

CAPTURE OF RIGA PORT NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS OF AUSTRO-GERMANS

Coming Rainy Season Makes Riga Essential as Base of Operations; Also For Possible Winter Quarters.

VON BUELOW APPEALS FOR SUPREME EFFORT

Teutons Reported Checked in Baltic Sector—French Continue Heavy Artillery Attack on Western Front.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Last night saw a continuance of the violent artillery exchanges along the French line, according to an official war office statement given out this afternoon. The fighting took place around Souchez and near Neuville, and was particularly severe in the region of Roye, on the plateau of Quiennevieres and near Nonvion.

London, Sept. 7.—The immediate object of the Austro-German campaign in Russia becomes clearer with the growing indications that the invaders need the Baltic port of Riga, not only as a base for present operations in the direction of Petrograd, but also for winter quarters in case their advance to reach the Russian capital should have to be postponed until spring.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is having great difficulty in bridging those portions of the Dvina which are now in German hands. The current is too swift for the construction of pontoon bridges under Russian artillery fire. As the rainy season comes on it will be more difficult for the invaders to bring up supplies to their advance troops, and consequently the seizure of Riga as a base becomes more vital for the success of Von Hindenburg's plans.

The urgent necessity for the capture of Riga is indicated in army orders which Paris newspapers credit General Von Buelow. The general exhorts his troops to make one more effort to capture the port to make it their winter home in preparation for the march on Petrograd next spring. On the other sectors of the eastern front the impetus of the Austro-German rush is considerably checked. Vienna admits the fierce counter attacks by the Russians along the Galician border have brought the Teutons almost to a standstill. The right wing of the Austro-German armies is said to be contemplating an attack on Kiev, with field Marshal Von Mackensen in command.

No exceptional actions have occurred on any of the minor fronts. The great artillery bombardment by the French continues on the western front.

JUVENILE FORCES ARE MOBILIZED

Asheville City Schools Started Fall Sessions This Morning

—Large Attendance.

The juvenile forces of Asheville were called to the colors this morning after nearly three months of time, during which they have done everything except think of war or listen to rumors of war. The various regiments of soldiers (meaning pupils of course), gathered at the mobilization quarters in the city and there were assigned the duties for the next nine months—duties which these youthful warriors figure are the hardest part of the job to face, not even excepting the soldiering now fighting on the European battlefields.

It is believed that the attendance at the various schools in Asheville will be the largest this year than ever before in the history of the city. Already at the high school the enrollment is 110, with a large number still to come.

200,000 EXTRA VOTE OFFER CAUSES GREAT ACTIVITY AMONG CANDIDATES

Regular Votes Decline After Next Saturday Night Which Is the Close of First Voting Period.

The big extra vote of 200,000 on each and every \$20 club of subscriptions is causing great activity among all candidates. The manager of the subscription department was kept busy all day yesterday answering inquiries and explaining the big offer in detail. Two hundred thousand extra votes will be issued on a club of \$20 worth of subscriptions, there being no limit placed on the number of clubs any one candidate may secure. This is absolutely the best offer of the entire campaign, as it furnishes the opportunity of securing more votes than at any other time or on any other extra vote offer. Next Saturday night, Sept. 11, is the closing of the first voting period. After Saturday night the regular vote declines 500 on a three months' subscription, 1,000 on a six months' subscription, 2,000 on a one year's subscription and 4,000 on a two years' subscription. Candidates can readily see now is the time to pile up a big vote in their favor and should explain to all their friends and explaining the big offer in detail. To win the big Studebaker, the Ford touring car or some of the other valuable premiums more than at any other time. Candidates are requested to kindly turn subscriptions in as they are secured, as it will greatly facilitate matters in the office in serving the subscribers and aid this department in holding the service to its now high point of efficiency. An accurate account will be kept of all remittances and credit given on the big 200,000 extra vote offer.

Mrs. J. Ogden Armour Tells of Fight With Robbers

Wife of Millionaire Packer Bravely Resists Armed and Masked Men, Although Stunned by Blow on Head and Threatened With Revolver—Loses \$7,500 in Jewels.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, wife of the millionaire packer, today related the story of her experiences last night with two masked and armed robbers who looted the Armour residence on Michigan avenue of jewelry, mostly diamonds, to the value of about \$7,500. The pearl necklace, on which Mr. Armour was obliged to pay \$9,600 in duty when he brought it to this country from France in 1901, is believed by the police to have been sought by the robbers. The necklace was valued by government appraisers at more than \$15,000. Mrs. Armour, although stunned for a moment by a blow on the head by a billy, fought hand to hand with one of the robbers. She grasped the barrel of the revolver he had pressed into her face, threw it above her head and began to struggle with the man while

Murdered Judge Active Against Game Poachers

Providence, R. I., Sept. 7.—Efforts were made by the authorities today to trace the movements of persons who have shown unkindness toward Judge Willis S. Knowles of the eighth district court, who was murdered yesterday at North Scituate. The theory to which the police are most inclined is that the judge was shot by some one who feared prosecution as a result of Judge Knowles' activity in trying to bring to punishment those who had violated the fish and game laws. The search for one suspect during the night was without result. It was announced today that the body of Judge Knowles would be taken to his former home at Hockingport, O., for burial.

Street Car Traffic In Four N. Y. Towns Tied Up

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—All the street cars of Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Watervly and Green Island were tied up today because of a strike of conductors and motormen over the method of suspending employes for alleged infractions of rules. About 1600 men are involved. The companies are owned by the United Traction company.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES AT HIS HOME HERE

M. A. Killian, a veteran of the armies of the south in the war between the states, died at his home on South Grove street yesterday, following an illness of about nine months. The deceased was well known by many of the older residents of the city and numbered his friends by the score. Surviving are the wife, one daughter, Mrs. C. G. Matthews, and four sons—C. T. Killian and J. A.

BRYAN PRAISES WILSON'S STAND

Addressing Friends of Peace Urges Them to Be Thankful Country Has President Who Loves Peace.

MEETING CHEERS AS HE UTTERS STATEMENT

Bryan Warns Hearers Not to Be Too Hasty in Criticism; That Officials Are Often Misunderstood.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Prolonged applause greeted William Jennings Bryan during his address at the national convention of the Friends of Peace yesterday when he said: "I want you to be thankful that this country, with every means at his disposal to preserve our country's peace." Shortly before the delegates had cheered Congressman Henry Volmer of Iowa, when he attacked the administration for permitting export of war munitions to Europe.

Before adjourning the convention instructed its officers to make known to President Wilson and congress the purposes of the Friends of Peace as embodied in resolutions styled "a new declaration of independence." The "declaration" made no formal demand for an embargo on war munitions, but declared for freedom of the seas to all belligerent nations, and opposed manufacture of death dealing implements for profit. The officers also were instructed to draw up bills embodying these principles for presentation to the next congress.

At the afternoon session Jeremiah A. O'Leary, of New York, one of the speakers, called the Rev. G. C. Berkeleir, a German-American delegate, and the Rev. J. H. S. Somerville, an Anglo-American delegate, to the speakers' stand, and requested them to clasp hands as a visible refutation of charges that the convention was pro-German.

Rev. Berkeleir, a Lutheran minister, clasped Somerville, an Episcopalian rector, in his arms and kissed him on both cheeks, while the audience burst into frantic applause. Mr. Bryan confined his address to the ethics of warfare and the duty of citizens to do all in their power not to endanger the country's peace. In part he said:

"We must not be too hasty to criticize those in official positions, who as I know from experience, are often misrepresented and misunderstood. I think the president has not always been given full credit for his efforts to preserve peace. You will recall that when I resigned from the cabinet, I said that the president and I did not differ in our desire to maintain peace but only as to the means to the end."

"This war proves that preparedness is not a preventive of war. If the dogs of war must fight in Europe let them fight; but let us avoid hydrophobia in this country. If we ever have war, I demand that the Jingo editors of this country make up the front line of battle."

PROF. TAFT CRITICISES PHILIPPINE GOVERNOR

Says Harrison Is Under Control of An Ordinary Filipino Politician.

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Severe criticism of the administration of the Philippines by Governor-General Harrison was voiced yesterday by William H. Taft in an address before the Commonwealth club of California.

Mr. Taft said that Governor Harrison, whom he designated as "a Tammany congressman of long standing," knew nothing about the Philippines, their people, or their problem, and that his first act was to place himself under the virtual control of Manuel Quezon, delegate to congress from the islands and "a Filipino politician of the highest standing in the Philippines."

Wholesale removal of experienced American officials of the government to make room for Filipino officeholders was decided upon by Governor Harrison, said Mr. Taft, after council with Quezon and Mr. Osmena, speaker of the national assembly. The former president said continuation of the policy now being pursued in the islands "might eventually demand the intervention of the American government in much the same manner as the present Mexican situation."

BANKERS URGE CONSERVATISM

Executive Committee of Trust Company Section of American Bankers' Ass'n Makes Report.

ADVISES CAUTION IN EXTENDING BUSINESS

Believes Reserve Act Should Be Changed Before Trust Companies Enter Federal Reserve System.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 7.—The executive committee of the trust company section of the American Bankers' association in its report presented at today's session of the convention urged "extreme conservatism" on the part of trust companies in the extension of business. It also held the view that the federal reserve act must undergo a number of changes before trust companies should consider entering the federal reserve system. The committee, of which Uzal H. McCarter of Newark, N. J., is chairman, pointed out that the year had been full of anxiety for the banker, owing to the European war, and actual monetary disturbances had undoubtedly been avoided largely because of the confidence felt by the public in the inherent strength of the financial institutions and their ability in an emergency to avail themselves of the provision of the federal reserve act for rediscounts and the obtaining of such additional currency as might be necessary. Money had been plentiful during the year, with the result that profits to the banks had been correspondingly low. Dull business conditions particularly meant heavy deposit lines for the trust companies, and that in turn necessitated the careful consideration as to how to profitably employ funds on hand.

The action which the trust companies have taken jointly to test the constitutionality of the portion of the federal reserve act in which the granting of trust powers is given to national banks was referred to in the report. Pending the outcome of this suit, the committee had also taken up with the federal reserve board the question of certain regulations in relation to trust companies. The report had this to say: "While the reserve board has met your committee's suggestion in some particulars, nevertheless it is the judgment of your committee that the federal officials have not as yet gone far enough in this regard to permit it to advise the trust companies of the country to join the system. On the contrary, it is the judgment of your committee that certain necessary changes in the act itself, as well as in the regulations of the board, ought to be made before the trust companies should consider entering the federal reserve system."

UNIVERSITY CLUB OPENS COUNTRY CLUB DEPT

About 50 Members Were Present at Dedication Yesterday Afternoon—Supper Served.

The country club department of the University club was formally opened yesterday afternoon and evening, when about fifty of the members and several invited guests gathered at the quarters, located in the heart of Kenilworth park, for an afternoon of trap shooting and an elaborate Dutch supper, which was served about 7 o'clock. The occasion was most enjoyable and those present spent a delightful evening.

The country club department of the University club has just been opened and is one of the most attractive features of its kind to be found in the city. The house is two stories, built of logs, bungalow effect, and is well arranged and convenient for the uses of the members of the club. It is planned to give suppers, dances and card parties at intervals at the quarters, and to make it one of the most valuable assets of the club life. Just in front of the house, about 150 feet off, a trap shooting outfit has been arranged and the members enjoy the shooting during the afternoons.

JAP OFFICERS TO ATTEND MEET HERE

Tokio, Sept. 7.—Dr. M. Kondo, Inspector-general of ordinance in the navy and Engineer-Lieutenant T. Fuchuchi have been ordered to the United States to attend the international technical conference at San Francisco. They are among the leading experts in the Japanese navy.

REPORTS STILL INCONCLUSIVE, HESPERIAN CASE

JUDGE BROOK'S PORTRAIT GIVEN

Placed on Walls of Federal Court Room in Impressive Presentation Ceremonies.

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID JURIST BY WINSTON

Brooks Rediscovered Judiciary Power After Pearson Declared It Exhausted—Interesting History.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—The portrait of Judge George W. Brooks, who made judiciary potent when Chief Justice Richmond Pearson found it exhausted last night went upon the walls of the new federal courtroom after a masterful speech of District Francis D. Winston in presentation and acceptance by Judge H. G. Connor.

The ceremony under the direction of R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Historical commission was attended by Dr. George C. Brooks, of Sunbury, Attorney James C. Brooks, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Henry W. Best, all three children of the judge and donors of the portrait, which is acclaimed by artists among the finest pictures that adorn the walls of either federal or state courts.

The distractions of labor day made against the kind of gathering who would by simple convention make the occasion special as District Attorney Winston would have had it. Among the judges who have reached the eminence that North Carolina ascribes to her ideal jurists, none comes nearer canonization than Brooks. Not a boy of fifteen until the state somersaulted in 1894 ever failed to hear the story of George W. Brooks and his rescue of Old Joe Turner and compatriots when they were within a court martial that meant an inglorious hanging or a death by rifle shot.

Judge Brooks was born in Pasquotank county, March 16, 1821, and lived through the period in which the Union was made and temporarily paralyzed by the shock of war. Judge Asa Biggs was then district judge and resigned, whereupon President Andrew Johnson first named Robert P. Dick, who declined, and George W. Brooks accepted. He was therefore the last state federal judge because the state was afterward divided into two circuits.

His One Great Act.

The single act that crowns Judge Brooks with greatness is the now famous habeas corpus proceedings that stirred the Holden administration as no act in a governor's incumbency has done.

"The negro was intoxicated with the license of freedom. Governor Winston said in describing the clan that organized to protect the ancient civilization that the war had overturned. "The north was blinded with passion and sentiment; the south was fighting for civilization and existence. It is the saddest and dirtiest picture of the English speaking race. But a remedy was at hand. The soldiers who had surrendered at Appomattox had not surrendered their wives and children. They took up arms again, quietly, silently, in the darkness, aided by grotesque disguises, resolved never to surrender until the south was freed from the peril of negro domination. The end came quickly, the negro was frightened into good behavior, the carpetbagger was frightened into sudden exit for pastures new; the scalawag was frightened into a realization of the impossibility of home-sapiently perfecting being governed permanently by homo anthropopithecus carthagenus."

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Washington Will Give Opportunity for Full Reports From Both British and German Sources.

MAY CHANGE ATTITUDE AS TO ARMED VESSELS

U. S. Likely to Decide Even Small Defense Guns Should Put Ship in Combatant Class.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Today's official advice still left in doubt the question as to whether the Allan Line steamer Hesperian had been sunk by a torpedo or by a mine? The state department and the white house continued to delay any action or decision in regard to the incident. Secretary Lansing said that reports he had received thus far were inconclusive and filed to establish exactly how the ship had been destroyed. One report from Consul Frost at Queenstown referred to the Hesperian as having sunk where she was torpedoed.

The official disposition here was to give full opportunity for the receipt of official reports from both British and German sources.

Consular officials in the meanwhile will gather statements from Americans aboard the vessel. There is strong possibility that the United States may change its attitude toward what constitutes an armed merchantman and in the light of developments in submarine warfare may hold that the mounting of small defense guns only, heretofore considered as not arming a ship, may be considered armament which would remove the vessel from the non-combatant class.

26 Probably Dead. Queenstown, Sept. 7.—Six second cabin passengers, six third cabin passengers and thirteen of the crew of the steamer Hesperian, torpedoed 150 miles off Queenstown Saturday evening, were unaccounted for, according to revised figures issued by the Allan line. This brings the probable death list, including Miss Carberry, of St. Johns, New Foundland, whose body is here, up to twenty-six.

Captain Main and the officers who remained aboard the steamer while efforts were being made to tow her to port were able to save some of their effects before the ship plunged to the bottom, seventy-eight miles southwest of Fastnet, not far from the scene of the attack, taking with her 3,545 bags of mail, much of it originating in neutral countries.

DAN MICHALOVE WILL MANAGE AUDITORIUM

Announcement is made that Dan Michalove, who has been with the S. A. Lynch enterprises for several years, will be the new manager of the Auditorium, taking the place of G. W. Bailey, who has been transferred by Mr. Lynch to Wilmington, where he will have charge of the theater in that city, which is on the Lynch circuit. Mr. Michalove is a young man of ability and has hosts of friends in Asheville and in several of the cities of the south, who will be pleased to learn that he will have charge of Asheville's big playhouse during the coming season. Mr. Michalove announces that the list of attractions secured for Asheville this season will be the best perhaps for many years. Mr. Michalove will also manage the Majestic theater and act as booking manager for the S. A. Lynch enterprises of Asheville. He has held the last two positions since his return here from Jacksonville, the latter part of July. He went to Jacksonville to open the new Arcade theater. From January to July he was special representative of the southern states for the Paramount Pictures corporation, of which S. A. Lynch is the president.