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RUSSIANS FORCE GERMANS BACK

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CARPATHIAN FIGHTING LESSENS IN VIOLENCE

Russian Black Sea Fleet Going to Bosphorus—Will Meet the Turkish Fleet, It Is Expected.

London, March 6.—Even should no decisive battle develop from the present Russian offensive the allies claim the Austro-German spring campaign plans in the east have been measurably interfered with. A few weeks ago Field Marshal Von Hindenburg was weeping victoriously through northern Poland, while in the south the Austrians were pressing forward, both in Galicia and Bukovina. Now Russian troops are attacking from the Niemen river to the Vistula, and although the Germans are clinging tenaciously to their positions before Ossowetz, elsewhere they have been brought to a standstill, or they are being forced slowly back to their own frontier.

The reports from allied sources lay claim to successes both in the eastern and western fields of battle. The French report they have captured hundreds of yards of trenches from the Germans in the region of Mesnil and Beausejour, besides inflicting heavy losses on the Germans. They also claim successes in the Champagne and to the north of Arras.

The Russians declare they are now in possession of considerable territory which had been taken by the Germans during the recent Russian retreat, partly on the Vistula-Niemen line, and that they have captured numerous prisoners and much war material.

In the Carpathians, where the Austrians have been desperately attacking the strongly entrenched lines of the Russians in the mountain passes for several weeks, the fighting seems to be growing less violent. Petrograd claims that the Russians took 153 officers and over 18,000 men in the capture of Stanislaw, Galicia; and there is a report that the Austrians have evacuated Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina.

Meanwhile, the allied fleets are battering their way slowly up the Dardanelles without so far as is known a single serious loss among the ships. The sultan of Turkey, an Athens dispatch says, already has fled from Constantinople, but that has not been confirmed; and reports from Turkish sources belittle the bombardment and insist that the real defenses have not been affected.

The Russian Black sea fleet is steaming toward the Bosphorus, says a Rome dispatch. It has already passed Burgas, Bulgaria. Burgas is at the extreme eastern end of the Balkans on the western shore of the Black sea. Should the Russian fleet attack on the Bosphorus, presumably, it

would have to deal with the Turkish fleet. The Bosphorus is about 18 miles long and from one-half to a mile and a half wide. It is defended by modern fortifications.

German Claims.
Berlin, March 5 (via London, 3:44 p. m.)—The war office today issued this statement:
"Western theatre of war: On the heights of Loreto, northwest of Arras, our troops early yesterday morning occupied positions of the enemy 1,600 meters (nearly one mile) wide capturing eight officers, 558 French soldiers, seven machine guns and six small cannon. Hostile counter attacks during the afternoon failed."
"A French attack in the Argonne, west of St. Hubert, failed. Counter attacking, we re-occupied a French trench. In Cheppy wood, also, a French attack failed."

"One of the recent communications from the Eiffel tower declared that a German column, while marching across the heights of Tahre (northeast of Souain), was successfully shelled. We must confirm the accuracy of this announcement. The column consisted of French prisoners who were being led away and suffered a loss of 38 killed or wounded."
"Eastern theatre of war: Russian attacks northeast of Grodno led them into a flank fire from our artillery and failed. Northeast of Lonsa, Russian attacks broke down with severe losses. In the region south of Mysznic and Chorzellen and northwest of Przasnysz the Russians again attacked. On the remainder of the front there was no change."

DR. SWOPE WILL ADDRESS Y. M. C. A. MEN'S MEET

Rector of All Souls' Church Speaks at Men's Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon.

Rev. Dr. R. R. Swope, rector of All Souls Episcopal church of Blitmore, speaks to men tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. on the subject, "I Can, I Will, I Ought." In addition to the talk of Dr. Swope, an exceptionally strong musical program has been arranged as follows: (Vocal solo by Rev. F. R. Fenn of Asheville school, accompanied by C. R. Brewer, musical director of Asheville school; vocal solo, "A Song of Home," by T. R. Sanders accompanied by Miss Moe Corcoran. E. B. Stinson will be the accompanist for the songs.

BIG RALLY PLANNED FOR COMMISSION GOVT.

The supporters of the commission government charter announced this morning a big rally of all the friends of the proposed municipal changes to be held in the county court house on Monday night, March 15, the night before the election.

JOHNSON OF SPARTANBURG CHOSEN AS SPECIAL JUDGE

Washington, March 5.—Representative Joseph T. Johnson, of Spartanburg, has been selected by President Wilson for the new federal judgeship in South Carolina, created by congress shortly before adjournment. He was endorsed yesterday by members of the South Carolina congressional delegation. Former Governor John G. Evans also has been suggested.

ANTI-JUG ACT BECOMES LAW

Conference Substitute Measure Limiting Shipments of Whiskey Passed by House After Passing Senate.

NEW LAW TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Bill as Passed Has Much of Original Grier Act—Said to Be Satisfactory to Almost Everybody.

(By W. T. Bost.)
Raleigh, March 6.—After the senate had passed the substitute anti-jug bill, as agreed to by the conference committee, it was accepted by the house last night and the measure, which the house passed two weeks ago by an overwhelming majority to be lost in the senate a week later by the amendment to refer, is now a law.

The senate had no difficulty in coming to its agreement. While it took many days to move its mind to final action, it agreed at the end to let those who have spoken back home speak again at the ballot box. This greatly disappointed nearly all temperance leaders and the house worst of all. Concurrence in that course was out of the question. Two committees went to work Thursday and wrote quickly into a new act provisions that pleased nearly everybody.

The senate did not offer a vote against the agreement and by a viva voce vote the amended act went to the house in the afternoon. It would have been voted into permanent law as the session came to a close at 2 o'clock but nobody could find the bill. When the house opened last night Representative Doughton presented the bill and it went through like lubricated lightning. The house had no defender of booze, albeit Representative Whitford does not like even the present bill without a vote of the people.

The new act which was ratified last night, becomes effective April 1. It has much of the original Grier act and merges into that bill after the first several sections are reached. Its main provisions are that not more than one quart of whiskey and five gallons of beer may be shipped to any person, firm or corporation of ten or more times a month. And its advocates understand that this applies to those generous hearted individuals who would go away and bring back a pond of booze to friends. It limits the actual drinking. That is purely incidental. The bill is aimed at blind tigers.

The Senate.
Bailou—Relating to boy's patrolling clubs for highways and providing for their organization under the auspices of the state department of agriculture. Duplicate of a bill defeated in the House yesterday.

Weaver—Amend the law as to the county commissioners in Buncombe county.
Bills passed final reading as follows:
Ratify the Clay county bonds for the Hiawassa Valley Railway.
Incorporate the educational board of the Baptist State Convention.
Repeal the act as to short term bonds for Haywood county.

PRESIDENT MAY VISIT OUR STATE

Will Be Invited by Mr. Webb to Come Through North Carolina, En Route From Frisco.

MIGHT TELL PEOPLE ABOUT SHIPPING BILL

Tar Heels Grateful to Overman for Putting Through War Claims in the Omnibus Bill.

(By Parker R. Anderson.)
Washington, March 6.—President Wilson may return from his Pacific coast trip through North Carolina. At least he will be invited to take the southern route when he returns from California sometime within the next month or so.

Representative Yates Webb, one of the president's closest advisers and personal friends, called at the White House yesterday to extend an invitation to the president. He found, however, that the president was on the golf links and had planned not to return to his office until Monday. Mr. Webb will call again in the near future and urge the president to visit North Carolina.

Mr. Webb was the only successful leader the president had with his shipping bill. Several statesmen tried to put it through the house but it remained for Mr. Webb to do the job to Woodrow Wilson's liking. The measure never had a chance in the senate, although the president was told repeatedly that it would be put through.

As Mr. Webb expects to talk about the shipping bill on his western trip it is argued that it would be very appropriate thing for him to do to go through North Carolina and tell the people of the merits of the measure which Mr. Webb got through the house.

Senator Overman is receiving many letters from grateful Tar Heels thanking him for his work in putting the omnibus claims bill, carrying many thousands of dollars for North Carolinians for property damaged during the war between the states, through the senate. Mr. Overman is a member of the claims committee and did good work not only in having it passed but in keeping the items in the bill.

Senator Simmons also aided. It is said, in getting an agreement with some objecting senators to allow the measure to pass.
Sam Rogers, the new director of the census, will not take charge of his job until about March 15. This was decided after Mr. Rogers conferred with Director Harris today. Mr. Harris, in order to keep the records straight, desires to finish some work already started before he relinquishes the place. Mr. Rogers left for Macon county tonight and will return here the latter part of next week.

2 SUBMARINES ARE DESTROYED

British Admiralty Confirms Report of Sinking of U-8 and Says That Another Probably Was Sunk

STEAMSHIP THODIS RAMMED SUBMARINE

U-8 Sister of Famous U-9 Which Destroyed British Cruisers Hogue, Cressy and Aboukir.

London, March 6.—An admiralty statement yesterday confirmed a report of the sinking of a German submarine by British destroyers and said another which had been rammed by the British collier Thodis probably also had been destroyed. The text of the statement follows:
"The steamship Thodis has been examined in the dry docks and injuries to her keel and propeller confirm the evidence of Captain Bell and his crew, that on February 25, the vessel rammed and probably sank a German submarine which fired a torpedo at her."

Yesterday afternoon the German submarine U-8 was sunk in the channel off Dover by British destroyers. The officers and men of the submarine were taken prisoners.
The submarine U-8 was built in 1908. She had a speed of thirteen knots on the surface and eight knots submerged. Her maximum radius of operations was 1,200 miles. The vessel carried three torpedo tubes. Her complement was twelve men.
The U-8 was a sister of the famous U-9, which early in the war sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy and in October the British cruiser Hawk. Wreckage picked up late in February off Christiansand was said to belong to the U-9 and it was rumored in Norway that the submarine had been lost.

GED. "HONEY BOY" EVANS IS DEAD AT BALTIMORE

Was Best Known Minstrel in America and Well Known by Thousands.

George (Honey Boy) Evans, than whom there was no better known minstrel in America, died last night at a hospital in Baltimore, following an operation for stomach trouble, of which the minstrel had been suffering for sometime. Evans left his troupe at Birmingham several days ago and went to a hospital in Baltimore for an operation, which failed to give him relief.

George Evans was a native of Wales and came to the United States when a child. He early developed dramatic talents and after appearing in amateur performances around New York for several years he went into vaudeville, doing a blackface turn. In a short time he was able to command a salary of \$1,500 a week on the stage and about this time George Cohan picked him up and started him out with the "Honey Boy" Evans minstrel. That was about eight years ago and Evans continued to climb in his profession until he seemed to have reached the zenith of his fame last year. Since then ill health has been upon him and he gradually went down until death came last night.

He was without a doubt the greatest blackface monologist in the United States and was greeted with crowded houses wherever he appeared. On his last trip to this city, several months ago, he announced his intentions of returning here this summer and spending the season in Asheville, where he hoped to regain his fast falling health.

MAY INTERFERE IN MEXICO CITY

CLARK REPLIES TO CARTER CRITICISM

Assumes Full Responsibility for Resolution to Investigate Carter Case.

(By W. T. Bost.)
Raleigh, March 6.—Representative Clark, of Bladen, author of the resolution in the house for the investigation of the Judge Carter-Solicitor Abernathy contempt case and the attendant charges against the moral character of Judge Carter arose in the house yesterday to a personal privilege to make reply to the criticisms that he charged had been made against him in the card from Judge Carter published in the papers of Monday and the card by Judge J. S. Manning published Thursday. Mr. Clark said:

"I regret exceedingly to be compelled to arise to a point of personal privilege and I would not do so did I not feel that otherwise I would not deserve the respect which I hope to enjoy from the members of this house."
"Several days ago I introduced in this house a resolution to the end that the conduct of Judge Carter and Solicitor Abernathy be investigated. The newspapers of yesterday carried a statement from Judge J. S. Manning one of Judge Carter's attorneys, referring to this resolution as having been instigated and revised by the attorneys of Mr. Abernathy. I want to say that this is absolutely untrue. I introduced this resolution; it is my act and I have assumed and do still assume full responsibility for it."

"I do not see that certain scathing language of one of Judge Carter's attorneys in the morning papers of yesterday in which he refers to those who have instigated these charges is intended for me. If it does refer to me, I want to say that it is untrue and that I resent it."
"In an article in Monday's press Judge Carter, and again in yesterday's press Judge Carter's attorney attempted to put me in the attitude of having made direct charges of immorality against Judge Carter. I have done no such thing. I am convinced that a condition existed which ought to be investigated. That the truth ought to be brought out in this matter, and as I understand, a committee has been appointed for this purpose."

"As to the delay, I have only to say that this resolution has been before the judiciary committee, No. 1, and immediately upon its passage by the house the investigating committee was appointed. As to whether or not I have at any time delayed or sought to delay action in this matter I refer you to any member of either of these committees. I do not feel that I could say more with propriety."

HOLLAND-AMERICAN LINE STEAMER IS TORPEDOED

London, March 6.—According to the Daily Express, it is reported that the Dutch Steamer Noorderdijk which was returning to Rotterdam with broken machinery after having sailed for the United States, has been torpedoed in the English channel.

The Noorderdijk, a Holland-American line freighter, sailed from Rotterdam March 2 for New York, Baltimore and Newport News. She was reported turning back Thursday for Rotterdam while off the Isle of Wight for repairs to her machinery.

HENDERSONVILLE WAS AFFECTED BY STORM

Special to The Gazette-News.
Hendersonville, March 6.—This section is in the grip of a severe sleet storm which began Thursday night as a result of which fruit trees and forests are being stripped of their branches and uprooted under the heavy load of ice. Telephones and electric light lines are broken and the city was in darkness last night.

President May Be Forced to Take Drastic Steps Should Obregon Continue Course He Is Pursuing.

CONDITIONS CHAOTIC; PEOPLE FACE FAMINE

Talk of Allied Expedition to Mexican Capital Heard in Official Quarters—Obregon Refuses Aid.

Washington, March 6.—If General Obregon, the Carranza commander in Mexico City, who has refused to permit an international relief committee, to add the population of the Mexican capital continues to refuse this outside aid, the American government may find it necessary to take drastic steps. In the meantime the state department has made representations to General Carranza, through American Consul Stillman, requesting his instruction Obregon to accept the proffered aid. The people are said to be facing starvation.

In the chaotic conditions which exist at Mexico City is one of the hardest problems which President Wilson has faced in the whole Mexican situation. There have been suggestion of an expedition under the auspices of the various nations interested to go to Mexico City for the purpose of relieving the foreign residents there.
All merchants who closed their stores have been ordered to re-open. Three hundred of them, Mexicans, have been imprisoned. The population is in terror since Obregon has announced he will not prevent looting or pillaging for food or money.

The Brazilian, British, Spanish and Italian ambassadors have given the state department pessimistic reports of the situation, which correspond to reports already received. The foreign diplomats suggested no solution. Freight service is suspended between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, and transportation facilities for relief purposes are being withheld by General Obregon on the ground of military necessity.
President Wilson was advised of all the facts late yesterday.

Talk of an allied expedition similar to the one that went to the relief of foreign legations at Peking during the Boxer uprising was heard again in official quarters.
All sorts of wild rumors are afloat in Mexico City. Due to Obregon's incendiary utterances in newspaper interviews, virtually sanctioning plunder for food. General Carranza has been asked by the American government to instruct General Obregon to take some measures to protect the lives and property of foreigners. The people fear the water supply may be shut off and the electric light cables cut.

The three hundred merchants imprisoned were reported to have appealed to Obregon for relief from a heavy tax he had imposed. Secretary Bryan said that so far as the state department had been advised, all the Mexican priests arrested for failure to contribute funds demanded by Obregon were in prison.
The international relief committee, which raised about 250,000 pesos, was not permitted to aid the port, according to official dispatches, because General Obregon declined to accept funds restricted to any definite use.
Obregon's latest decree provides that all merchants not only must open their places of business under threat of punishment, but that any person refusing to accept Carranza fiat money will be imprisoned.

JUNIOR BARACA CLASS HAS FORMAL ELECTION

The Junior Baraca class of the First Presbyterian Sabbath school last night held an enthusiastic meeting, 19 members being present and six new members being added to the class roll. The following officers were elected: James Wood, president; Sidney Petrie, vice-president; Robert Turnbull, secretary and treasurer; Henry Whiting, assistant secretary and treasurer; John Jones, press reporter. Reports of the retiring officers showed that the class has had a successful year.
Following the election, the class discussed current events; and later, refreshments were served.

FUNERAL OF C. M. MILLS WILL BE HELD MONDAY

The funeral of C. M. Mills, aged 65 years, who died at his residence at 25 Starnes avenue, yesterday will be held Monday morning at the St. Lawrence Catholic church. The services will be conducted by Father Marion.

REPORT ON SEIZURE.
Brest, France, March 5.—The formal report on the seizure of the United States steamer Dacia, drawn up by Chief Naval Com-missioner Le Moyné has been forwarded to the prize tribunal at Paris.

NEW TRADE COMMISSION TO BE ORGANIZED THIS MONTH
Washington, March 5.—The new federal trade commission will be organized here March 15. Frank Ruben, of New Hampshire will be a regular appointment.