

BRITISH ARE CHEERED BY DARDANELLES REPORT; SUCCESS BY RUSSIANS

General Hamilton Claims Gains In Turkey All Along Section Held by the Colonial Troops. RUSSIANS DEVELOPING UNEXPECTED STRENGTH Not Only Holding General Von Hindenburg In the North But Have Achieved a Local Success.

London, Sept. 2.—The British public is greatly cheered by the version of the recent heavy fighting at the Dardanelles contained in the official report last night from General Sir Ian Hamilton, the British commander-in-chief. The report was awaited eagerly in view of the assertion from Constantinople that the allies had been repulsed with heavy losses.

Sir Ian claims that his forces operating on the northern section of the line have captured an important tactical point commanding the Buçuk Anasarta valley and to the east and north of the valley, making appreciable gains all along the Australasian front.

If the British colonials are now dominating Anasarta their guns should have a clear field to fire on one of the main Turkish supply roads leading toward Achi Baba. The Turks, however, have an alternative line of communication with that part of their front. Constantinople admits no advance by the allies.

The Russians are developing unexpected strength in the north where it is stated that they are not only holding Field Marshal von Hindenburg, but have gained a local success.

Various changes have been made in the Russian command, the most important being the return of General Ruzsky to the leadership of the northern army.

Berlin wireless reports, which usually are in advance of the reports from Petrograd, announce a reverse in the Galician situation as a result of a victorious assault by the Russians north of Zborov.

Say Wife Hired Them To Kill Her Husband

Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr of Providence, R. I., Arrested Following Confession of Three Negroes Charged With Murder of Dr. Mohr—No Specific Charge Against Her.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, wife of the physician who was fatally shot while making an automobile trip from this city to Newport, was arrested today, after three negroes had signed written confessions that Mrs. Mohr had hired them to kill Dr. Mohr. The negroes are charged with murder. They are George H. Heals, chauffeur driving the car of Dr. Mohr; Cecil V. Brown, formerly employed as a hostler, by Dr. Mohr; and Henry Spellman, a half brother of Brown. There is no specific charge against Mrs. Mohr, who characterized any accusation against her as absurd. Heals was detained because his account of the affair conlicted with that of Mrs. Emily Burger, Dr. Mohr's assistant, who was also wounded. Brown was arrested last night after Heals and Spellman corroborated Brown's story. According to Brown's story as given to the police Mrs. Mohr proposed several weeks ago that he kill Dr. Mohr and that she would pay him.

S. A. L. Asks Injunction Against N. C. Assessment

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—The Seaboard Air Line railway last night applied to United States Judge Henry G. Connor for a temporary injunction to restrain the North Carolina corporation commission from increasing its tax assessment in this state from \$17,500,000 to \$20,175,000. Judge Connor notified the commission of the application and stated that he would hear the case on next Tuesday.

RUTHERFORD MAN AWARDS MADE IN IS BROUGHT HERE PUBLICITY PUZZLE

J. C. Southers Charged With Uxoricide Here For Safe Keeping. Winners In Gazette-News Puzzle Contest Were Selected by Committee.

Fearing that reports that a mob would attempt to take J. C. Southers, who is alleged to have killed his wife several days ago in Rutherford county, from the county jail at Rutherford tomorrow night, might be true, Sheriff C. E. Tanner of Rutherford county last night arrived here with the prisoner and locked him in the Buncombe county jail for safe-keeping. The alleged killing is said to have taken place several days ago in Rutherford county and Southers, who is about 55 years old, was arrested at once and placed in the county jail at Rutherford. It is stated that he attempted suicide after he had killed his wife.

THREE 'STILLS SEIZED IN TRANSYLVANIA CO.

Deputy Collector J. A. Galloway returned yesterday from Transylvania county where he destroyed three illicit distilleries and poured out about 1500 gallons of beer and a small quantity of whiskey. Mr. Galloway captured five 'stills in the same county about a week ago. In Transylvania and all the counties where large lumber companies are operating it appears that blockading offers lucrative enterprise to those prosecution at the hands of Uncle Sam. The men employed in the woods and at the large saw mills receive good wages and many of them are not averse to imbibing home-made drinks of fermented corn.

FRANK WITNESSES BEING EXAMINED

Grand Jury in Cobb County, Ga., Investigating the Recent Lynching.

Marietta, Ga., Sept. 2.—After being charged by Judge Patterson yesterday the Cobb county grand jury, investigating the lynching of Leo M. Frank, examined several witnesses. Judge Patterson was emphatic on three points in his brief and extemporaneous charge: That the crime should be thoroughly investigated; that this was not a special grand jury as had been reported; and that the jurors were "not secret service men" and were not expected to do detective work to perform their duties. He said Cobb county never had needed a special grand jury, and inferred that the Frank lynching was not the sole cause of reconvening the jury that served during the July term of court. The killing of a negro soon after the July term was adjourned was mentioned. Within a short time after the jury retired witnesses called in the Frank case went before the jurors but the majority of them remained only a few minutes. Today it is expected members of the Georgia prison commission will be quizzed. The three members of the commission were at the state prison the night Frank was taken away. Of the original grand jury which was drawn at the July term of court, three men were excused, two for business reasons, and W. J. Frey on whose property the body of Frank was found, because of the fact that he was a material witness before the coroner's jury, and as the judge stated, because of the use of his name in the several publications "concerning the recent incident in Cobb county."

TROUBLE WITH BERLIN CLEARED

On Bernstorff's Statement Apparently Relieves Strained Relations Between U. S. and Germany.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Germany has accepted the declarations of the United States in regard to the submarine war controversy. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has given oral and written assurance to Secretary Lansing that no more passenger ships would be sunk without warning. In connection with the letter of Count Bernstorff, Secretary Lansing said: "In view of the clearness of the foregoing statement it seems needless to make any comment regarding it other than to say that it appears to be in recognition of the fundamental principles for which we have been contending."

Forwarded to President. Count von Bernstorff's letter was forwarded to President Wilson. There was no formal comment at the white house but on every hand there was evidence of gratification that the submarine crisis had passed and that Germany had acknowledged the justice of the principles for which the president has been contending.

The announcement that the German policy had been decided on before the sinking of the Arabic agrees perfectly with the information on which American officials had been depending. Soon after the last Lusitania note was sent to Berlin President Wilson understood that there would not be another such disaster. The sinking of the Arabic therefore came as a double shock.

Inasmuch as it seems to be established that the submarine which sank the Arabic was destroyed by a British patrol boat the exact circumstances under which the Arabic was sunk may never be established other than by the testimony from British and American sources.

The German government's statement that before the sinking of the Arabic submarine commanders had been ordered to sink no more passenger ships without warning may be taken as a disavowal of the act. The question of reparation for the Americans who lost their lives on the Arabic and other ships which were torpedoed will probably be the next step in the proceedings.

Covers All Contentions. At the state department the letter was considered as covering all the American government had contended for—that peaceful merchantmen must not be sunk without warning or visit and search and opportunity for non-combatants to escape.

Germany does not admit on partial evidence that the Arabic was sunk by a German submarine, but it is believed the imperial government will give concrete assurance corresponding to the general statement already made that the Arabic was not sunk by a German submarine.

Secretary Lansing said that he would withhold comment until the memorandum had been received; that (Continued on page 3)

MAY REHEAR NOTARY CASE

Petition In Existence Asking Supreme Court to Re-Consider Decision Against Women Notaries.

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—Among the petitions for re-hearing upon appeals that have been recently settled by Supreme court decisions, the most important and aggressively backed one is the famous woman's notary act lost in the final weeks of the court during the spring term. The district appeals thus far printed by the court do not contain this petition but it is in existence. Last spring it came up from Asheville when Governor Craig appointed Mrs. Noland Knight and the court by a three to two vote decided the act of the legislature unconstitutional. The women were deeply interested in it and are encouraged to hope that a rehearing would change the decision in their favor. They have their hopes strongly bottomed. In only one phase of research have they been disappointed. They sought a few weeks in ancient administrations to find women notaries but the private secretaries of recent governors and old timers too were unable to recall the desire of any woman to serve in this capacity. Major Joe Alexander, Rev. Baylus Cade, Samuel Telfair and Colonel Baldy Arrington and Colonel Alex Field were unable to give the women any comfort. But they did find that archbishops between 18 and 21 had been made notaries public and that the woods are full of clerks of the court, lawyer-members of the legislature and magistrates who are notaries in addition to being other functionaries and that solicitors riding circuits in North Carolina are also notaries who have no thought now and never had any that a notary public is any officer in the sense given by the late Supreme court. The court was challenged by Judge Clark in his dissent which has now traveled America pretty thoroughly, to put its finger upon the section of the constitution which the act violates. The women will not bandy words with the court on that point. But it is said that the three women-lawyers, the four when the present class gets its license, the fad ration of women's clubs and other women's organizations will take the case to the court and ask a rehearing on the distinction of sex and that it discriminates against women in their right to make a living. They believe that another decision would forthcome if it might be shown that countless papers will be jeopardized by the improper attestation of records. One trembles to think what will become of that \$100 loan which Representative Allred made to a dummy on fictitiously described property and attested by himself. Mr. Allred was mayor and notary, two in one, but could not gain the consent of a tender heart to vote for the notary bill because it was unconstitutional.

The woman historian is at work to show that once lawyers were denominated "officers" and that when the first woman applied for license the courts were unready to give her her papers. When the court was reminded by Associate Justice Bynum that the general assemblies are made up largely of lawyers, a point was conceded, not to sex, but to conditions. Certainly there were eight members of the late general assembly who held notary commissions and the point will be constantly urged. "John Smith, justice of the peace and notary public," is a common sign in North Carolina. The women want Mrs. John to hold that "office."

The secretary of state has chartered the Pitt Lumber and Manufacturing company, a \$50,000 corporation capitalized for the beginning at \$10,000. The incorporators are L. O. Randolph, W. F. Forrest, Hortense P. Moye, J. E. Randolph, T. W. Whitehurst and R. J. Cobb.

GERMAN GIRL COMES TO MARRY OFFICER. New York, Sept. 2.—Miss Hilda Schweiger, who arrived here on the steamer Noordam from Rotterdam, is on her way to Norfolk to marry the chief officer of the interned German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

FOUR TURKEYS OF TURKEY TORPEDOED. Paris, Sept. 2.—Four Turkish transports have been torpedoed by a British submarine.

TRULL SAYS HE KILLED SWAIN

Youth Confesses to Murder of Aged Merchant and Completely Exonerates Companion Barton.

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—Charles E. Trull yesterday evening confessed fully to the murder of Sydney Swain and exonerated Barton completely. Raleigh, Sept. 2.—R. H. Hayes, Fred W. Bynum, James L. Griffin, and other Chatham county men were here yesterday to present Chatham's assessment to the corporation commission and to appeal to it for the statu quo. Mr. Hayes again declared that the Raleigh suggestion of a few days ago that Hayes may be the sweepstakes candidate for attorney general came as a surprise to him and certainly not from his home bar which is committed to Thomas H. Calvert, assistant attorney general, who is now in the race to a conclusion. Nevertheless, Mr. Hayes awoke the next morning and found himself boosted. It continues, "I have no disposition to assume modesty and therefore do say that I should like very much to be attorney general. Mr. Hayes said today. "It is a great office and a great honor. But of course I should not think of entering the race so long as Tom Calvert, our fellow countryman, is contesting with a strong field. And I do not hesitate to say that if Mr. Calvert had not gone into the fight I would become a candidate in the light of the letters and personal appeal. Friends of the assistant attorney general, who is rated here exceedingly high as a lawyer, have dropped the significant suggestion that Mr. Calvert would not be averse to serving as assistant under an attorney general of the agreeableness of the present official. This was often discussed in the earlier stages of the contest. That Congressman Pout's supporters would make an impressive showing for Mr. Hayes is undoubted. The Pittboro lawyer has regained his health and is in superb shape now for such a contest as a congressional or an attorney general's race would be certain to provoke. Col. Isaac M. Meekins of Elizabeth City, who has been attending the Supreme court here returned to his home yesterday. The colonel was here last week to attend the fellowship meeting of Messrs. E. S. Duncan, Dan W. Patrick, Wheeler Martin, and a few others whose conference is said to have had no republicans who jumped the game in 1912, but was composed solely of the faithful. At this meeting it is declared by Raleigh republicans that definite understanding was reached that Mr. Duncan will not make the race for governor but that he will again stand for re-election as national committeeman and encourage the party to nominate a man who will unite the forces. It even appears that Zeb Vance Walser will be entirely acceptable to the conference of the few mentioned above. Mr. Walser led the bull moose in the state but he did it good naturedly and the leadership in the campaign next year will be cheerfully given him if the guessers on the outside really have the hunch which they give the public. A Scotland county map in the office of the corporation commission clerk's room furnishes considerable speculation for the visitors who read it on her way to the lands in that county, rich in the culture of melons, are assessed at \$3.50 an acre while those less rich in these fruits in Wake county are put up at \$11 an acre. The map was a happen-so. The commission received it about the same time that it read notice of the impending attack upon it for its inability to make farm land pay a more uniform tax. Chairman Travis, whose opposition to the tax amendment last year brought to him the voluntary assumption of the burden of explanation, says there is nothing hard to understand about this Scotland county business. "It is not only not hard to explain but it is very easy," Mr. Travis said. "Scotland county is near the South Carolina line. Down there in South Carolina they have been assessing the lands so low that the evil influence has spread to North Carolina. When you get sufficiently distant from South Carolina, lands are very fairly taxed. That's the way it is. The commission is working upon its books and may have something of popular interest this week. The reports show in nearly all counties very fair increase and but few losses of revenue in any county."

MRS. F. M. ROBERTSON DIES IN NEW MEXICO

Mrs. F. M. Robertson, formerly of Asheville, died yesterday at Albuquerque, New Mexico, after a long illness. Mrs. Robertson was a resident of this city for five years and made many friends here. She was a native of Pittsburgh, being a member of a well known family there. The deceased came to Asheville for her health and for several years her condition was much improved. She left here about the middle of July for New Mexico.

English Money Drops Again.

New York, Sept. 1.—English money took another phenomenal drop today. The pound sterling sold down during the first hour's dealing to \$4.50, a break of 5/16 cents over night and a downward plunge of 11 cents within two days. From \$5.00, registered at the opening, sterling made its faltering way by leaps and falls to \$4.55 1/2 in the late afternoon and fell back at the day's end to \$4.54. France dropped at a single stroke from 6.03 to 5.99, reaching the lowest value. Lines hovered around 6.34, approximately 36 per cent below normal. Reichsmarks zig-zagged between 80% and 95-5. The silver market was in convulsions, although the tendency toward hysteria lessened toward the close. The big bankers, however, were inclined to calm rather than hysterical. One foreign exchange expert said tonight he doubted if 10,000 pounds sterling had been bought in this market yesterday.

ONE MILLION RUS. SIANS CAPTURED. Berlin, Sept. 1.—An official review of the eastern campaign given out by the Overseas News agency estimates that since May 3 the Russians have lost at least 200,000 men in killed and wounded and that 1,000,000 Russians have been captured by the Germans.

INSURANCE CONFERENCE MEETS NEXT WEEK

Through a misunderstanding as to dates it was stated in The Gazette-News yesterday that the conference of the Southern Surety and Casualty Association would begin its sessions today at the Battery Park hotel. Thursday and Friday, September 3 and 4, are the dates set for the convening of more than 50 of the leading insurance men of the southern states in the chief convention city of the south. The program for the meeting includes a banquet at the Battery Park hotel on Thursday evening, and an automobile trip to Pisgah on Saturday.