

TURKS RUSHING MEN TO STRAIT

Hastily Throwing up Defenses Along Coast in Asia Minor—Realize That Situation Is Critical.

ALLIED VESSELS STILL ACTIVE AT DARDANELLES

Flotilla of Austro-German Submarines, Torpedo Boats and Destroyers on Way to Dardanelles.

London, March 3.—According to what appears to be the almost unanimous opinion of British observers, both Germans and Austrians are playing a losing game along nearly all of the battle line in the east. The situation in the Austrian Carpathians, judging from official and unofficial dispatches from Petrograd, seems unsatisfactory for the Tentons, while the Russians are said definitely to have checked them in eastern Galicia. Furthermore London announcements continue to relate successes, of greater or less degree, for the Russian force against the army of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.

Paris, March 3.—Four battleships are reported by the Martin's correspondent to have bombarded positions of the Turkish army yesterday along the gulf of Saros, which is separated from the Dardanelles by the Gallipoli peninsula.

The funds and books of the Ottoman banks and the German banks are being taken from Constantinople, it is said.

An Athens dispatch to the Figaro says:

"Information from reliable sources is to the effect that the Turks now realize that the situation has become critical. Defenses are being hastily thrown up at different points along the coast of Asia Minor. Troops from vilajets of Smyrna are being rushed to the Dardanelles region."

Geneva, March 3.—A fleet of six Austro-German submarines, accompanied by several torpedo boats and destroyers, left Pola, the Austrian naval base for the Dardanelles, according to a telegram received here. The flotilla was last reported off Corfu.

Nine Ships Participate.

Athens, March 3.—Nine battleships took part yesterday in the bombardment of the forts at the Dardanelles. Six of them were British and three French. The squadron has advanced to within two miles of Chanak Kaleh, at the narrowest point of the strait.

Detachments of allied troops were landed at Kum Kaleh on the Asiatic side yesterday. They met the Turkish garrison, which they scattered easily. An Athens dispatch dated Tuesday said that the allied fleet had destroyed the batteries of Chanak Kaleh.

Berlin, March 3.—The Tageblatt's correspondent in Galicia says that the Russians have not won a single complete success in their efforts to regain the Carpathian crests lost by them. The correspondent says that heavy fighting continues along the whole line, in spite of the snow storms. The Russians are sacrificing many men in an effort to regain the heights and to prevent the threatened encircling of their bank.

"FRENCH CRUSADES" TO BE WAGED AMONG THE NEUTRALS

Paris, March 3.—A committee of prominent women, aided by Madame Poincaré, wife of President Poincaré, have organized to conduct campaigns in favor of France in neutral countries. The movement will be called the "French Crusade."

SOUTHERN BANKS SHOW BIG GAINS

Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas Reserve Banks Hold Majority of all Paper.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF FEDERAL RESERVES

Review Is Favorable to Southern Reserve Banks—Much Interest Shown Here.

Bankers in Asheville who are very much interested in following the operations of the federal reserve banks evinced much interest yesterday in the statement from Washington that the three southern reserve banks at Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas held 75 per cent of all the commercial paper held by the federal reserve system, according to the weekly statement of the condition of the banks given out Saturday by the federal reserve board. The banks have begun transactions in acceptances, those in New York, Philadelphia and Boston having invested \$1,900,000 in these securities last week.

For the information of the bankers throughout this section, the following statement of the summary issued Saturday is herewith reproduced: "The statement indicates a loss of \$3,700,000 in cash resources, mainly of the western banks at Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis. Gold resources decreased \$2,900,000. Chicago and Kansas City reported the largest losses. The New York bank reports a gain of about \$600,000 in gold reserve and of about \$200,000 in total cash reserve. Loans and discounts show an increase of about \$2,700,000."

Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas banks report over 75 per cent of the total amount of commercial paper held by all the banks. About \$1,900,000 of acceptances were bought by the New York, Philadelphia and Boston banks during the week. As this paper matures only within 60 to 90 days the proportion of short term maturities is smaller than in previous weeks, the percentage of 30 day paper showing a decline from 43 per cent to 37.4 per cent and that of 60 day paper from 29 per cent to a little over 34 per cent.

\$1,000,000 in Ninety Day Paper.

"Over \$1,000,000 of the entire amount of paper held by the banks is agricultural and livestock paper, maturing after 90 days and discounted mainly by the Dallas, San Francisco, Chicago and St. Louis banks. The amount of investments shows an increase for the week of \$2,100,000, warrants as well as United States bonds on hand showing larger totals than the week before."

"Of the total of \$4,406,000 of United States bonds on hand, reported by six banks, Chicago alone reports \$3,125,000, a gain of \$250,000 for the week. Additional purchases of warrants are reported by the New York, Boston, Richmond, Chicago and San Francisco banks, the total of this class of investments exceeding \$15,000,000."

"Aggregate deposits show a gain of \$4,000,000, the larger gain of \$6,400,000 reported by New York, Dallas and San Francisco banks being offset by losses shown for Chicago and Kansas City."

"The federal reserve agents report a total lot of federal reserve notes issued to the banks of \$27,500,000, an increase of \$2,200,000 for the week. Of the total amount issued about 75 per cent is secured by gold and lawful money on deposit with the reserve agents."

"The banks report as their outstanding circulation a total of \$22,957,000, the difference between the two totals representing the amount of reserve notes in the vaults of the banks. The net liability of the banks on account of their outstanding circulation is given as \$5,328,000."

Eastern Banks' Statements.

The detailed statement for the banks of New York, Philadelphia and Boston follow:

Gold coin and certificates, \$25,724,000;	988,991,000;	\$13,363,000.
Legal tender notes, silver certificates and subsidiary coin, \$2,970,000;	banks (net) \$3,246,000;	\$313,000.
Totals, \$18,694,000;	\$114,326,000;	\$30,329,000.
Bill discounts and loans, \$399,000;	\$2,330,000;	\$511,000.
Investments, \$626,000;	\$4,903,000;	\$505,000.
Due from other federal reserve banks (net) \$3,944,000;	\$113,000.	
All other resources, \$311,909,000;	\$643,000.	
Total resources, \$19,939,000;	\$132,754,000;	\$25,881,000.
Liabilities.		
Reserve deposits, \$16,093,000;	\$126,093,000;	\$19,737,000.
Due to other federal reserve banks (net) \$613,000.		
Capital paid in \$8,234,000;	\$6,638,000;	\$4,451,000.

STATEMENT BY CARTER COUNSEL

Attorneys for Judge Demand That Specific Charges Be Filed by His Accusers.

EARLY INVESTIGATION IS ALSO DEMANDED

Committee Appointed to Investigate the Carter-Abernethy Case Decides to Begin Work on March 22.

Raleigh, March 3.—The committee investigating the Carter-Abernethy case has decided to begin the probe on March 22. The committee will return to Raleigh on that date and take up the matter. Counsel for Judge Frank Carter yesterday afternoon filed a statement with the committee urging immediate action by its members. The report follows:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee: Judge Carter stands accused, among other things, of grossly immoral conduct with women at Raleigh, Clinton, Wilmington and Lillington, while holding court in those places. He is not informed as to what courts the charges relate to, although he has had perhaps thirty weeks of court at the four places named; neither is he informed as to the names of the women charged (except by the rumors which constantly add new names), although he was necessarily associated with several at each place. He asserts that his associations were exclusively with women of good character and of unexceptionable repute."

"We respectfully submit that it is not consistent with the most elementary principles of justice for the committee upon such general allegations to proceed to hear evidence dealing with the incidents of Judge Carter's associations with any or all of these good women—to allow the name of any good woman to be dragged in and her conduct investigated without prior notice either to her or to Judge Carter. Apart from the question of Judge Carter's rights, ought not the woman to be put upon notice and have a reasonable opportunity to protect her name and fame? The meanness of what would have that right in court. Ought the committee to deny it to women of repute?"

"If Judge Carter must follow this committee on a roving commission to run down rumor and gossip as it may lead to one woman's door or another's, he has a burden that was never before laid upon an accused public official or the most degraded criminal. That is his burden if the committee declines his demand for a reasonable specification of the charges against him."

"If any woman who may have been thrown with Judge Carter officially or socially is liable suddenly to find her name and conduct under discussion in the open hearings prescribed for this committee without prior notice of her implication, then it must be said that justice and the basic instincts of North Carolina manhood have parted company. The normal conscience and the constitution of our state are at one in condemning general warrants upon offenses not particularly described as dangerous to liberty."

"We ask no special consideration for Judge Carter because the people have commissioned him to hold high office; we ask no special consideration for any of the women who may be involved in this investigation because of their prior good repute; for him and them we ask only the consideration that could not rightly be denied the meaneast criminal."

"To Judge Carter and to those who believe him to be an honorable man and a useful judge, it has seemed a great hardship, not to say an injustice, that such legislative use should be made of utterly irresponsible rumor and gossip as to compel him to demand an investigation for the vindication of himself and innocent third persons; but that has been done, and this committee is the quasi judicial body duly constituted to make such investigation. Rumor has sufficed to send large issues of official and private character before this tribunal. We respectfully inquire whether Judge Carter and several unnamed women are to be deemed indicted by rumor—whether you propose to so conduct your proceeding that at every stage of the investigation Judge Carter and any good woman with whom he may have associated either officially or privately are liable to be ambushed by such surprise attacks as malice may falsely advise."

"On behalf of Judge Carter and these third persons who as yet stand defenseless in the background, we now renew in this formal manner the request which we have unsuccessfully urged at every prior stage of these proceedings; that this committee require that some person come forward worthwhilst with definite charges, which are reasonably specific, as to time, place and persons, and bring them before the board."

MANY RUMORS AS TO JUG LAW

League Will Do About the Measure, Defeated in Main Purpose.

GARDNER AMENDMENT OFFERED AS COMPROMISE

Another Story Is That House and Senate Committees Will Work Out a Measure That Can Pass.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, March 3.—The question in the minds of the people who are following the legislature now is that the Anti-Saloon league people are going to do about the Grier Anti-Jug law, which was defeated in its main purpose yesterday afternoon, when the senate, by a vote of 24 to 22 referred it to the people.

"That interrogatory will perhaps be answered by more than one name. A lot of un-petty talk was flung at Rev. Mr. Davis. He excused the bill to pass by the same sort of sentiment that it shot through the house, only not so large. But senators talked about him and talked at him. They were often not the least bit kind. There are many rumors, none definite. The Gardner amendment that would save the law to every county ratifying it would seem to be a fair compromise, but there is a story out that house and senate committees will get together and deduct from the mass a bill that can pass. There is every lack of confirmation. But the proponents will make some sort of a move."

House on Divorce.

The house backed beautifully on divorce. It reconsidered its much longer considered action of Saturday in passing the Bynum bill and by 50 to 42 went against "easy divorces."

Papers and representatives had been hot after them. It may be necessary in the interest of history to say that Representative Leonard of Davidson did much more than any other representative to get the bill passed. He was present at both voting times and the minute after the passage of the act Saturday he began the campaign for undoing the legislation. The fact that the democratic organ, (Continued on page 3)

STEAMER WITH RELIEF CARGO FROM SOUTH ASHORE OFF N.C. COAST

Helena With Gifts for Belgians From N. C., S. C. and Ga. Is in Distress.

Norfolk, March 3.—The British steamer St. Helena, from Charleston, S. C., to Rotterdam, with a cargo of clothing and food supplies for the Belgian Relief Commission is ashore about one and a half miles from the Currituck life saving station on the North Carolina coast, according to word received here today.

WEST ASHEVILLE WILL ENFORCE SANITARY LAWS

The West Asheville board of aldermen last night held the regular weekly session with every member present for the first time in several weeks. Matters pertaining to the sanitary condition of the town occupied most of the time of the aldermanic body and plans are being made for a general "clean-up" of the town. It is believed that with the laws now on the records of the aldermanic board, thoroughly enforced that West Asheville will be one of the most sanitary towns in the state.

The board last night also voted to extend the water lines and to install additional fire plugs. Several new water lines will be put down by the board at an early date.

A report was made to the board that several of the roads in West Asheville have recently been worked over and are now in good condition. Several matters of minor nature were brought before the board.

MANY BLOCKS SHIP MEASURE

Measure Shunted Aside in the House on Point of Order Made by Republican Leader.

CONGRESS GRAPPLING WITH KNOTTY PROBLEMS

Rural Credits Measure Threatens to Complicate Steady Grind of Last Days of the Session.

Washington, March 3.—The closing hours of the sixty-third congress today found many ends of legislation demanding attention. The senate, after a struggle all night over appropriations and nominations, took a recess this morning at 6:37 o'clock until 11 o'clock. The Indian bill and the rivers and harbors bill passed early today.

The house recessed until 10:30 to wait for the senate to catch up.

Washington, March 3.—The ship purchase bill was shunted aside late yesterday in the house and returned to conference on a point of order made by Representative Mann, the minority leader, who contended that the conferees had exceeded their authority in increasing to three years the period to elapse following the close of the European war before the Weeks naval auxiliary provisions should become effective.

Speaker Clark sustained the point of order, and a further conference with the senate was requested to make the report conform to the rules.

Two knotty problems—the rural credits legislation and the administration ship purchase bill—confronted congress in the tangled rush of business to be disposed of before the expiration of the session at noon Thursday.

The rural credits measure, attached to the agricultural appropriation bill, in conference, threatens to complicate the steady grind on the supply measures which must be continued until the last minute of the session.

The rural credits bill kept the house in session until an early hour yesterday. There was continued conference concerning house provision, which had been twisted into an administration proposed plan for government aid for farm loan banks, far different from the Hollis bill which was thought to have presidential sanction.

Administration leaders after a conference expected that the conference substitute for the rivers and harbors bill, carrying an appropriation of \$25,000,000, would be passed without serious opposition. Republicans who had opposed the measure carrying 50 millions, it was said, had agreed to support the substitute.

Greatest activity in both houses centered upon conference reports on appropriation bills. Agreement was reached during the day on the naval and legislative, executive and judicial supply measures, and on the army bill except as to a house provision prohibiting the use of "speeding up" methods in army shops. The senate conferees yielded to the house on a similar provision in the naval measure.

Conferees on the army bill agreed to all the financial features and both houses adopted that portion of the report which carries a total outlay of \$101,974,165.

An agreement on the naval bill leaves the naval building program for the year as follows: Two battleships, six or more torpedo boat destroyers, two sea-going submarines, sixteen coast defense submarines and one oil ship. The bill carries a total of \$148,000,000, the total amount for the building program aggregating \$45,053,801. The senate amendment appropriating \$1,000,000 toward construction of an armor plate factory was stricken out by the conferees.

ROGERS NAMED BY PRESIDENT

RESCUING PARTIES WORK FEVERISHL

Making Desperate Efforts to Reach Men Entombed by Explosion.

Hinton, W. Va., March 3.—Rescue parties, working in relays throughout the night and today, are making feverish efforts to penetrate the depths of the Layland mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company, where 132 miners were entombed yesterday by an explosion. Ten men have been brought out alive and nine bodies have been found.

Owing to the amount of the wreckage it may be several days before the rescuers are able to complete the exploration of the shafts which the men are held prisoners.

State and county inquiries as to the cause of the disaster have been started but it is not believed that a coroner's jury will be summoned until all the missing men are accounted for.

Despite the cold weather crowds of relatives of the entombed men waited all night at the mouth of the mine. As fast as the bodies were brought out they were taken to a temporary morgue erected nearby. Relatives of the dead will later be permitted to attempt to identify the bodies.

MRS. P. R. HUGHES DIED EARLY THIS MORNING

Funeral Thursday Afternoon at Swannanoa—Leaves Husband, Two Children.

Mrs. Millie Hughes, aged 31 years, wife of R. P. Hughes, owner of the Hughes Transfer company, died at her residence at 401 Southside avenue about 8 o'clock this morning. The deceased had been ill for the past five months and death was not entirely unexpected. The deceased was well known in the city and leaves a large following of friends. The funeral services will be held at the Pine Grove church near Swannanoa, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will take place at the church cemetery.

Surviving the deceased is the husband and two small children; the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lyda, residing in the Swannanoa section; four brothers, Julius Lyda of Old Fort; Henry Lyda residing on Avery's Creek; Bud and John Lyda both living in the Swannanoa section and five sisters as follows: Mrs. Lory Cordell, Mrs. Ed Owens, Mrs. Lillie Stroup, Mrs. Della Fortune and Miss Kate Lyda, all residing in the Swannanoa section.

R. R. WILLIAMS HAS RETURNED FROM MADISON

R. R. Williams returned to Asheville yesterday afternoon from Madison, where he went last Monday to act as solicitor at the trial of several criminal cases in Superior court in Madison county. Mr. Williams took the place of Solicitor J. E. Swain who is in Raleigh on business. Mr. Williams states that only four criminal cases ready for trial were on the Madison county docket and that he disposed of those and then Judge James L. Webb took up the civil docket.

Judge Webb will probably finish his work in Madison county this week. He will return to his home at Shelby, where he will remain until Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convenes here on March 15.

Hazel Campbell, the 14 years old niece who was killed last Saturday in a shooting affray at the barn of Wiley B. Brown, was buried this afternoon at Riverside cemetery, the funeral arrangements being under the care of the People's Undertaking establishment.

Tar Heel Selected as Director of Census as Successor to William J. Harris of Georgia.

NOMINATION GOES TO THE SENATE AT ONCE

Mr. Rogers, Native of Franklin, Has Been Prominent in State's Political and Official Affairs.

Washington, March 3.—Samuel L. Rogers has been selected by President Wilson as a director of the census to succeed William J. Harris of Cedar-town, Ga., whose nomination as a member of the new federal trade commission was confirmed by the senate last night.

Mr. Rogers' nomination will be sent to the senate before its adjournment tomorrow at noon.

Mr. Rogers is a native of Franklin, Macon county, N. C. His entry into public life was as clerk of the superior court for Macon county, which position he held for years. In 1892 the late Hon. K. E. Elias appointed Mr. Rogers chief clerk in the internal revenue office at Asheville, and he held this position under Mr. Elias and his successor, Captain Melvin E. Carter, up to the time of Captain Carter's death, when Mr. Rogers was appointed as collector.

In 1900 Mr. Rogers was elected a member of the corporation commission in this state, and served two terms in this office.

It was in the memorable senatorial campaign a few years ago, when Senator Simmons was elected to succeed himself that Mr. Rogers first appeared prominently in politics proper, as manager of the campaign for the senator from North Carolina.

NUMEROUS CHANGES BY VARIOUS RAILROADS

Southern Roads Announce Changes in Industrial and Agricultural Depts.

Numerous and important changes in the industrial and agricultural departments of the Southern railway, the Augusta Southern, Blue Ridge, Danville and Western, Georgia, Southern and Florida, Hawkinsville and Florida Southern, Macon and Birmingham, Mobile and Ohio, Northern and Alabama, Southern railway, Tallulah Falls, Virginia and Southwestern Railway companies are announced.

The announcements are made in the following circular:

- Effective this date the following changes are made in the industrial and agricultural department.
- T. G. Wood, industrial and immigration agent, Charlotte, promoted to agricultural agent, with headquarters at Atlanta, succeeding T. O. Plunkett.
- T. O. Plunkett, agricultural agent, appointed farm demonstration agent with headquarters at Atlanta, reporting to the agricultural agent.
- W. M. Brown, agricultural field agent, Manassas, Va., promoted to assistant agricultural agent, with headquarters at Charlotte.
- R. E. Graebel, assistant agricultural agent, Charlotte, transferred to Macon.
- W. J. Sheely, agricultural field agent, Greenville, S. C., transferred to Macon, succeeding R. A. Stratford, resigned.
- W. E. Perry, agricultural field agent, Greensboro, transferred to Augusta.
- Dr. C. M. Morgan, live stock and dairy agent, Atlanta, resigned. The duties of this position will be performed by the agricultural agent. Assistant live stock and dairy agent will report to the agricultural agent.
- Columbia agency is re-established.
- F. L. Merritt, assistant industrial and immigration agent, Charlotte, promoted to industrial and immigration agent, with headquarters at Columbia.
- Asheville agency is re-established.
- R. G. Hanson, Jr., traveling industrial and immigration agent, St. Louis, promoted to industrial and immigration agent, with headquarters at Asheville.
- Charles Davies succeeds Mr. R. G. Hanson, Jr. as traveling industrial and immigration agent, with headquarters at St. Louis, reporting to the western industrial and immigration agent.
- George E. Murrell, assistant industrial and immigration agent, appointed horticultural agent, with headquarters at Charlotte, reporting to the commissioner at Washington.
- M. V. RICHARDS, Commissioner.