

## BULGARS STILL PROGRESSING IN FLANKING MOVE

Serbian Vainly Attack Turning Operation Which Threatens Important Position, Prilep and Monastir.

**SOME REPORT SASSER" PRILEP HAS FALLEN**

Successes For French and British Forces Over Bulgarians In South Reported From Athens.

Paris, Nov. 18.—Important successes for both French and British forces in Serbia are reported by the Athens correspondent of the Havas News agency. According to information which the correspondent says is official, the Bulgarians have lost the town of Kasturino to the French and have been defeated by the British on the Valandovo-Radrovo front.

The correspondent whose dispatch was filed yesterday adds that according to the latest news received by Athens newspapers the French have won a striking victory over the Bulgarians on the Tithirkovo-Shevo-Krussevitza front. The battle was waged for two days. The French forces were greatly outnumbered, but used their three-inch guns with great effect. The Bulgarians are said to have sustained such heavy losses that they gave up the fight and retired north to the right bank of the Vardar river.

London, Nov. 18.—News from the Balkans continues to consist of a patchwork of unconfirmed rumors and contradictory assertions without official statements to establish clearly the status of affairs. The Serbian army with insufficient ammunition and inferior numbers has been attacking vainly the main turning movement of the Bulgarians' threatening Prilep and Monastir.

Some dispatches from Athens report that Prilep is already in Bulgarian hands. All admit that this Serbian position is untenable and that evacuation is inevitable.

News that the Bulgarians in the south are proceeding rapidly and are said to have reached a point only a few hours from

Monastir, is said to have caused consternation in that city, whose population are fleeing into Greek territory.

Judging from the size of the Bulgarian forces pushing from Tetovo southward and from the initial successes of the new turning movement which has changed the entire military situation in south Serbia, Monastir is in distinct danger. Not only has the Bulgarian maneuver necessitated the abandoning of the Serbian position at Babuna pass but the Serbians who have been holding this entire region are now in peril of being surrounded and being cut off by the Bulgarians advancing south from Krusevo.

Little is known of the Serbian situation in the north except that determined resistance is still being offered by the Serbians against the Teutonic and Bulgarian forces which have made no fresh gains of consequence. In southwest Serbia successes for the French and British forces are reported. The Bulgarians are said to have been compelled to retreat on the Vardar river and to have sustained a check at the hands of the British in the Radrovo section.

Both England and France greet with great enthusiasm the joint Anglo-French war conference at Paris. It is regarded as marking the beginning of greater solidarity and more concerted action by the allies. Although no official information has been received here concerning the subjects discussed at the conference, it is assumed that the principal matter to be considered is the Balkan situation.

London, Nov. 18.—Serbia's position is growing steadily worse, every day, according to information obtained by a Reuters correspondent at Athens. The population of Monastir is fleeing to Florida, 15 miles south, across the Greek border and to Saloniki. Perlepe is expected to fall as soon as Bulgarian forces arrive there.

Paris, Nov. 18.—There has been violent cannoning in the forest of Givenchy, and the Artois district according to French war office accounts today.

### WHITMAN'S BIRTHPLACE IS SOLD AT AUCTION

New York, Nov. 18.—The birthplace, and former home of Walt Whitman, the poet at Huntington, L. I., where he absorbed inspiration for "Leaves and Grass," and other famous poems, was sold at auction yesterday for \$18,000, under foreclosure proceedings, to satisfy a note, given by its owner, a farmer. The place was purchased by a real estate dealer, and it is reported that the 92 acre farm will be broken up into building lots.

### FRENCH LEGISLATORS URGE USE OF GASES

Paris, Nov. 18.—The Senate Army committee, presided over by Georges Clemenceau, passed a resolution, urging unrestricted use of asphyxiating gases by the French troops.

Chattanooga, Nov. 17.—C. L. Loop, first vice president of the Southern Express company, with headquarters at Chattanooga died at 7:30 this morning at his home on Lookout Mountain. He had been ill for several days.

## President Again Makes Appeal For Hillstrom

Washington, Nov. 18.—President Wilson has urged Governor Spry of Utah to reconsider the case of Joseph Hillstrom, a Swedish citizen, who is under sentence of death for murder. The president sent the following telegram to Governor Spry:

"With unaffected hesitation but with very earnest conviction of the importance of the case I again venture to urge on your excellency the justice and advisability of a thorough reconsideration of the case of Joseph Hillstrom."

Hillstrom is the I. W. W. worker in whose behalf President Wilson appealed to Governor Spry at the request of the Swedish minister several weeks ago on the ground that Hillstrom had not been given a fair trial. Hillstrom was granted a respite but eventually was resented.

A few days ago Mrs. J. S. Clem and Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn again urged President Wilson to ask Governor Spry to intervene for the man.

## Joint Anglo-French War Council Held In Paris

Paris, Nov. 18.—The first meeting of the joint Anglo-French war council was held here yesterday. Those who participated in the meeting were Premier Asquith, A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and

Sir Edward Grey, foreign minister, of the British cabinet; while the French cabinet was represented by Premier Briand, General Gallieni, minister of war, Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, and Field Marshal Joffre, commander in chief of the French forces.

## APPROPRIATIONS CHANGES LIKELY

President and House Leaders Considering Centralization of Appropriation Made By Congress.

### BETTER SYSTEM OF CONTROL IS FAVORED

President Has No Fixed Preference for Any Plan But Urges Improvement on Present System.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Centralization of the appropriations of congress on which President Wilson and house leaders conferred last night will be the subject of another conference at the white house within a week, according to present plans. The president made it clear to advocates of a different method of controlling appropriations that he had no fixed preference for any plan suggested, but was anxious that some agreement be reached whereby a more systematic control of congress appropriations might be attained.

So far, it is admitted by those who participated in the conference, no agreement is in sight. Confidential data along the line of official estimates to be submitted to congress including estimates bearing on national defense, will be submitted for consideration in connection with the next conference in regard to the budget.

Speaker Clark, Democratic House Leader Kitchin and Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the house military committee, expected to be in Washington about Friday next. It is planned to have the full committee which was authorized by the house to investigate and report on the budget plans, thresh out their differences and arrange for another conference with the president.

Representative Sherry of Kentucky advocates a plan which contemplates taking away from the various committees bills in the house their present power and create a budget committee to be comprised of chairman, and ranking members of each of those committees which has absolute control of all appropriations in the house. Representative Fitzgerald of New York as head of the appropriations committee is unyielding in his opposition to the plan and advocates vesting in one regular appropriations committee the exclusive power to frame and report all appropriation bills.

## AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE RAIDS ITALIAN CITY

Belluno Suffers But Slight Damage From Aircraft—One Bomb Explodes.

Belluno, Italy, Nov. 17, via London, Nov. 18.—An Austrian aeroplane dropped five bombs on this city at eight o'clock today. Only one of the bombs exploded, slightly injuring three persons. No material damage was done.

The report of the air raid upon Belluno apparently cleared up a dispatch sent last night by the Stefani News Agency of Rome. The dispatch stated that an aeroplane appeared over an Italian city and dropped five bombs. The name of the place was not given. It was first inferred from the dispatch that the city might have been Rome. Belluno is on the Piave and is 51 miles north of Venice.

### PASSENGER CONTRADICTS AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

Washington, Nov. 18.—An affidavit by Dr. Cecile Grell, the only native American survivor of the Italian liner Ancona, directly contradicts the official statement of the Austro-Hungarian government that the ship was not shelled by the attacking submarines after it stopped. The state department was notified of the existence of the affidavit by consular dispatch.

### MAYORS APPOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEES

New York, Nov. 18.—Mayors of 40 cities from Maine to California, following the example of Mayor Mitchell of New York, have appointed committees to co-operate in the national defense program. Among the cities represented in the new movement are, Chicago, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Charlotte, N. C., Wilmington, N. C., Oklahoma City, Nashville, Knoxville and Palestine, Tex.

## FOUR SERVICES WERE HELD BY CHAPMAN PARTY

People of Asheville and Nearby Towns Showed Marked Interest In Evangelistic Meetings.

### MIDDAY MEETINGS ARE ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS

Sermon This Afternoon on "Christian's Relations to Amusements"—Regular Service at Tabernacle.

Large audiences from Asheville, Hendersonville and Brevard yesterday attended services conducted by members of the Chapman-Alexander party, the program closing with a remarkable sermon last night by Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman on the text "There is no difference." The special sermon to mothers and daughters drew an immense congregation yesterday afternoon, and the minister made a strong plea for Christian religion in the home. Several hundreds attended the midday meeting at the Methodist church.

The audience last night included several hundreds from Brevard and Hendersonville who returned home on a special train leaving the city at 10 o'clock. The evangelist declared that so far as salvation is concerned there is no difference between the man who lives according to the strict code of morality and the open sinner if the moralist has rejected Jesus. At the close of the sermon personal workers talked to many in the congregation about the welfare of their souls and a large number went forward, expressing a desire to accept Christ.

The big chorus of 450 voices and the Sunbeam choir sang with marked effect at the tabernacle services yesterday under the leadership of Charles M. Alexander and the solos by Albert Brown stirred the crowds.

Three hundred and twenty-five business women were guests of the women of the First Presbyterian church at supper at the Masonic temple. Later guests and hostesses attended the evening service. Residents from Canton and Waynesville will come to Asheville today for the meeting. Local delegations will include the Motorcyle club, with about 80 members, who will meet at Walker's drug store at 7 o'clock to form line of march.

### U. S. AERIAL SQUADRON TO MAKE FIRST FLIGHT

Fort Sill, Okla., Nov. 18.—The first aerial squadron of the United States army designed for use in the field in connection with troop operations, will make a flight from its temporary station at Fort Sill to its permanent home at San Antonio, Tex., the latter part of the month. Six aeroplanes will make the flight.

The aerial journey is to be under conditions as nearly like those encountered in actual war as possible. It is expected that the start will be made November 20. The distance is 450 miles. Stops will be made at nine points in Texas.

### ITALIAN CABINET SPURNED PEACE OFFER

Rome, Nov. 16, via London, Nov. 18.—Proposals for separate peace were offered to Italy by Austria at the time that the recent Italian offensive began, the Popola Italia asserts. The paper declares that certain territorial concessions were offered Italy, but that the Salandra cabinet refused to consider the offer.

## CONFERENCE IS WORKING FAST

Methodist Ministers In Annual Session at Reidsville Made Unusual Progress on Opening Day.

### EXCELLENT REPORT BY ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Churches In This District Show Good Growth In Membership—Regular Committees Are Named.

Special to The Gazette-News. Reidsville, Nov. 18.—Last night an address by C. E. Brooks of the educational department of Trinity college on the subject "Why We Educate," was greatly enjoyed. He said, "Culture is attained, not transmitted and we educate to know how to live better. We need master spirits to direct to higher ideals. Chas. B. Aycock did much for education in this state."

The conference this morning discontinued the office of missionary secretary held by Rev. Frank Siler for two years. He will become pastor or presiding elder. This morning at 9 o'clock Bishop Lambuth gave a talk on prayer. A number of distinguished men were introduced. The board of publication made a splendid report.

H. M. Blair was re-elected editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate at Greensboro. Dr. Anete, of Belgium, addressed the conference at 11 o'clock in behalf of the Belgium Congo mission. Dr. Anete came as delegate from the France-Belgium organization.

E. A. Cole of Charlotte will address the conference this afternoon on "Laymen Activities." Wednesday's sessions of the conference progressed far into the work to be done. It is considered that the conference has accomplished more than any past conference in such a short time. Wednesday's train brought in all delegates making this the greatest attendance in history.

W. L. Sherrill, secretary of conference appointed as his assistants: W. A. Newell, of Weaver college, J. F. Kirk, W. T. Ury, W. F. Sanford, J. F. Harrelson, and J. B. Carpenter.

A very touching letter was read from Bishop Waterhouse who could not come on account of illness. He stated that he was improving fast but was not able to make the trip. Bishop Lambuth called for the presiding elders' reports. Their names were called and characters passed and also the characters of all the 258 ministers of the conference.

Asheville District Report. Rev. C. A. Wood of Asheville district made a splendid report, showing great progress in this district, over a thousand new members having been received.

Rev. J. H. Barnhardt of Central church, Asheville, reported over 200 additions to his church, and that they had raised \$2,000 for foreign missions. The Sunday school and Epworth league had also done good work.

Dr. D. Atkins of North Asheville has had a net increase of 152 and splendid results in all departments of his church. West Haywood, through Rev. E. M. Hoyle, has had an increase of about 100 new members. Bethel and Biltmore also made good reports. There has been an increase of 100 members at West Asheville church.

The total addition to the churches of the Asheville district will number about 1,000. Asheville district made perhaps the best report in the conference. Eight new Sunday schools have been organized and several new charges opened.

Other presiding elders making reports were J. C. Rowe of Charlotte, J. H. Weaver of Greensboro, J. E. Gay of Morganton, H. C. Sprinkle of Mt. Airy, J. H. Bennett of North Wilkesboro, W. R. Ware of Salisbury, J. R. Scroggs of Shelby, L. T. Mann of Statesville, L. T. Cordell of Waynesville, H. K. Boyer of Winston. All of the eleven districts had made splendid reports.

By Wednesday evening all the examining committees had about finished their work. Rev. D. Atkins, chairman of committee for admission on trial, has examined the following young men: David Höwell of Waynesville, Carl A. Johnson of Judson, J. W. Combs of Mt. Airy, Robert L. Forbes of Concord, John W. Bennett of Greensboro, A. S. Abernathy of Shelby, Thomas L. Noble of Tomatilla M. A. Osborne of Duke.

These young men were recommended for admission into the conference on trial. They will be given work this year in western North Carolina.

The following men were examined and recommended for the second year trial: W. C. Bowden, Frederick W. Cook, George W. Finch, Leonidas H. Hayes, John H. Green, Marion W. Mann, Thomas A. Plyler, Joseph W. Vestal, Henry M. Wellman, Charles M. Carpenter, Ernest J. Harbison, James F. Harrelson, William Hughes. The following ministers who were in full connection were examined and recommended for the second year trial. (Continued on Page Two).

## BIDS BY PRIVATE YARDS TOO HIGH

### HOMAGE IS PAID TO WASHINGTON

Noted Negro's Funeral at Tuskegee Marked With Simplicity—Notables Attend.

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 18.—Simplicity marked the funeral services of Dr. Booker T. Washington, noted educator, race leader and author, which took place at the Tuskegee institute which he made famous and which has played such an important part in elevating the negro race.

Fully 8,000 people came here to pay a last tribute to Dr. Washington, only 2,500 of whom could get into the chapel of the institute. The line of march formed in front of the administrative building and was headed by members of the board of trustees of the institution. The trustees were followed by members of the faculty and the executive council of the school and by a number of distinguished visitors, educators and students.

The simple Episcopal burial service was read, many old plantation songs which Dr. Washington loved so well were sung, followed by the reading of a few of the thousands of telegrams of condolence from all parts of the country. Prominent men in all walks of life, whites as well as negroes, attended the obsequies.

### TALKING OF HASTINGS TO OPPOSE JUDGE LANE

Reported Winston-Salem Man Resigned as Recorder to Make the Race.

(By W. T. Bost). Raleigh, Nov. 18.—Judge G. H. Hastings of Winston-Salem, recently resigned as recorder of that city, is to race Judge H. P. Lane from the eleventh, according to the lawyers from that district.

The resignation of Mr. Hastings several weeks ago is not understood to have had any thought of a bigger judicial position, but since he came down from the city bench he has been very earnestly put forward by his friends. Mr. Hastings was here lately and when asked "about it," took the compliment like the school girl struggling with the first blarney given her and answered questions.

"Of course, you have heard attorneys discussing it," Mr. Hastings said, "I had not thought of it until then. I cannot say definitely about it. Many lawyers have urged me to make the race and they would give me fine support. I am being asked to declare my candidacy but I don't know that I can say anything else."

The attorney has served five years as recorder and what he made that court do placed him in line for another judgeship. Lawyers from Davidson, Guilford, Winston-Salem, Reidsville, Ashe, Alleghany and Caswell have talked so much about it that the decision of Judge Hastings to enter soon will be small surprise to them.

### PADEREWSKI'S TEACHER DIES NEAR DRESDEN

Dresden, Nov. 16, via London, Nov. 18.—Theodor Leschittsky the famous teacher of piano is dead at the age of 85. He lived at Vienna for many years, but more recently resided at a village near Dresden. He was the principal master of Paderewski.

Leschittsky made his debut at Vienna in 1845 and for many years taught piano at St. Petersburg conservatory.

### ASKS SPAIN TO WATCH SUBMARINES

Paris, Nov. 18.—Great Britain has requested the Spanish government to keep a strict watch along the coast line, especially that of Morocco, to prevent violation of neutrality by German agents who are believed to be supplying submarines with provisions and fuel at night, says the Journal's Madrid correspondent.

### CLARK TO CONFER WITH THE PRESIDENT FRIDAY

Washington, Nov. 17.—Speaker Clark telegraphed to President Wilson today, that he would be in Washington Friday, in response to President Wilson's invitation for a conference on the Congressional program, particularly the plan for national defense.

None of Offers by Private Firms to Construct Two Superdreadnaughts Fell Within Limits Fixed.

ALL ABOVE \$7,800,000 FOR EACH WARSHIP

Most of Bids by Philadelphia, New York and Mare Island Yards Below \$7,000,000, However.

Washington, Nov. 18.—None of the bids by private ship yards for the construction of two superdreadnaughts authorized by the last congress submitted to the navy department fell within the limit of \$7,800,000 fixed as the maximum cost for the hull and machinery for each vessel. Bids submitted by the New York, Philadelphia and Mare Island navy yards, however, all fell within the limit, mostly below \$7,000,000.

Three private yards offers bids on one ship each. The two new superdreadnaughts authorized by congress, will represent the last word in naval architecture.

Since the war has brought no vessels of this class into conflict, no radical departure in construction is planned as no definite lessons have been learned. The greatest difference between the two new ships, Nos. 43 and 44—until names for them are chosen—and their immediate predecessors now building, will lie in additional hull protection against torpedo attack. The nature of those safeguards has not been revealed except to bidders but they are generally understood to consist of greater subdivision and strengthened bulk heads to keep the ships afloat even with holes torn in their bottoms.

In this the new ships will equal the California, now under construction at the New York navy yard. They will displace 32,000 tons, measure 625 feet in length overall, 97 feet eight inches beam and draw 30 feet of water. They will have a speed of 20 1/2 knots an hour and will be driven by turbine engines since the navy department probably will not build more ships of combined steam and electric drive, as in the California, until that vessel has proved her worth. They will carry a dozen 14-inch rifles, each in their main battery, mounted three to a turret and with 30 degree elevation, twenty-two 5-inch rifles for defense against destroyers, four submerged torpedo tubes and three anti-aircraft guns to repel aeroplanes and dirigibles.

The steady increase in size of battleships is shown by a comparison of the latest addition to the navy. They will displace 2,500 tons more than the Nevada, show an increased length of nearly 50 feet and a few feet additional breadth and will mount twelve big guns against the Nevada's ten.

In appearance the new ships will show a marked departure from vessels of their type now in commission as they will be constructed with long overhanging bows, known as clipper ships, patterned after swift sailing ships of days gone by. The result, in the opinion of navy designers, will be to give the battleship greater freedom from pitching in heavy seas.

Pending the result of that study, Secretary Daniels was unwilling to say what course he would follow should all the private bids be outside the limit set by congress. It is understood, however, that an effort will be made to induce the ship companies to reduce their figures before it is determined to give the work to the navy yards.

Private bids for the battleships were as follows, each being accompanied by letters modifying the specifications and eliminating material and machinery to be supplied by the contractor.

The Bids. Newport News Shipbuilding company (a) turbine (as specified) \$7,775,000; time forty months; (b) turbine (alternative type) \$7,765,000; time forty months.

Fore River Shipbuilding company: Turbine, \$7,625,000; time thirty-four months. Alternative bids, with increasing eliminations in equipment, grade of steel, etc. (a) \$7,554,000; (b) \$7,550,000; (c) \$7,329,500; time thirty-four months in each case.

New York Shipbuilding company: Turbine drive, \$7,700,000; time thirty-four months.

The navy yard figures were: For turbine engine, \$7,069,923; for steam and electric drive, \$6,986,667.

Philadelphia yard: Turbine, \$6,916,327; electric, \$6,774,144. Mare Island yard: Turbine, \$7,413,156.

An additional expense for equipment of the Philadelphia and Mare Island yards to build battleships was also estimated, that at Mare Island being fixed at \$52,000 and included in the bid.

The navy yards estimate all were based on a thirty-six months construction period. The Mare Island estimate said the keel of the ship proposed could not be laid before September 15, 1916, and added that it was believed that would be the earliest date upon which necessary steel could be secured.