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GERMANS LEAVE NIEMEN REGION

Invaders Slowly Withdrawing Toward Own Frontier—Obstinate Fighting All Along East Front.

BATTLE NEAR WARSAW HAS NOT DEVELOPED

Allies Air Attack on Ostend Feature in West—Berlin Optimistic Over Near East Situation.

London, March 9.—Obstinate fighting is in progress along the eastern front with the Germans slowly withdrawing from the Niemen toward their own frontier. At the same time the new German offensive against Warsaw and on the Pilica river has evidently not yet developed into the great engagement expected in that region.

In the west the only new feature lately has been the allies air attacks on Ostend. In the Champagne region, where the French have been on the offensive, a snow storm has caused a forced rest for the troops of both armies. This was not unwelcome as they have been engaged almost constantly for the last fortnight.

Judging from the statements by the British admiralty it is apparent that only one merchantman, the collier Bengrove, has fallen a victim to the German submarine war since February 25. The first hint of British retaliation against the personnel of German submarine vessels is conveyed in the official statement that the officers and crew of the German underwater craft U-S, which fell a prey to a British torpedo destroyer, are to be denied the usual privileges of prisoners of war.

The Berlin press comments indicate optimism over the situation in the near east. The Turkish opinion that the Dardanelles defenses are impregnable is endorsed; and the papers express the belief the King Constantine can hold Greece to a neutral course.

London, March 9.—Fifteen British steamers sunk out of a total of 5,734 vessels or more than 500 tons arriving at British ports or departing from January 21 to March 3 is the record of achievement of the German submarines, according to figures issued by the admiralty.

Vessels of all nationalities were taken into account excluding those used by the admiralty for naval and military purposes.

Twenty-nine members of the crews of the steamers sunk lost their lives. "In the Champagne district the fighting at Souain has not yet come to an end. To the northeast of Le Mesnil the enemy who had prepared for an advance, were impeded by our artillery."

"In the Vosges the mists and the snow have made operations difficult. The engagements west of Munster and north of Senheim continue."

"In the eastern arena: East and south of Augustowo the Russian attacks failed with heavy losses to the enemy. At a point northeast of Lomza the enemy left 800 prisoners in our hands, after an unsuccessful attack. Northwest of Ostrolenka a battle has developed which still continues."

"The engagement west and northwest of Przasnysz have ended favorably to us. We took 3,000 prisoners here. The Russian attacks north of the Rawa and northwest of Howensato proved ineffective. We took 1,750 prisoners in these engagements."

Berlin, March 9.—The German army staff has issued the following report on the progress of the war:

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SEIZED BY CARRANZA

Wyoisbrook Held at Campeche and Commander, Captain Muir, Placed in Jail.

New Orleans, March 9.—The British steamer Wyoisbrook has been seized by Carranza authorities at Campeche and her commander Captain Muir, has been placed in jail, according to mail advices reaching here last night from Progresso.

THOUSANDS SEE BRITISH STEAMER GO TO BOTTOM

Vessel Probably Torpedoed—Crew Saved Although Given no Warning.

Hfracombe, Eng., March 9.—(Sunday, delayed, via London)—The British steamer Bengrove was seen in distress and sounding her siren five miles off this shore at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Forty minutes later the ship sank. Thousands on the shore watched her go down.

BODY OF LUMBERMAN IS HELD AT NEWPORT

Special to The Gazette-News. Newport, Tenn., March 9.—The body of Arthur Wyatt, aged about 21 years, who was killed at Crestmont, N. C., last Saturday has been prepared for burial and is being held here while an effort is being made to locate his people who are said to live in Madison county. Wyatt was employed in the woods and a log rolled on him and death was instantaneous.

NO REPLIES FROM U. S. NOTE ABOUT CARGOES FOR GERMANY

Washington, March 9.—So far final replies have not been received from France and Great Britain as to the inquiry by the United States concerning the means they meant to pursue to hold up cargoes for Germany. President Wilson said he had been informed unofficially that the order in council was to have been issued in Great Britain yesterday.

PROMINENT DURHAM MAN HELD UP, ROBBED, KILLED

Durham, March 9.—Buckett M. Mann, prominent local merchant was held up and killed here late last night by footpads. His skull was crushed by a club. His pocketbook in which he had a large sum of money is missing. There are no clues pointing to the perpetrators.

LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN TODAY

House Was in Session Until After Midnight, Putting Legislation in Shape for Adjournment.

STATE PRIMARY BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES

Many Important Bills Failed to Pass During the Present Session of the General Assembly.

Raleigh, March 9.—The house tried adjournment at 1 o'clock this afternoon, but the senate delays made necessary further sessions after dinner.

Both houses slaughtered bills, nearly half offered today being tabled measures passing one or the other house.

The house presented a beautiful silver service to Speaker Wooten. It was shipped to his widow in Kinston this afternoon.

Speaker Bowie received a handsome watch and the clerks were recipients of tokens.

Ratification of additional bills this afternoon will complete the session and adjournment will come before night.

Raleigh, March 9.—The house took a few roll calls after midnight to make certain the necessary quorum for finishing business today and adjournment after smoothing out the senate primary non-concurrence. Both bodies will adjourn today.

The primary disagreement which looked insurmountable to the unlearned was trifling, the conference committee says. It began in controversy between Senator Nash, of Orange, and Representative Smith, of that county.

When settled the 50 odd counties exempted by the house Saturday night remained out as to their county and legislative tickets.

The chief change was the alternating position of candidates on the tickets. It was agreed that a portion of the primary ballots should have one name at the top and other tickets other names, thus giving all candidates the same advantages that come to the lead off name on the ballot.

The bills that didn't pass in the senate were important ones. The municipal suffrage, inspection of convents, hospitals, prevention of delivery of liquor in Gulfport; instruction of children in banking were among these ill fated.

Last night's session was what Senator Haymore calls popcorn legislation.

MRS. E. H. MILLER DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Death of Infant Short Time Ago, Believed to Have Hastened Death.

Mrs. Carrie E. Miller, wife of Ernest Miller of No. 73 Elizabeth street, president and manager of the Piedmont Directory company, died this morning following an illness of four weeks, death resulting from pneumonia. A sad feature of her death is the closeness of her demise to that of her baby which occurred two weeks ago, also from pneumonia.

The recovery of Mrs. Miller was expected until the death of her child, after which her condition steadily grew worse until the end came.

E. H. Miller and his wife came to Asheville from Richmond, about seven years ago and the family had resided here since that time. Surviving the wife are four children, three boys and one girl, the oldest child being ten years of age. During their residence in this city, both husband and wife have made a great many friends and the deceased will be greatly mourned by all who knew her general and sweet disposition. Funeral services will be held Thursday, the details of which will be announced later.

HEART OF EVELYN THAW SOFTENING

Formerly Testified Against Her Husband—Will Assist Him in This Emergency

New York, March 9.—At the District Attorney's office it was announced today that in all probability Evelyn Nesbit Thaw would appear as a witness in behalf of Harry K. Thaw, who was placed on trial yesterday on a charge of conspiracy in connection with his escape from the Matteawan asylum. In previous proceedings affecting his liberty Mrs. Thaw appeared against him.

A week ago when process servers from the district attorney's office called on her with a subpoena to appear at the present trial for the prosecution, Mrs. Thaw is quoted as saying that she was tired of the matter; that she thought Thaw was being persecuted and that if she interested herself in the trial at all it would be to do what she could for him. She declared that she thought Thaw had been confined long enough and that if his lawyers desired her assistance, she would give it.

LARGE LAND SALE HELD IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Property of Kanawha Hardwood Co. Sold at Public Auction in Murphy.

One of the largest sales of land and other property ever held in Cherokee county was made Monday morning at 11 o'clock in front of the court house door, when the property of the Kanawha Hardwood company was sold at public auction by the receivers appointed by the court to settle the affairs of the company, says The Cherokee Scout.

The timber lands comprising about 14,000 acres in Graham county, were bid in by the Graham County Lumber company, for the sum of \$81,200.00.

The sale of the Snowbird Valley Railroad company's railroad and other property was then made. This was also bid in by the Graham County Lumber company, for the sum of \$12,000.00.

The Graham County Lumber company have other large milling and timber interests in Graham county which they will work with this property.

This sale will have to be confirmed by the court.

GEORGE M'CORCKLE OF NEWTON GETS PLUM

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, March 9

Senator Overman today secured the appointment of George M'Corckle of Newton to be attorney for the Federal Trade Commission. The position pays about \$4000 a year.

ACCADY OF FINE ARTS AT LOUVAIN RE-OPENED

London, March 9.—The academy of Fine Arts at Louvain was reopened yesterday in the building formerly occupied by the staff of the civil guard.

Japan to Employ Force

Peking, March 9.—M. Hoki, the Japanese minister here, has delivered to the Chinese foreign minister communications from Japan which China interprets as implying that unless Japan's recent demands on China are accorded by March 12 force will be employed.

BULGARIA HAS CABINET CRISIS

Bulgarian Prime Minister Overthrown—His Plans to Occupy Adrianople Considered Too Radical.

CONSTANTINE ASKS FOR NEW GREEK CABINET

Gounaris, New Prime Minister, Will Try to Keep His Country Neutral—May Not Have Majority.

Paris, March 9.—A ministerial crisis similar to that in Greece has developed in Bulgaria according to dispatches received in Paris. Premier Radoslawoff is reported to have been overthrown by the influence of King Ferdinand and the followers of Dr. Ghenadieff, former foreign minister, because he desired to take immediate action against Turkey by the occupation of Adrianople. His opponents are said to have declared that such a policy, which would place Bulgaria in opposition to Germany and Austria, would be too adventurous.

Although this information has not been definitely confirmed it is generally believed in French official circles that M. Radoslawoff was resolved to march against Adrianople if Greece threw her fortunes with the triple entente; and M. Venizelos, lately Greek premier, made such an announcement at Athens when the question of intervention came up.

Athens, March 9.—M. Gounaris, deputy for Patras, has consented at the request of King Constantine to undertake the task of forming a new cabinet. It is reported that M. Baldajis, who was foreign minister in the Theotokis cabinet, has consented to take that portfolio in the new cabinet.

M. Gounaris will submit a list of cabinet members to King Constantine tomorrow with the understanding that the cabinet will be dissolved if the supporters of the new government are in the minority. The new premier is expected to try to keep his country neutral.

N. A. DIXON HELD FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT

Probable Cause Is Found on Charges of Embezzling at Police Court Hearing.

Refusing to take the stand in his own behalf or to offer any testimony, Norman A. Dixon was held for Superior court under a bond of \$1,200 at preliminary hearing in his case in Police court today. The defendant is charged with embezzlement, it being alleged that he embezzled money, goods and other articles of value to the amount of \$1,000 from the wholesale house of T. C. Smith on South Lexington avenue.

Only two witnesses were called by the state at the trial today, Sam Pappas, who runs a Greek restaurant on Billmore avenue and George Freeman, colored, who is employed in the wholesale house of the Smiths. The Greek testified that for several years he had been buying cigars and chewing gum from Dixon and paying Dixon on the money. At times he said the goods were delivered to him by the negro Freeman, but statements, other than the amount of the purchase written on scraps of paper never accompanied the goods.

Freeman stated that he had delivered goods for Dixon to the Greek and to Dixon's home on Woodfin street and had several scraps of paper on which messages had been written to him by Dixon, Freeman being very deaf.

Seven witnesses were summoned for the state and six for the defense, although only the two for the state were put on the stand. T. A. Jones represented the defendant and Mark Brown assisted City Solicitor J. Frank Glenn, Mr. Brown representing the drug company.

Dixon made bond and was released from custody, his case coming up in Superior court next week.

RUSSIA PROHIBITS THE EXPORT OF ANY FOOD

London, March 9.—Russia has prohibited the export without special permission of any article of food or forage, according to a Reuter's Petrograd dispatch. The sale of such articles to foreign wholesale traders is also prohibited.

REPLY RECEIVED FROM MEXICO

CAPTAIN B. F. PATTON DIED AT KNOXVILLE

Body Will Be Brought Here Tomorrow for Funeral and Interment.

News of the death yesterday in Knoxville of Captain B. F. Patton has been received in Asheville and the body will be brought to this city tomorrow morning. The deceased was a native of Warm Springs, Madison county, where he was born on October 5, 1842, but had been living in Tennessee for the past 10 years.

The deceased was a veteran of the Confederate armies of the war between the states, having enlisted on April 28, 1861, as a private in company E, First North Carolina, at Asheville. Later he signed the muster roll in the skirmish at Newport News the day before the battle of Big Bethel, which occurred on November 13, 1861. In May, 1862, the deceased joined company B, 60th North Carolina and was made lieutenant, afterwards being promoted to captain. He was wounded at New Hope church and was paroled at Franklin, N. C., on May 9, 1865. The deceased joined Zebulon Vance camp of United Confederate veterans in this city in 1895.

The deceased was a son of the late John E. Patton of Swannanoa. He was married in 1866 to Mary Murdock of Tallahassee, Fla. To them eight children were born, five of whom survive him: Mrs. J. E. Kennedy of Knoxville; Mrs. Will Praley of Cleveland, N. C.; Miss Agnes Patton of Ozone, Tenn.; Walter Patton of Knoxville and Mrs. William Hall of this place. He is also survived by one brother, T. T. Patton, of Pisgah Forest.

Throughout the county and many friends who will be grieved to hear of his death. The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parlors of Noland & Brown on Church street. The following friends will act as pall bearers: W. E. Johnson, B. A. Patton, W. G. McDowell, W. H. Byrd, E. E. Mc Dowell, D. H. Webb. Interment will follow at Newton academy burying ground. Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell will have charge of the services.

U. S. COURT REFUSES COLLENDER CO'S. MOTION

The morning session of the United States district court was taken up in hearing arguments on a motion in the case of C. H. Rexford, against the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company. Judge J. H. Merriman representing the company, asked the court, Judge Boyd presiding, to modify the previous order of the court requiring the company to remove about 500 trees from the lands of Rexford within six years. Insisting that the company should have 20 years for this work. The court ruled, however, that as the company and the previous owners had had about 32 years in which to remove the timber, six more years should be sufficient; and that the company should forfeit its title to the lands if it fails to remove the trees within this time.

Stevens and Anderson and Julius C. Martin represented Rexford. Consideration of the Gilbert-Hopkins case is on the calendar for this afternoon's session of the court.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD OVER MRS. R. A. LONG

The funeral over the body of Mrs. Leona A. Long, who died at her home in Woolsey yesterday, was held this afternoon at the St. Mary's Episcopal chapel and interment followed at Riverside cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: Thomas Settle, Joseph B. Tate, Herbert C. Allen, Harmon A. Miller, R. S. Smith and Rex Howland.

The deceased was a member of a very prominent family of this vicinity and leaves a host of sorrowing friends and relatives to mourn her death.

GOULD'S CONNECTION ENDS

St. Louis, Mo., March 9.—Official connection of the Goulds with the Missouri Pacific and the Island and Mountain railroad systems was ended here today when George J. Gould and other representatives of the Gould interests were eliminated from the directorates of the two roads.

Denies Generally Existence of Conditions in Mexico City Which U. S. Asked Him to Improve.

Washington, March 9.—General Carranza has made a preliminary reply to the new representations by the United States demanding improvement of conditions in Mexico City. He denies generally the existence of conditions which the United States called upon him to improve.

TWO MORE WARSHIPS SENT TO VERA CRUZ

Cruiser Washington and Battleship Georgia to Reinforce Small Craft in the Mexican Waters.

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In a statement made orally to American Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz, which has been laid before President Wilson and his cabinet the constitutionalist chief denies that General Obregon, his commander in the Mexican capital, had prevented food from reaching the capital or that he had shipped supplies away.

The oral statement is taken officially to forecast the tenor of the formal answer to be made later. It is generally regarded in administration circles as favorable and as indicating that Carranza no longer will approve of inconvenience to foreigners in the Mexican capital.

In the meantime orders had gone to Rear Admiral Fletcher to send two more battleships to Vera Cruz. When President Wilson was asked to the latest news from the United States to Carranza was an ultimatum, he replied that the administration does not issue ultimata but expresses its views and act accordingly.

Admiral Fletcher selected the armored cruiser Washington, now in Haitian waters, with Rear Admiral Caperton, and the battleship Georgia, Captain Robert R. Coontz, now at Guantanamo, to go to Vera Cruz. The Washington is the flagship of the cruiser squadron of the Atlantic fleet. The vessel has 41 officers and 902 men and her commander is Edward L. Beach.

The Georgia is one of the first line battleships of the third division, and has 49 officers and 864 men. The Washington and Georgia starting today, should reach Vera Cruz by Thursday.

President Wilson said that Carranza had been called upon to take the necessary steps for the protection of foreigners in Mexico City and had been informed of what Washington had heard conditions there were and how serious they seemed to be. When asked whether the United States had any new intention with regard to Mexico the president reiterated that the government had represented its views on the apparent situation in Mexico City. He added that in all such situations it was necessary to discount reports a great deal because, he said, certain persons would like to have this country intervene in Mexico even if they had to manufacture the situation on which to base intervention.

Speaking of the conditions in the Mexican capital President Wilson referred to the interests in Mexico might occur as being most pressing than any thing that had already occurred. It was feared he said, that the city would be left without protection.

There had been no requests from foreign governments for action by the United States in Mexico, the president said, although diplomatic representatives of two foreign countries had expressed anxiety over affairs in the southern republic.

Washington, March 9.—After a conference with President Wilson early today, Secretary Daniels ordered one battleship and one armored cruiser from the Atlantic fleet to proceed to Vera Cruz. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the fleet, can choose any battleships that he desires to go to Vera Cruz to reinforce the small craft already there. The only specification Secretary Daniels made was that one of the battleships designated should be a flagship in order that an officer of high rank might be in command of the craft at Vera Cruz.

The sending of the warships to Mexican waters followed vigorous representations to Carranza by the United States, demanding that steps be taken at once for improvement of conditions as they affect foreigners and foreign interests in Mexico, territory over which Carranza has control, and that failure to comply with such action as the American government considered necessary to take. It was expected in administration circles that the latest steps taken by the United States would result in a speedy change in Carranza's attitude toward foreigners.

The president would not comment. (Continued on page 2)