeting for Election of Officers to Be Held Wednesday.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Good Roads association of Asheville and Buncombe county will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the council chamber at the city hall.

The election of officers and directors for the ensuing year and the reports of the various committees of the organization, together with discussion of plans for the work to be carried out by the association during this year, will be features of this meeting, and all members are urged to be present.

It is expected that the reports of the committees on the work done by the association during the past year will be of great interest, as many movements looking to the betterment of road conditions in Buncombe county have been inaugurated by the association during 1914. The plans for the work to be done this year will be outlined and will include even more activities than for the past year, it is said.

E. C. Chambers is the president of the association; Dr. Chas. P. Ambler is vice president and B. M. Jones is secretary and treasurer.

LOCAL Y. M. C. A. TEAM TO PLAY GREENSBORO

Game Will Be at Statesville February 23—To Decide the State Title.

It now seems very likely that the Y. M. C. A. basketball team will play the team of the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. to decide the state championship. Several references have been made to the meeting of the two teams by different state papers and in the different articles, the date has been mentioned as February 23. This date is the one that was proposed by the manager of the local pastimes and although he has received no official notice that the Greensboro team has accepted the suggested date, all probabilities point to that time for the final settlement of the controversy over the title.

Greensboro will undoubtedly be the strongest team that the locals will play this season. The record of this team stands out pre-eminently in the eastern and central part of the state as it has defeated practically all the college quintets of the state by substantial margins and the other clubs have not furnished enough opposition to make the individual members exert themselves. Asheville has had a very successful season and has defeated several strong college teams and a number of state teams who considered themselves championship calibre. The team is composed of young material, but is one that can stand the pace. The first squad numbers nine players, all of whom are about on a par, so that the team is never weakened by the withdrawal of any individual. Just what the youngsters will do in the proposed contest with the more seasoned team of Greensboro remains to be seen. The down state team has four men who have played together for the past three years and this in itself is a big point in their favor.

Two officials have already been suggested to the local management for the affair. They are Sebring, physical director of the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. and Fred, coach of the Statesville Athletic club basketball team. Both are said to be very competent and to have good control of the players over whom they are officiating, and it is quite likely that one of the two will be chosen for the championship bout.

Arrive in London.

London, Feb. 8.—Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of Secretary McAdoo of the United States cabinet, and Miss Katherine Britton of Washington have arrived here on their way to France to nurse the French wounded.

"Manners cannot touch the person of the emperor, but the official reports will not fail to expose their baseness to shame."

WHISKEY FIGHT ON THIS WEEK

Liquor Question Has All Other Assembly Matters Backed off Map—Dry Measure Has a Good Show.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT BILLS ARE PENDING

Temperance People Going to Raleigh in Force—Insurance Fight Comes on in Two Forms.

(By W. T. Bost).

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The liquor fight this week backs all other general assembly matters off the map, notwithstanding the fact that a state-wide primary bill, the insurance war, the dog tax and the fish commission are now before the body as it enters the fifth week.

Tuesday afternoon the proponents of the anti-liquor bill will take it up and call for all the opposition that can be aroused. Several weeks ago it seemed certain that great opposition would arise. There was no end to the talk among the members but almost every county in the state has sent a perfect wilderness of petitions down to Raleigh to pass the anti-liquor delivery bill.

One thing that endangers it is the temperance of the house. The larger body is not much for changes. Very few new measures that went through the senate have had luck in the lower house. Representing all the counties as the members do, they are in position to tell what the people back home want done. Thus far, the opponents of the bill before the legislature have said nothing. The letter of Major Bernard of Wilmington is the only expression publicly made. The passage of the bill looks easy enough.

Zeb Vance Waiser of Lexington, will be down here to whom it up for the prohibitionists. Nobody in North Carolina has anything on him in the form of artistic rousings, with the accent on the last syllable. Mr. Waiser is a politician, ditto his father and ditto his father's father and all antecedents back into the anthropoid age, when men were too civilized to drink booze.

And R. O. Everett of Durham is likewise coming. He won much enmity in Durham as a prosecutor of tigers and a campaigner for prohibition. He is in drier company now. Mr. Everett is understood to be a candidate for attorney general and his aridness is not against him. The hearing on the ninth will be even more exciting than that which the suffragists gave the statesmen a few days ago. The complete plans for the afternoon have not been made open. Many mill men are expected to come that day.

Audubon Society to Go.

There is a general understanding here that the Audubon society is to retire as an organization devoted to the protection of game and that in its stead a game commission is to be created that will enforce the law. The society seems to be limited to half a dozen counties now.

The shape of the proposed organization to protect game is not known but there is a strong probability of a commission that will organize fully for the policing of the state. The society has done good work, but the understanding here is that the society voluntarily retires because it recognizes the impossibility of doing anything in its present shape. The bill that establishes the protectorate over birds and other game has not been introduced but it goes in this week.

Craig's Pardons.

When Governor Craig transmitted his pardon record Saturday, giving reasons for his clemency, it was not announced what number have received these benefits at his hands, but it was 241. He has given two more since.

The governor has pardoned more penitents than he has refused, but many more applications have been made and are pending than he has acted upon.

The insurance fight will come up in two forms this week. The Seawall bills are not settled and the manufacturers who were before the insurance committee that heard factory rates discussed last week will be back. The Miller bill providing a forum for the kickers will also go before the committee and the senate will settle some of the measures that have not gone before it.

Machinery Act Today.

The machinery and revenue act, will be presented today. It is in the hands of the printers now. Much of the type that printed the act of 1913 will be re-set. The re-assessment, the increased taxes on shoes and the substantial change in the inheritance tax provisions will, the committee thinks, raise revenue enough to take care of the ordinary expenses of the state. A change in the accounting system will probably be made to

SHIP BILL, MAY BE WITHDRAWN

Fate of Measure Is Still Uncertain But It Will Probably Be Decided in a Day or Two.

REPUBLICANS DENY THEY INTEND YIELDING

Insist Bill Cannot Get to Vote—The Immediate Situation Hinges on Clarke's Motion to Recommit.

Washington, Feb. 8.—With 21 working days ahead of the sixty-third congress the fate of the government ship purchase bill still remains uncertain.

Whether it will be held before the senate to the exclusion of appropriation bills until passed or until the senate ends the session March 4, must be determined by the president and administration leaders. Some definite understanding on this point probably will be reached within a few days. The president was expected to discuss the situation today with senators who have stood valiantly for the bill through the last week of party rebellion.

Suggestions that republican senators eventually might yield their opposition in order to take up appropriation bills and let the measure come to a vote are denied by minority leaders. They insist the bill cannot get a vote.

Democratic senators championing the bill admit the situation is desperate. They realize their insistence on keeping the bill before the senate will mean failure of the great appropriation bills. This would make an extra session inevitable.

If it is determined that an effort should be made to pass the appropriation bills to avoid an extra session, the ship purchase bill, in the opinion of some of its staunchest friends, must be withdrawn. Even then there may not be time to pass all the great supply measures. There are fights ahead on the naval and military bills, and the rivers and harbors bill is certain to provoke attack.

Whatever is decided as the program for the rest of the session, the immediate situation is the pending motion of Senator Clarke of Arkansas to recommit the ship bill without instructions. Democratic leaders probably will let the motion reach a vote today. A roll call is expected to show 45 votes in its favor to 47 against it, with Senator Smith of South Carolina, democrat, absent.

In the event of this result, administration leaders plan to adjourn the senate tonight until Tuesday to make a new legislative day, upon which Senator Gore's motion to discharge the commerce committee from consideration of a substitute ship purchase bill introduced last week may be called up.

The Gore motion will be debatable and will operate to force the republicans to fight it. They may talk on it until March 4, if they choose, or let it come to a vote. With the aid of progressive republicans, administration forces are confident they can carry the Gore motion. This would bring the substitute bill back to the senate and force the opposition to resume its defensive.

Should there be a decision to lay the bill aside, the appropriation committees of the senate are ready for action on many of the supply bills and those still under consideration are to be stripped of general legislative features that might provoke serious attack.

Old Matter Settled.

From every part of the state, members of the general assembly reflecting the sentiment of their counties, come satisfaction with the settlement of the dispute between the state and the Atlantic Coast Line.

The agreement of judges, attorneys and governor, with Seaboard attorneys and officials Saturday, will result in the recalling of the Allen bill annulling the charter of the Coast line, which has been much in the Federal courts, and the return of the big road to the state courts. The governor has written to George B. Elliott, counsel for the Coast line, a letter which gives high praise to the Coast line's course and makes the guarantee that no further trouble is to exist between the state and the road.

New Insurance Bill.

Wake county figured more in legislative circles Saturday than all the rest when Senator Snow's bill to prohibit the trial of prisoners in the county jail in prison garb and shaven heads came up for long and not altogether restful discussion.