

RUSSIANS EVACUATING STRONGHOLD OF GRODNO

Petrograd Admits Russian Forces Are Withdrawing From Last of the Strong Fortresses.

LITTLE GERMAN GAIN IN CENTER AND NORTH

Russians Continue to Retreat Along Galician Border But Inflict Heavy Losses on the Teutons.

London, Sept. 3.—The evacuation of Grodno is under way. Petrograd admits officially that the Russian forces are being withdrawn to the right bank of the Niemen. The loss by the Russians of their last strong fortress has been expected.

It had been evident for some time that Grand Duke Nicholas had no intention of allowing a number of men sufficient to maintain a long defense to be penned up in any fortress that could be invested.

Along the Galician border General Ivanoff continues to retreat but not without inflicting heavy losses on the Austro-Germans, who have been shaken several times by vigorous counter attacks.

In the center and extreme north the Germans are making little progress. The Russians claim another local success near Vilna.

The great artillery duels continue on a large part of the western front held by the French forces. The ultimate purpose of this activity is still obscure.

British newspapers are not greatly pleased with the attitude of the United States toward the promises of Germany to modify submarine warfare, complaining that any promise which does not include protection for merchantmen is inadequate.

The negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria concerning railway concessions to the latter are again under way. It is not expected in quarters favorable to the entente allies that the negotiations will be successful.

Describes Battle.
The representatives of the British press at the Dardanelles, in a dispatch received yesterday, describes in detail a great battle which ended August 19, after a four days hand to hand struggle for the crest of Sari Idrish, which the Anzac corps actually reached, but was unable to hold.

"It was the most ferocious and sustained soldiers' battle since Inkerman," says the report. "But Inkerman was over in a few hours; whereas the British forces kept up this terrible combat with the Turks for four consecutive days and nights amidst the hills, gorges and ravines 900 feet above the sea, to which point all water, rations and ammunition had to be borne along the paths which do not exist except on the map, and down which every man who fell wounded had to be borne in almost tropical heat."

"It was a combat of giants in a giant country. It took place entirely underground, both sides fighting in the utter disregard for life in every trench, sap and dugout. Desperate hand to hand fighting choked the trenches almost to the top with dead and wounded. The battle only came to an end with the utter exhaustion of both sides."

Message From Pope.
Washington, Sept. 3.—Cardinal Gibbons has come to Washington with a message of hope for peace in Europe to President Wilson from Pope Benedict. It was a cablegram praising the president's attitude and indicating a belief that the United States might be in a position to help in bringing the European war to an end.

100,000 BONUS VOTE OFFER CLOSES TOMORROW NIGHT, SATURDAY 10 P.M.

Candidates Should Not Fail to Take Advantage of This Opportunity.

The 100,000 bonus vote offer closes tomorrow night (Saturday) and not a candidate nominated in this campaign should fail to take advantage of this most liberal vote offer. Never again during the campaign will as many votes be issued on the same amount of business turned in.

To secure this extra large vote it is only necessary for candidates to secure four six-month subscriptions and turn same into the subscription department by 10 p. m. tomorrow night. There is not a candidate but who can go to four of their friends today or tomorrow and secure the four subscriptions. Two three-month count as one six-month or a one year subscription counts as two six-months.

By taking advantage of this offer candidates will greatly assure success for themselves on October 15, when the valuable premiums are to be awarded.

Votes are what count in this campaign, and the candidate who wins the big Studebaker, the Ford touring car, and the other valuable premiums are going to be those who take advantage of opportunities. Are you going to let this opportunity go by?

Candidates living outside of Asheville may mail their subscriptions and remittance as late as 10 p. m. Saturday night and credit will be given on this big offer, all that is necessary is for the letter to show time of mailing.

Franco-British Experts Assist Russian Leaders

Strategists to Be Detailed For Grand Duke's Staff and Finance Board to Advise Russian Minister, According to Lokal Anzeiger—Paper Expects Weak Protest Against Cotton Contraband Decree.

Berlin, (By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.), Sept. 3.—The Overseas News agency says:

"The Lokal Anzeiger hears from Paris that France and England are ready to assist Russia by detailing expert strategists for the headquarters of Grand Duke Nicholas to replace incapable Russian staff officers. They plan also to establish a Franco-British minister of finance."

"The Lokal Anzeiger remarks that if it is true as reported that the treasury department at Washington is ready to loan \$30,000,000 to cotton planters to offset the effects of the arbitrary measures adopted by Great Britain, the strength of the American protest against the cotton contraband declaration by England will naturally be in accord with American indulgence of England."

Accused Widow Directs Funeral of Her Husband

Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, Though Under \$10,000 Bond For Inciting Murder of Wealthy Providence Physician, Assumes Full Charge of Funeral Arrangements.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 3.—Although accused of inciting the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, one of the wealthiest physicians of the state, Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Blair Mohr, released on bond of \$10,000, assumed full charge today of the funeral services of her husband from whom she had been separated several months.

Mrs. Mohr sent out invitations to the services and asked Francis J. Bassett, rector of the Church of Epiphany, to read the Episcopal funeral ritual in the parlor of the physician's home in the exclusive residential section of the city.

Mrs. Mohr also directed that the burial take place in Swan Point cemetery. Only close friends were asked to attend the services.

The accused woman arranged for her two children, who have been living with her, to return to their former home for their father's funeral. Charles Manning Mohr of New York, a son of the physician by a former wife, also attended the funeral.

Detectives today are searching in a brook near the scene of the killing on the Nyatt road in Barrington, as according to one of the three negroes, who accuse Mrs. Mohr of hiring them to kill her husband, the revolver with which he was killed by physician and with which Miss Emily G. Burger, the physician's secretary and companion on the automobile trip, was wounded, were thrown into a brook.

Arthur Cushing, Mrs. Mohr's attorney, who obtained her release last night only by offering his own property as part security for her bail, said today that he would begin a search for the physician's will after the funeral.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr and three negroes, George H. Healis, Cecil V. Brown and Henry Spellman, were taken from here to Warren, county seat of Bristol county yesterday and arraigned before Judge Hamill in connection with the murder of Dr. Mohr, husband of the woman. Dr. Mohr is charged with inciting murder and is held without bail. All four pleaded not guilty. They were locked up pending a hearing on September 16.

The police entertain two possible motives for the crime—jealousy on the part of Mrs. Mohr or Miss Burger, the physician's assistant, and the desire of the wife to obtain possession of her husband's considerable estate. A few hours after Dr. Mohr's death his wife made application to the municipal court for the appointment as custodian of the property, and her application was granted.

According to Brown's story Mrs. Mohr promised to pay \$5000 nine days after killing. He said he asked Spellman to help out in the affair and brought his half brother up to talk the matter over with Mrs. Mohr. Healis was present at the request of Mrs. Mohr, Brown said. Spellman was to receive \$1000 and Brown and Healis \$2000 each.

The arrangements were carried out in detail, according to the confession. At a designated spot on the Nyatt road Healis stalled the motor and Brown and Spellman, who approached on motorcycles cut through the bushes and fired on the occupants of the car. Brown said he shot Dr. Mohr and that Spellman wounded Miss Burger. After the shooting they went back to the motor cycles, having thrown their revolvers into a brook.

Brown declared Mrs. Mohr told them to be sure to kill Dr. Mohr and to kill Miss Burger if they could; that they were instructed to shoot anyone in the tonnage of the car.

After Healis and Spellman had corroborated Brown's story two detectives brought Mrs. Mohr to police headquarters where later she was formally placed under arrest.

Mrs. Mohr vigorously denied the charges.

MODERATE STORM ON THE ATLANTIC COAST

Washington, Sept. 3.—A storm of moderate intensity is central this morning off the North Carolina coast and was apparently moving northeastward, attended by fresh northeasterly gales off the middle Atlantic coast. Storm warning have been displayed from Cape Hatteras to Cape Cod.

FEAR EFFECTS OF HIGHER TAX MANY TRAILING MEXICAN BAND

Democrats See Only Trouble If Rumored Increase in 80 of Counties Is Carried Out.

INCREASE CLAIMED TO BE GENERAL POLICY

Revenue Collections Show Gain of \$33,000 Over Last Year—Grimes Announces Candidacy to Succeed Self.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—Raleigh has been full of visitors this week who can see only trouble for the democracy next year if the rumored increase of valuations in eighty of the 100 counties is carried out.

The corporation commission has not prepared its report for the papers and is not ready to say what its general findings will be. It is prepared to announce that an increase has been the general policy and that large increases in taxes received by the state treasurer will be the natural result.

Chatham county delegations have been here. They want relief from the proposed re-assessment which is considerably higher than they think it ought to be, 15 per cent is their understanding of the raise. Chatham has about 150 voters to spare and no desire to spare them. Thirty-five or forty counties are as close and may be closer. Upon its taxing record in the war-year of 1915 good democrats fear the fate of the democracy.

The Greystone Reflector editorially announces Secretary J. Bryan Grimes as a candidate to succeed himself and the local columns contain the names of perhaps 100 prominent Greenville citizens who have called to the democratic voters of North Carolina.

Colonel Grimes has no avowed opponent but James A. Harness of Statesville, and Conductor Clark of the Coast Line are mentioned often. That Mr. Harness has every inclination to run crops out every day in some state paper but the Iredell gentleman's indisposition to wreck all timbers between him and his work in Iredell, thus destroying his opportunity to perpetuate an artistic crawfish, is tribute of high character to the essence of the matter.

The Reflector editorially advertises to the fact that the democratic party has always retained its secretaries of state unless defeated by the opposition or removed by death. It would not, therefore, allow Colonel Grimes to be sacrificed to the outside feeling against the "Raleigh tenure."

Bailey's Big Collection
Collector J. W. Bailey announces his collection for August as \$543,724.81 against \$446,225.84 for August of 1914. This is a gain of \$97,498.97.

The circumstances seem to be the one thing that is "psychological," an invention of Secretary Redfield and the president, but a fine one every other trouble has appeared to be something worse, but in Winston-Salem the tobacco sales have grown with the general paralysis of business. Clement C. Manly discovered when his city crept to the pinnacle in tobacco markets of the world that the more tobacco is needed to nerve the fighters to courage. It is even so in Durham and these two cities pay much of the increase in the Bailey and Watts districts.

T. J. Sandridge and E. Dent Smith, who have been selling stock in the organizing Shenandoah Life insurance company of Roanoke, Va., are out on \$250 bonds and promise to return the stock sold. They were indicted by the insurance department for selling stock without license.

In Dobson Stacy Wade, deputy, found only three shares sold, but elsewhere the trial of the agents has been found with thousands of dollars, the report says. This is particularly true in Stoneville, Rockingham county. A much wanted man there is P. H. Orr.

ALLISON HELD UNDER \$2000 BOND AT TRIAL
Hearing in Police Court This Morning—In Jail In Default of Bond.

At the conclusion of the evidence given by Sadie Allison, the 11-year-old stepdaughter of Talmage Allison, this morning in Police court in the case of attempted criminal assault, alleged to have been committed on her, Judge J. Frazier Glenn announced that he would hold Allison to Superior court under a bond of \$2000.

Allison was arrested several days ago by the police on the charges alleged to have been committed last May, he having been able to elude the officers since that time. It was brought out in the case, that the mother of the little girl, who appears to be half-witted, who is the wife of Allison, was in jail at the time.

The court appointed R. M. Wells to prosecute the case in the Police court and McKinley Pritchard was counsel for Allison. In default of the bond the defendant was confined in the county jail.

FOUR TRANSPORTS OF TURKEY TORPEDOED
Paris, Sept. 3.—Four Turkish transports have been torpedoed by a British submarine.

TRULL DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

NO INDICTMENTS IN LEO FRANK CASE

Grand Jury Unable to Find Anyone to Identify Any of Lynching Party.

Marietta, Ga., Sept. 3.—The Cobb county grand jury investigating the lynching of Leo M. Frank reported late yesterday that:

"We have found several clues, but we have been unable to find anyone who could identify to find anyone who could identify any party. We have done our best, under our oath, and we regret to state that we have been unable to find enough evidence to indict anyone for this crime."

The report says the jury had the active co-operation of Governor Nat E. Harris, the state attorney general, Solicitor Herbert Clay, and other officials of Cobb county, and adds:

"We have been unable to connect anybody with the perpetration of this offense, or to identify anyone who was connected with it, although we have investigated the information furnished us by officers and other parties and have followed up letters, signed and unsigned, and to this end we have subpoenaed and examined many witnesses in an effort to disclose the perpetrators of this crime, but none of these witnesses could identify any of the parties."

"We find, from investigation, that the officers of the law, and the citizens of our town and county, knew nothing of this crime until they heard of the body being found near Frey's gin in this county. The city of Marietta and the county of Cobb were quiet before this trouble, are quiet now and all reports to the contrary are untrue."

Anonymous letters, referred to in the report, still are being received by officials of Cobb county and others, but the tendency now is to ignore them.

NO OTHER ARRESTS TO BE MADE AT NASHVILLE

Nashville, Sept. 3.—A. B. Anderson attorney general of this county, who had warrants issued against Lyle Andrews, deposed city commissioner; Charles Myers, former city treasurer; and W. L. Murray, former city auditor, charged with the theft of city funds to the amount of \$26,000, has announced that no suspicion in this connection attaches to any other city officials not connected with the city revenue department. In a former statement the attorney general indicated that other arrests were possible.

The city money involved is alleged to have been misappropriated during the years 1911, 1912 and 1913.

SUFFRAGE BILL BEATEN IN ALABAMA ASSEMBLY

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 3.—So far as the Alabama legislature is concerned equal suffrage is a dead issue for the next four years. Wednesday was the fortieth and last legislative day and consideration of the senate bill for equal suffrage was made a special order. However, Senator Holmes, who introduced the bill, secured an indefinite leave of absence on the thirty-fifth day and cotton warehouse legislation consumed all but a half hour of the working period. During that half hour the suffrage bill was called up, a vote was taken and it was defeated 21 to 10.

WILL COURT MARTIAL PORTUGUESE INSURGENTS

Paris, Sept. 3.—Dispatches from the Portuguese frontier, says the Journal's Madrid correspondent, state that persons arrested as the result of insurrectionary movements at Braga have been taken to Oporto, where they will be court-martialed.

At Casixia the insurgents tried to storm the barracks but were repulsed by rifle fire. Although the government professes to attach no importance to the revolutionary movements, every precaution is being taken as an aid has been announced that anyone approaching the barracks or military buildings day or night will be shot at sight.

CARL RAY MARRIED TO MISS DUNLAP JUNE 14

Winston-Salem, Sept. 3.—It was announced here today that Carl Ray, pitcher on the Greenboro team of the Carolina Baseball league, and Miss Bertha Dunlap, a school teacher of Stokes county, were married at Martinsville, Va., on June 14.

Youth Who Killed Sydney Swain, Aged Mecklenburg Merchant, Has Paid the Death Penalty.

WAS TWICE REPRIEVED BY GOVERNOR CRAIG

In Confession Trull Admitted His Downfall to Whiskey, Women and Evil Associates.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—Charles E. Trull the young white man convicted a Charlotte for the murder of Sydney Swain, an aged merchant, on May 16, 1914, today paid the death penalty in the electric chair at the state prison. Trull was twice reprieved by the governor, once to allow an appeal to the Supreme court and the second time to allow a special commission to inquire into the question of his sanity.

Trull made a confession of his guilt Wednesday night to a clergyman when he was informed that all means for obtaining a commutation of sentence had been exhausted. In the confession he told the minister that he blamed whiskey, women and evil associates for his downfall.

The tickets of admission to Charles E. Trull's electrocution were sent out Wednesday when his last chance for stay was gone. He was to die this morning at 10:30.

Trull Wednesday unburdened himself when he had gone and for the first time told the story which the state proved when the jury found him guilty of murdering Sidney Swain. Rev. J. W. Potter had been getting him ready for the dying day and Trull putting all lies behind him told all about the murder and everybody's interest in it.

He acquitted his lawyers of any knowledge of his actual conduct. Last week he declared that he had done his best to tell the truth but they would not allow him to do it. Trull probably thought all lawyers dislike truth. At last he said none of them knew any such thing and that he lied to them throughout.

The delayed appointment of a chief of police, following an indictment against the proposed new chief, James E. Turner, charging him with keeping a disorderly house, has quite upset Mr. Turner's friends who were delighted at his prospect of appointment.

The wiser members of the administration believe the attack to be political even if it has any merits in court, they say. The issue has not been brought to trial. In this correspondence a few weeks ago first mention of the Turner prospective appointment gave his foes the chance to move. The city administration and the factions that make and unmake it are far from the smooth operation that marked it through the first biennium of the commission form.

A frame up against Turner is the general feeling in officialdom. Where the work was done is another thing. The lost-outs and their friends make an imposing political force and a stable array of malcontents. The friends of Mr. Turner fear its effect upon his election when the commissioners speak.

Rev. Dr. Livingston Johnson's desk was banked with memorials yesterday protesting the Rocky Mountain First Baptist call, but the corresponding secretary of the Baptist state convention had mailed his favorable reply last night and love's labor was lost.

The minister explained his immediate settlement of the issue. "I had been considering the call six weeks," he said, "but it had not reached the papers and we were taking it quietly."

ALBANIANS SENTENCED FOR AIDING AUSTRIANS

Eight Sailors Charged With Selling Contraband and Using Pigeons.

Bari, Italy, Sept. 3.—Eight Albanians have been sentenced to long prison terms for communicating with Austrians with carrier pigeons. Captain Shadr Mustapha of the Albanian bark Bella Scutarina, was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and seven members of his crew were condemned to ten years each in prison.

Italian authorities found on the vessel a large number of empty petroleum cans and a considerable sum of gold. The men were tried before a naval court martial and it was alleged that the money was received from Austrians for contraband and intelligence conveyed by pigeons.