

BULGARIANS IN MACEDONIA ARE STRENGTHENED

Not Known Whether Anglo-French Forces Are Strong Enough to Meet New Onslaught There.

ATTITUDE OF GREECE IS MATTER OF DOUBT

Allies Uncertain of Treatment in Case They Are Thrust Across Border Into Greek Territory.

Saloniki, Greece, Nov. 15, by way of London, Nov. 16.—After heavy fighting with the reinforced Bulgarian troops in southern Serbia, the French have been compelled to retreat at two points in the vicinity of Gradisee, 12 miles north of the Greek border.

The Bulgarian attack along the Cerna river was repulsed with heavy losses to the attacking forces.

London, Nov. 16.—The exact situation in central Macedonia is uncertain. Dispatches from the Near-East are conflicting and there is doubt as to the time events which they refer to, injecting an additional element of uncertainty. It is clear, however, that the Bulgarians have received reinforcements and they have begun a new offensive.

The Bulgarian operations in central Macedonia, according to Rome accounts, presents a most powerful menace to the armies of the Serbians and their allies, which are operating from Tetovo, through Perlepe to the southeastern Serbian frontier.

KITCHIN FEARS PLAN WILL WIN

Majority Leader in House Thinks He Will Fall In His Fight Against "National Defense" Measure.

BELIEVES PRESIDENT'S POWER WILL PREVAIL

N. C. Congressman Declares Four-Fifths of Democrats in House Are Not In Favor of Radical Move.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Representative Claude Kitchin, majority leader in the house, who is opposed to the administration national defense program, declared to a constituent his belief that the measure will succeed by an "overwhelming majority." In a letter just written by Congressman Kitchin to Charles L. Coon of Wilson, N. C., the new majority leader says: "I shall oppose the big army and navy program with all the earnestness and power I possess. However, my fear is that the president will push it through by an overwhelming majority."

"In the first place practically all the republicans will vote for it; in the second place, although I know that four-fifths of the democrats are opposed to it, many—I fear a large majority—will fling away their convictions on the question to please the president and will do as I have seen them do on two or three occasions before."

Representative Kitchin declared that at "one bound," in one year the increase in naval appropriations would be more than the total increases for the last fourteen years; more than the increases by the German government for the whole 15 years preceding the present war; and more than the combined increases of all the nations of the world in any year of its history.

The North Carolina congressman asserted that this sudden radical and stupendous move for war preparation is going to shock the civilized world, and that whatever may be the outcome of the present war he fears it will alarm the world again into an armed camp.

Roosevelt's Views. Paris, Nov. 16.—"My views are in entire agreement with yours as to the necessity for a new diplomacy as a result of this terrible war," says Theodore Roosevelt in a letter to Stephen Pichon, former foreign minister, as published in the Petit Journal, "but this diplomacy must be based on a new system of international governmental action, the terms of which must be built on greater solidarity in international operation, at least so far as certain kinds of national and international misdeeds are concerned."

AMERICAN WARSHIP AT PROGRESO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ZELANDIA

Washington, Nov. 16.—The officials today disclaimed that there was any connection between the arrival of the United States battleship Kentucky at Progreso, Mexico and the forcible searching of the American steamer Zelandia at that port by an armed party from a British cruiser.

COMMANDER IN EGYPT NOW WITH KITCHENER

Milan, Italy, Nov. 15.—(Via Paris, Nov. 16.)—Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war, has arrived at Mudros, is accompanied by the resident general of Egypt, according to a Saloniki dispatch to the Corriere della Sera.

15 WHITE MEN ESCAPE CAMP

Nearly One-Half of Convicts in White Camp Sawed Their Way to Liberty Last Night at 11 O'Clock.

ESCAPED FROM AN IRON CAGE

Officers From All Sections of the County Are Dispatched to the Scenes—List of Men Given.

Sawing their way to liberty about 11 o'clock last night 15 long term men at the white convict camp located on Sandy Mush, near Odessa, made their escape from the camp and at an early hour this afternoon had not been captured, although officers from all sections of the county have been dispatched to the scene.

Details of the wholesale delivery were slow in coming in, owing to the fact that the telephone wires between the camp and Leicester, the nearest point, were cut by the convicts soon after their escape. Operator Meadows of the Leicester telephone exchange was the first man to notify the sheriff's office of the escape of the men, and about 30 minutes later Captain J. H. Gragg, in charge of the camp, telephoned to Sheriff E. M. Mitchell of the county commission.

The men who escaped, the date they were sent to the camp and the sentences they were serving are as follows: Jeter Pritchard, January 5, 18 months, burglary; Harry Moore, January 13, four years and two months, robbery; Otto Munse, no record; Horace DeBruhl, May 19, 18 months, assault with a deadly weapon; Charles Cole, September 28, four years, house-breaking; Lee Hammett, four years, September 28, house breaking; Roy West, no record; Gus Eiler, September 19, four months, retailing; Charles Stewart, July 15, 22 months, assault with intent to kill; W. G. Smith, October 2, one year, larceny; J. C. Crane, October 20, four months, larceny; Floyd Green, October 11, six months, sent here from Burke county; J. Green, October 2, larceny, three months; Frank Harris and J. C. Johnson, no records.

Sheriff Mitchell has had telegrams sent to all points in western North Carolina, northern South Carolina, and east Tennessee, in which descriptions of the men are given and it is hoped in this way to be able to apprehend some if not all of the men.

The camp is in charge of Captain J. H. Gragg, with the following guards: L. W. Stepp, Joe Rhymer, Zeb Goldsmith and Charles Prestwood; night: T. C. Creasman and James King.

After work each day the convicts are placed in an iron cell, about 12 feet wide and 20 feet long, which is on wheels and can be taken from place to place. This cage has one door, where the men enter and a small window in the other end. Just outside this window, which is barred, a guard has a shack built against the cage where he is to remain on duty each night. The guard can look into the cage from his station on the outside. The trustees have a frame house nearby where they sleep, with no guards over them.

FAY MAY TURN STATES EVIDENCE

Ringleader in Alleged German Conspiracy May Testify Before the Grand Jury.

New York, Nov. 16.—Robert Fay, chief figure in the alleged German conspiracy to plant bombs on steamers carrying munitions to the allies and for which six men have been indicted, was taken before Federal Attorney H. Snowden Marshall yesterday.

Fay talked to Chief William J. Flynn of the secret service and is reported to have materially amplified his alleged confession made when he was arrested.

It was stated that Fay had offered to turn state's evidence. It is believed that if Fay becomes a government witness he will be granted immunity and will be taken before a federal grand jury. Government Attorney Marshall plans to have new indictments filed against Fay and the other five men as the result of the announcement by attorneys for the defendants that the validity of the present indictments would be contested.

UNCONDITIONAL ORDER TO REINSTATE BURKITT

President Changes Instructions to P. O. Department Regarding Dismissed Employee.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Default instructions went from the white house today to the postoffice department for the reinstatement of George Burkitt as assistant postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., regardless of what other charges there might be in addition to his criticism of the president for his engagement to be married, pending against him.

Instructions sent to the postoffice department yesterday were to the effect that Burkitt was to be reinstated if there were no other charges against him. The question was again taken up today and as a result an order was issued that Burkitt was to be reinstated unconditionally, without delay. Any other charges against Burkitt will probably be investigated by postoffice inspectors later.

WOMEN ASK DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE FOR HEARING

Chairman McCombs Promises Suffragists to Try to Arrange a Meeting.

New York, Nov. 16.—When the democratic national committee meets in Washington, December 7, Chairman William McCombs will lay before the members a request that the committee receive Miss Sarah Starr Field and Miss Frances Joliffe, who will bring a petition from the Pacific coast asking for an amendment to the national constitution granting votes to women.

MAKES APPEAL FOR MONUMENT

Governor Craig Begins Preliminary Work on Plans for New Memorial to Dr. Elisha Mitchell.

WILL RAISE MONEY BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION

Governor Has Not Decided on Exact Form of Monument to Replace That Destroyed by Vandals.

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—Governor Craig has begun the work of rebuilding the Elisha Mitchell monument destroyed more than a year ago by unknown vandals and he will soon have ready for announcement the plans by which he hopes to put a worthier memorial to the great scientist.

Governor Craig worked upon the rough draft of his appeal to the people of the state. He will not make their response to his work the test of their loyalty to him—he'll just work until he gets the funds that will be needed. He expects to raise this money by popular subscription and the pamphlet which he is preparing will be widely circulated among the patriotic people of the state. It is the introduction to this brochure that he is now writing.

Governor Craig has not decided the exact form in which the monument is to be created. He leans heavily to a pyramidal shaft of the granite from the mountain which bears the name of the man who lost his life in scientific quest. This would not contemplate a figure of the man. Other suggestions are being entertained, however. The governor is interested just now in advancing the cause before the people and details of the art may wait a time.

The pamphlet will have some of the best things written by Zebulon B. Vance, Dr. George T. Winston and others, and some of the best things that the governor's seldom pen has turned out. The restoration of the Mitchell monument, a replacement with an infinitely better one was one of the determinations of Governor Craig as soon as he heard of the destruction of the old.

The governor has offered a reward of \$100 for the unknown slayer of Rev. Floyd Sweet, the Hamlet minister whose murder November 8 has caused such widespread demand for the detection and punishment of his murderer. No suggestion of suspects has been made and the officers are desperately in the dark. The minister's attacks upon the illegal whiskey traffic are believed to have caused the attack.

Spiro Pappas, a Spartanburg Greek who has been living in Raleigh, has been extradited to South Carolina to answer a charge in Spartanburg of breach of trust with criminal intent. The amount involved is said to be \$700.

The William Huffman Music company of Asheville is chartered by J. S. Williams and Dimple William of Asheville, and J. P. Huffman of Ferny subscribers. The authorized capital is \$10,000 with \$6,300 paid in.

The Whitmore Bakery company of Henderson is given a charter with \$10,000 authorized and \$3,500 paid in. R. F. Whitmore, H. J. Whitmore, J. E. Young and others are incorporators.

The trial of the "Bushwomen," a lot of young boys who are under charge of disorderly conduct which occurred nearly two weeks ago, was concluded yesterday afternoon after three days, and Judge Harris of the recorder's court took the evidence for a sifting process before he makes his decision.

The state did not develop a case of any such strength as the public had expected it to do and was somewhat crippled in its witnesses, many as they were. The offenders had the fortune of being among a big crowd and their identity was far from easy.

PAGE GIVEN NO ANCONA FACTS

Conference of Ambassador With Italian Foreign Office Develops no New Details Concerning Incident.

ITALY HAS DIFFICULTY GETTING INFORMATION

Austrian Statement Declares Ancona Attempted to Escape After Warning Shot Across Her Bow.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The state department officials today were still without official information which is sought to determine the attitude of the United States toward the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by submarine. Efforts to get information from consuls and embassies have been extended.

The department has received reports and rumors which have been obtained by consuls but they will not be given out.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Ambassador Page at Rome has cabled the state department that his conference with the Italian foreign office failed to develop any details of facts concerning the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by a submarine.

The Italian government, according to Page, is having considerable difficulty in establishing just what occurred. He stated that an investigation is underway however and that he will report as soon as the results are known.

Secretary Lansing is waiting to learn whether it was a German or Austrian submarine that sunk the Ancona and therefore has not instructed Ambassador Gerard and Ambassador Penfield to call on the Berlin and Vienna governments respectively to ask for information.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The best official narrative of the rescue of survivors of the torpedoed Italian liner Ancona, which has just reached the state department, has arrived in cablegrams from Ambassador Sharp at Paris, who transmitted telegrams to the French minister of marine from the prefect at Bizerta, Tunis. The are as follows:

"November 7.—One hundred shipwrecked persons of which six were wounded, from the Ancona, torpedoed Sunday, have been brought to Bizerta.

"November 8.—Two torpedo boats this evening brought 21 survivors and four bodies to Bizerta. The survivors—163 out of 480—are being cared for at the Sidi Abdullah hospital. The submarine which sunk the Ancona, according to concordant information, received by me, was 80 to 100 meters long and was armed with two fairly large guns forward and two smaller ones aft.

"November 9.—A boat from the Ancona arrived this morning at Cape Bon with 28 persons, bringing the total survivors to 197, of which 161 are being cared for at the Sidi Abdullah hospital. One is an American woman, one a Russian; 16 are Greeks and the balance are Italian.

"November 9.—Two Ancona boats have just arrived—one at Zembra with 28 survivors and one at Tunis with 37 others. The total number of survivors now numbers 232."

This is all the official information in the hands of the French government. Other messages which reached the state department today throw no light on the incident and for the most part duplicate information already received.

ATTENDANCE IS NOT AFFECTED BY COLD WAVE

Great Audience Hears Strong Sermon on "Regeneration"; Many Make Professions; Inspiring Song Service.

CHARLOTTE VISITORS TO ATTEND SERVICES

Sermon This Afternoon: "The Unconscious Loss of Power" Regular Evening Service at Tabernacle.

The new Alexander song books arrived just in time to be used last night at the tabernacle by Charles M. Alexander in warming the audience with congregational singing. The ventilators had not been covered and the cold wave yesterday made the building the least bit cool. But there was small falling off in the numbers who were present and one of the most inspiring and successful meetings of the series was experienced last night.

It was announced that the tabernacle will be thoroughly warmed tonight. Speaking from the text, "Ye must be born again," Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman declared that moral reformation is not a sufficient; that there must be a complete spiritual surrender, a new birth of the soul. The minister said that this requirement applies not only to the open sinner but to many who "call upon the name of the Lord" but who have never yet learned the meaning of complete consecration. Hundreds came forward in token of their desire to be regenerated.

Many delegations were present last night. It was announced that the Buncombe County Medical society will meet tomorrow night at the Candy Kitchen at 7:00 o'clock and march to the tabernacle. This afternoon residents of Charlotte, Statesville and intervening points will arrive by special train to attend the services. The tickets are good for several days and it is expected that many of the visitors will spend most of the week here.

This afternoon's sermon is "The Unconscious Loss of Power." The sermon follows: Text: "An he wist not that the Lord departed from him."—Judges 18:20.

This is a striking sentence and is a part of an extremely sad story. We have before us the picture of a man who has been shorn of his power, and did not realize it until the crisis was upon him, and this is true of people generally. We seem to be able to get along well enough when the sun is shining, and our friends are many, and the world is applauding us, but when these are gone and we are face to face with a great crisis, we realize that we have missed something out of our lives, and that what we might have had to give us victory we have sold for less than a mess of pottage.

Samson stands before us as the almost perfect emblem of strength and yet how frail human strength is. On the one side we behold him a giant in stature, victorious in all that he undertook to do. On the other side, we see him with the same giant body, but the picture is pathetic in the extreme because he has lost that which had made him truly great.

How easily it is to be overthrown by the devil, and how carefully we ought to guard ourselves less unexpected temptations miserably defeat us.

A Great Man. It seemed as if God could do no more for him. He had endowed him with everything that counts for present victory and for success in future conquests.

1. He had the best of parents. Manoah was his father, and he was possessed of great strength of character. His mother was a woman of rare beauty and must have trained her boy well but it is not enough to be well born, for we may have the best ancestors and sin against them.

2. He was possessed of great strength. He seemed to be all body. He met a lion as he traveled along the way, and easily tore him in pieces, but the possession of strength is not (Continued on Page Five).

TENNESSEE'S SENATORIAL RACE ENTERS LAST LAP

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 15.—The campaign for the democratic nomination for the United States senate entered upon its last week today. The primary will take place Saturday. The run-off, if one is necessary, will be held December 15.