

MORE BRITISH FORCES MENACE TURKISH FORTS

Recognition of Importance of Forcing Dardanelles Seen In Sudden Resumption Of Offensive.
TROOPS HAVE BEEN LANDED AT NEW POINTS
Germans Have Not Relaxed Offensive in East and Russians are Still in Perilous Position.

London, Aug. 11.—Recognizing the importance to the allies of forcing the Dardanelles to retrieve the Russian reverses has been demonstrated in the sudden landing of British forces in the vicinity of Karchali on the north side of the gulf of Saros and the resumption of the British offensive at the south end of the Gallipoli peninsula and north of Gaba Pepe. The Australians and New Zealanders have recently strengthened their positions at Gaba Pepe. The new landing place on the flank and rear of the Bulair line, if developed, will menace the strong Turkish defenses at the neck of the Gallipoli peninsula.

There is no indication that the Germans have withdrawn or are preparing to withdraw any considerable number of men from the east, and their offensive which led to the fall of Warsaw has not been relaxed, and the position of the retreating Russian forces is still perilous.

Italy has not yet declared war on Turkey, but Athens reports that Italian consuls are leaving the Ottoman empire and are entrusting their affairs to American officials. If this report is true it probably means that impending developments in the Balkans have dictated the action of Italy.

It was rumored that Italy would send troops to the assistance of France and Great Britain in the Gallipoli operations but thus far these rumors have not been confirmed. The ports and Rome are maintaining surface relations of peace.

For Germany's reported peace overtures to Russia the British press finds only sarcasm. Virtually all the British papers reiterate what British officials have so often asserted that there can be no peace until the allies have won. The belief is general in England that Germany would be willing to conclude peace as matters now stand, but the burden of all written and spoken comment is that such a situation is impossible from the standpoint of the allies.

Steamer Beached.
London, Aug. 11.—The British steamer *Rossale* of 2725 net tons registered, which sailed from Shields, England, August 10, has been beached. The crew is safe.

The Russian bark *Baitzer* of 343 tons gross has been sunk. A small boat containing the captain and seven men has reached land safely.

MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S BODY BURIED AT LAKE VIEW
Cleveland, O., Aug. 11.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller's body was buried at Lake View cemetery late yesterday afternoon. The utmost secrecy was maintained as to the plans and carrying out of the interment. The body arrived early yesterday morning from Sleepy Hollow, near Tarrytown, N. Y., where it had been in the John D. Archbold vault since March 12.

Rejects Austrian Claims.
Washington, Aug. 10.—The United States government has dispatched to Vienna a reply rejecting the Austro-Hungarian views recently set forth in a note contending that the great scale on which from America are being exported to the German allies "is not in consequence with the definition of neutrality."

S. D. GORDON TO BE AT MONTREAT SOON

Closing Conference of Montreat Program Will Begin on August 16—Speakers.

The fact that S. D. Gordon, one of the best known Bible students, Bible teachers and Christian workers of America is to be at Montreat again will be welcome news to those who heard him with such pleasure and profit during the summer of 1914 and it will be welcome news to those who have never heard him but who have benefited through the reading of his books.

The closing conference of the Montreat program will begin on August 26 and on that date Mr. Gordon will begin his addresses and he will be heard each morning and each evening for one week. He is not a minister but is a layman who has been largely and wonderfully used in Christian work in America and wherever he has been heard in foreign countries. He is a native of Pennsylvania and began his Christian work as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia. He became interested in the work of the great evangelist D. L. Moody and was a personal worker in a number of the meetings conducted by Mr. Moody and as the result of this work Mr. Gordon began public evangelistic work himself.

In addition to his work in the north, he has done most successful evangelistic work in practically all of the large cities of the south and he has made a world tour of mission stations and in these stations he has engaged in personal work that has been quite as effective as that which he has done at home. He is a trained Christian worker and he works with all denominations with equal success. Few of those with whom he is associated in personal and evangelistic work know of what denomination he is a member.

This last period of the Montreat program will continue for ten days, closing on August 26. During the entire period Rev. J. L. House, of St. Louis, who has been heard already on the program of this season, will conduct the daily Bible hour. The other speaker of the period will be Rev. Dunbar N. Ogden, D. D., of Atlanta, who will deliver four notable addresses during the last four days of the period.

TRULL COMMISSION WILL MEET AGAIN AUGUST 17

Young Man Not Trying to Appear Insane—Asheville Drug Store Given Charter

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—The sanity commission appointed by Governor Craik to inquire into the mental condition of Charles Trull, now in the death cell at the penitentiary for the murder of Sidney Swain, of Charlotte, will continue its hearings in Charlotte Tuesday, August 17.

The commission went to Trull's cell and examined him. The young fellow impresses the body and those who visit him as doing nothing to make the people think he is not perfectly sane. Although he knows that the commission is investigating him and that his findings may give him life or death, he is not flinching. He has appeared to be doing just the other thing, making an effort to appear sane.

Charters were issued yesterday as follows:

Graham Hotel company of Graham, authorized capital \$25,000 with \$390 paid in. The incorporators are H. M. Holt, William I. Ward and R. N. Cook.

The Mutual Co-operative Warehouse company of Greenville, N. C., \$100 of its \$50,000 paid in by W. H. Parker, W. J. Fleming, J. W. Brooks, Green Manning, R. J. Little.

Broadway Pharmacy company of Asheville, \$4500 of its \$20,000 capital paid in. Mrs. Albert Metzger is chief stockholder.

SIX INDIOTMENTS BY EASTLAND GRAND JURY

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The county grand jury investigating the conspiracy of the Eastland in the Chicago river July 24, with the loss of nearly 1,000 lives, has voted indictments charging four men with manslaughter and two with criminal carelessness. It was said no Federal officials were among those indicted. The indictments will be formally returned today.

The Eastland will be raised today, according to a statement last night by C. F. Clyde, United States district attorney, who returned yesterday from Washington. He refused to divulge any information regarding his trip.

TRAIN LOAD OF GOLD ARRIVES

Shipment of \$52,000,000 in Gold Securities Sent to This Country by British Government.

CONVOYED BATTLESHIP CARRIES TREASURE
Largest Single Shipment to Cross Atlantic—Special Train Guarded by 40 Armed Men.

New York, Aug. 11.—A special train carrying \$52,000,000 in gold and securities which had been shipped by the Bank of England from London by way of Halifax to New York, arrived here today. The train was composed of several steel cars and was guarded by 40 armed men. Of the total shipment \$35,000,000 is in gold and is believed to be in the form of American double-eagles. The weight was about 75 tons and is said to be the largest single shipment that had ever crossed the Atlantic in one vessel.

The gold was brought to Halifax by a British battleship which was convoyed through the war zone and across the ocean by a cruiser and a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers to guard against submarine attack.

The cost of transferring the gold from London to New York is estimated to have been \$250,000. The battleship which brought not only the \$52,000,000 in gold and securities for New York but also a shipment of gold destined for Canada, whose treasury has recently sent gold to the amount of \$125,000,000 to New York.

Secrecy was maintained as to the sending of the great treasure and precautions were taken to prevent the German secret service from discovering the plans of shipment or the route by which the gold was forwarded.

At Halifax the treasure was delivered into the custody of the American Express company and when the armed train left that port it was preceded by a pilot engine for the purpose of testing bridges and to frustrate any attempt to wreck the train by dynamite. The route over which the train came from Bangor, Me., to New York was kept secret.

Secretary Cowie, vice president and general manager of American Express company said the transfer of the money was the greatest risk ever undertaken by an express company. Eight policemen were sent to meet the train and to guard the gold until it reached the subtreasury.

J. P. Morgan & Co., are the consignees. The purpose of the transfer of the gold is understood to be the reinforcement of British credit and the improvement of the exchange situation as British pounds sterling have been depreciating of late. The securities are presumed to be American bonds which will be used as a basis for further advances to the British government.

OFFICERS SEIZE 'STILL' AND ITS OPERATOR

Wife Tries in Vain to Effect Husband's Escape from Raiders.

In spite of the strenuous efforts made by Mrs. A. S. Ammons to aid her husband in making his escape from revenue officers Ammons was captured in a swamp yesterday near Willets in Jackson county. An illicit distillery that he had been operating near his house was destroyed by J. F. Cane and W. A. Thompson, special employes in the internal revenue service.

Willets is a station on the Murphy division of the Southern railway, but it is in the heart of the Balsam mountains and the house and "moonshine" factory were in a wild and inaccessible spot.

As Officer Cane dashed around the house after the fleeing blockader Mrs. Ammons seized the raider and held him for several minutes. The delay gave Ammons a lead but it was not sufficient and he was soon captured.

The alleged blockader was taken to Wayneville and after a hearing before United States Commissioner Osborne, he was held for trial at the next term of the district court. Deputy Marshal M. D. Justice went out today to Wayneville on the afternoon train to represent the government at the hearing.

CREDITORS KIND TO MR. ALLRED

Friends Whose Money He Misapplied Do Not Want Smithfield Man Prosecuted.

WIFE AND RELATIVES HELP TO MAKE GOOD
Prominent Young Attorney and Politician Lived Beyond Means—He Makes Full Confession.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—Linville H. Allred, Smithfield's retired mayor and Johnston county's 1911, 1913 and 1915 representative in the legislature, has turned his all over to the families and individuals whose money he used, and no one will suffer for his wrongs.

The confession of Monday night, which lasted until morning, will make substantially certain the return of every cent that he used in his many misapplications of funds, and if he is prosecuted it will not be the wish of his friends who have frank forgiven him. He will meet the issue with the candor that has marked his confessions since he has been under the terrific strain of several days.

The story of the Allred troubles has gradually leaked until it all came. First the resignation as mayor was learned and "business reasons" were urged as explanation for leaving an office to which he had very recently been elected. To gain that office he had made a sharp contest and won handsily over a popular opponent. To occupy it he had resigned the commission which he held as member of the general assembly. And then came the rumor that Mr. Allred had been asked to resign following certain "business transactions," and allowed to make any sort of excuse for stepping down that he wished.

But the leaking was too slow. The vessel was punctured in many places and the effort to stop them was too heavy. The truth is, the young man made no effort at cleverness there. The bottom dropped out and the whole thing became bare. The west-bound train carried men who were but partially informed but who talked solemnly of the fall of one of the state's popular young men. Attorneys for the many interests conferred, all negotiable property held by Mr. Allred was turned over and he lay down to sleep that night with less on his heart than he has carried in many days.

Editor Sam H. Parabee of the Times, went down to Smithfield so great was his interest in the case, and remained until the interests conferred and reported. He returned yesterday after an interview with Ex-Mayor Allred and a talk with the people of the town.

"There is no sympathy than of cent for Mr. Allred," Mr. Parabee said to your correspondent. "Nobody has been roasting him and he has turned over the last merchantable article which can be used in the payment of his debts. I talked with Mr. Allred and he told me of the agonies of the last five years. That is taken to mean the beginning of the troubles which finally weighed him down and crushed him. He says that even the beds which his children sleep upon will be sold and that he will start life anew with nothing but the clothes on his back.

"Mr. Allred told one of the attorneys for the creditors, so I was told, to be at the Allred home when Mrs. Allred, who is visiting relatives at Selma, comes home for a few personal effects. This attorney said to Mr. Allred: 'Allred, Mrs. Allred may have anything she wants. I wouldn't be there for \$100. I'd be glad to first."

The editor of the afternoon paper says the seeker for the cause of Mr. Allred's downfall will not find it in the usual snares that catch men. He never drank, never gambled and his home life was one of perfect fidelity to his marriage vows. He lived well and the new residence which is about finished has cost more than \$10,000. It is said he has bought several automobiles and kept good ones. He lived beyond his means it is said.

Many Transactions.

The number who had entrusted money to him is narrowed now to fifty odd. Mr. Allred seems to have used quite a number of small amounts by placing these to his credit. He made the records against himself and hoped for the good day when enlightened business would automatically return to his clients that which he had used.

Some of those who have been to Smithfield say that Mr. Allred's troubles became known to a few people months ago. The hitherto punctilious man, not to say punctilious man, met the papers at maturity without his usual promptness. Inquiry into the quality of the security offered sometimes revealed persons entirely unknown, property unheard of and suspicious.

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MEXICANS STILL RAISING TEXAS

Latest Reports Tell of Numerous Attacks and Several Battles Between Soldiers and Bandits.

THE FIGHTING RESULTS IN TEN MORE DEATHS
Additional Soldiers and Posses Go to Palm Garden Where Shot by Bandits.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 11.—There is little lessening of activity on the part of the Mexican raiders in the Rio Grande valley is indicated in the latest reports which tell of numerous attacks and several battles between the Mexicans and soldiers. Ten men were reported killed in the battles last night which brings the total of dead resulting from the bandit raids up to nearly 20.

Of the ten reported dead one was a trooper; four were Americans believed to have been members of the bandit bands and five were Mexicans. The trooper was killed last night at Palm Garden near Mercedes, Tex., where he with several other cavalrymen were attacked by bandits who appeared suddenly, shot at the soldiers and disappeared. The Mexicans, according to report, cut the telephone wires connecting Palm Garden with Mercedes; and a farmer finding the break, connected the wires and reported the shooting to Mercedes.

Additional soldiers and posses of citizens immediately left for Palm Garden. News of the possible meeting of the Americans with the Mexicans is awaited.

The latest trouble reported was at Sebastian early today when two Mexicans captured by rangers tried to escape and were shot and killed.

Warships Sent.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Two American battleships, the Louisiana and the New Hampshire, sailed last night from Newport, R. I., for Vera Cruz, in response to an urgent request from Commander McNamee that his little fleet of gunboats in Mexican waters be reinforced in view of anti-foreign demonstrations at Carranza's capital.

It is said President Wilson himself ordered the warships sent, although no official here would even admit that they had sailed. Care was taken to point out at this time would be purely precautionary and could not be construed as having any connection with the Pan-American conference which is to be resumed in New York today to complete a program for restoration of government in Mexico.

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNAPOLIS MADE

Congressman James J. Britt Announces Appointment—Clyde Boy is Selected.

Congressman James J. Britt today filled an existing vacancy from this district for the position of midshipman at the Annapolis, naval academy by making the following nominations: Principal, Wallace Fitzgerald, Ward, son of A. E. Ward, Clyde, Haywood county; first alternate, Carroll Reagan, son of James J. Reagan, Weaver, Buncombe county; second alternate, Thomas Benjamin Williams, Hendersonville, Henderson county; third alternate, Harold Graybeal, son of A. Graybeal, Canton, Haywood county.

The examinations for entrance will be held on the third Tuesday in February, 1916. All the nominees are between the ages of 16 and 20, as required by law.

It will be observed that in making these appointments, Mr. Britt carries out his well-known view of non-partisan military service by naming a principal and first alternate of opposite political faith. Mr. Ward being a republican and Mr. Reagan a democrat.

FIVE ZEPPELINS STEERING TOWARD SCOTCH COAST

London, Aug. 10.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that five Zeppelins were sighted this morning off Vlieland, near the entrance of Zuyder Zee. They were going in a northwest-easterly course in the direction of the Scotch coast.

DIPLOMATS TO PASS ON FINAL MEXICAN PLAN

Pan-Americans Will Approve Appeal to All Mexicans to Subordinate Their Differences.

PRESIDENT AND LANSING HAVE APPROVED PLEA
Situation at Vera Cruz Gives Diplomats Some Concern—Conferees' Purpose Misconstrued.

New York, Aug. 11.—Diplomats representing Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala and Uruguay and Secretary Lansing met today to act identically in a plan which has for its aim the restoration of peace in Mexico. An appeal by the conference to Mexicans of all factions to subordinate their selfish interests for the national welfare has been prepared. Both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing have approved the plan and after the conference today decides on the details of phraseology and as to the length of time the conference will expect to be given for a reply, the communication will be distributed throughout Mexico to leaders and officials.

The situation at Vera Cruz where anti-foreign demonstrations are reported has given the diplomats some concern, but the conferees are confident that when the appeal is made any misconception as to their will be removed.

The conference will probably adjourn late today after the appeal is finally approved and after a committee is appointed to consult later with Secretary Lansing at Washington concerning details of the peace plan.

"The plan contemplates first of all supreme appeal to the consciences of the Mexican leaders of all political groups. It has been prepared and, after minor changes in phraseology are discussed today, probably will be dispatched immediately. A reasonable time will be allowed for answers.

The appeal will be brief, politely phrased. It will show clearly that the seven governments whose representatives sign it, have no purpose to interfere in the strictly internal affairs of Mexico, to impair her sovereignty, or to show preference for any leader as against another. It will be an eloquent petition that the Mexican leaders agree to a conference to be held on neutral ground in Mexico to create a provisional government that can be accorded moral support and recognition by all the American states.

No threat will be made, nor any intimation given of what will be the course of the several American countries if the suggestions made are declined, all considerations being for the time subordinated to the primary purpose—the final appeal to the patriotism of all Mexicans to redeem the prestige of the nation before the world and to show whether its leaders seek personal aggrandizement or the true welfare of their country.

The complete plan that has been adopted for solution of the problem has not yet been revealed, but already some mis-structions of the purposes of the Latin-American countries and the United States have been spread, which the diplomats fear may prove embarrassing. They are confident, however, that when fully and authoritatively disclosed it will be difficult for any of the factions to find a just ground for declining to enter into the spirit of co-operation and non-partisanship of the suggestion made.

While the appeal that is to go forth will not specify the exact course to be followed, the conferees have taken into consideration all the possibilities of the situation. If any faction or group fails to attend the peace conference those leaders or delegates who do will be expected to proceed with the task of setting up a government that can be recognized. With this recognition, an embargo on arms would be declared by the United States against all other contending groups and such moral support given to the new government as would enable it through rehabilitation of its finances, to equip a force large enough to crush armed opposition.

Takes Argentina to Task.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 11.—Dr. Victorino de la Plaza, president of Argentina has received a telegram from General Venustiano Carranza, declaring that should the Washington conference decide to interfere in Mexican affairs, it would commit an unpardonable error.

"Argentina," says the message, has made herself an accomplice in a crime against our race which possibly may help to bring on war between two American nations."

Jose Luis Murature, the Argentine foreign minister, replied to the message on behalf of Dr. de la Plaza. He said that Argentina was taking part in the conference with the intention of respecting Mexican sovereignty. He added that the conference had decided to go to the jury tomorrow.

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GEORGE HACKNEY TO RESPOND TO WELCOME

Former Asheville Man Will be Spokesman for Manufacturers of Furniture.

George Hackney of Lexington, formerly of Asheville, has been chosen to respond to the addresses of welcome at the opening session of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' convention which meets here Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The first session will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon at Grove Park Inn. Mayor J. E. Rankin and President Robert S. Jones of the board of trade will welcome the visitors to Asheville.

In a recent letter to the board of trade Mr. Hackney says that he is looking forward to renewing his acquaintances here and that he believes Asheville is a pretty good place to live.

EVIDENCE FOR DEFENSE IN SUIT FOR DAMAGES

In the United States District court today the defense is introducing evidence in the case of the Mountain Retreat association against Perley and Crockett and Dickey and Campbell. J. L. Schoubruff of Weaverville, a hydro-electrical engineer, has been sent to Black Mountain today to collect data for expert testimony in behalf of the defendants in regard to the alleged damage by forest fire to the power plant located on the property of the plaintiffs.

It is thought that the case will probably go to the jury tomorrow.