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ENTENTE POWERS MORE HOPEFUL OF GREECE

Berlin Has Revived Report That Russia Contemplates Great Campaign in Balkans, Through Roumania.

London, Nov. 24.—Contradictory claims leave the present situation in doubt, but evidently the advance of the Austro-German forces and their Bulgarian allies is not so rapid as earlier reports indicated. Apparently heavy fighting is under way in the section where the Teutonic forces are attempting to form a junction with the Bulgarians.

The fate of Monastir is still in the balance. Reports emanating from Athens are to the effect that the Bulgarians, having regard for Greek susceptibilities, are waiting for the Germans to come up and occupy the city.

In the entente capitals renewed confidence is professed that Greece is now moving toward a complete agreement with the wishes of the allies.

Berlin has revived the report that the Russians contemplate a great campaign in the Balkans for which a large army has gathered at Odessa. The reports do not indicate that the Berlin government is at all sure that Roumania will refuse passage for the Russian troops through her territory.

Petrograd report slight advances along the Stry river with sharp checks for the Germans and Austrians on the northern and southern portions of the eastern fronts. Vienna says, however, that nothing worthy of mention has occurred on that line. Nevertheless, there is apprehension in Berlin and Vienna over the result of the expected Russian offensive in the extreme southeast.

The Italians are looking for the immediate fall of Gorizia, which according to latest reports is dominated by artillery on both sides and from "no man's land."

Notable progress by the Bulgarians in the region southwest of Pristina with the capture of 8,000 Serbians, 44 cannon, and 22 machine guns was announced at the German army headquarters today. Teutonic troops have also taken 1,500 additional Serbian prisoners, and have captured six cannon.

GUARDS AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS REDOUBLED

Washington, Nov. 24.—The watch of the guards at all principal government buildings in the capital was redoubled today, on order. Guards stationed in strategic positions commanding all entrances to the buildings which house the state, war and navy departments are under orders to question, and, if necessary, to search any persons of whom they have doubt. Hundreds of tourists pass through the buildings daily. Since the bomb explosion which wrecked a room in the capital last summer, and bomb plots have kept government detectives busy, there has been more than usual activity among guards here but now the watch is to be even more strict.

Guards employed by railway companies are constantly on duty in tunnels leading to bridges over the Potomac river, practically the gateway to the south.

President's Message Deals With Defense Revenue

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Wilson has laid before the cabinet a practically complete draft of the message he will read before congress December 7. He has decided to touch on the question of raising revenue for national defense, but probably only in very broad terms. Some of the cabinet members wanted him to devote the entire address to the question of national defense, but as read at the cabinet meeting, today, it deals with other legislative matters.

U.S. May Act Favorably An Austrian's Protest

Washington, Nov. 24.—Officials of the state department and the department of justice today were considering the protest of Baron Erich Zweidenik, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, that the statement issued in the name of the department of justice apparently tended to condemn the allegation as to illegal action on the part of Austrian consular officials made by Dr. Joseph Gorlicar, former Austrian consul.

CARRANZA WILL HELP TEXAS AUTHORITIES

Pledges His Co-Operation Against Outlaw Bands on the Border.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 24.—Governor Ferguson, of Texas, and General Venustiano Carranza, head of the de facto government of Mexico, yesterday pledged the co-operation of their forces in maintaining order along the Texas-Mexican border and evolved plans to rid the lower Rio Grande valley of outlaw bands.

Bandits raids was the principal subject discussed. The Mexican executive agreed that every effort would be made by Mexican officers to apprehend any culprit who might commit a crime on the American side and attempt to shield himself by taking refuge on the Mexican side.

When Governor Ferguson returned to the United States, he expressed pleasure at having met the first chief. Carranza was characterized by the governor as "a man of solemn mien, firm conviction, not prone to hasty judgment, but rather deliberate, of great determination and a man who will undoubtedly make a wise ruler over the destinies of Mexico."

Pythians to Continue Aid.

At a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting last night, Pythian lodge, Knights of Pythias, voted to continue their appropriation for the Good Samaritan mission during the approaching year.

Chamberlain, of the Senate committee on Military Affairs, announced today, that he planned to introduce a bill for national military service, mode ed after the Swiss system. He stated that he did not expect the bill to pass, but plans to bring the matter up for the serious consideration of congress and begin a plan for military education.

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Chattanooga, Nov. 24.—The jury in the cases of the United States vs. T. C. Miller, manager; L. C. Mylius, superintendent; Frank Fox, shipping clerk; and A. G. Smith, traveling salesman, of the Tennessee Coffin and Casket company, which have been pending in Federal court during the past week, returned a verdict yesterday, finding The Tennessee Coffin and Casket company, and Fox guilty of shipping liquor into adjoining states, without properly landing the packages on the outside.

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ALUMINUM CO. GETS CONVICTS

Corporation Will Work 300 Men, at \$1.50 and \$1.75 Per Day on Development Project.

FEDERAL COURT OPENED WITH 82 INDICTMENTS

Baptist Mission Board Has Collected Nearly Full Amount of Subscriptions.

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—The state is ready to deliver to the Aluminum Company of America the first squad of the 300 convicts to be put upon the great development scheme near old Whitney, now Badin.

Some of these men are among the lot which Senator Hugh Chatham voluntarily returned to the state several weeks ago. That Winston-Salem gentleman came down here and said that while his railroad would like to have the men indefinitely, he realized that he had a disproportionate number of the state's workers and he wanted to see somebody else get the benefit of their work.

Superintendent Mann cannot begin with the 300, of course, but will send about 100 in the first batch. These will draw \$1.50 and \$1.75 daily, the old contract under which they worked. When Senator Chatham returns his workers another 100 will be added. The R. E. Kin and Alleghany camp will retain a number of workers and will be kept at normal camp during the winter. The resumption of work at Badin is said to be contemplated upon scale large enough to complete the work in another year.

Two More Candidates. New Hanover and Brunswick county lawyers are pressing the names of Representative W. P. Stacy of New Hanover, and E. H. Cranmer of Southport to succeed Judge George Rountree who has resigned to return to the practice of law.

N. C. FARMERS OPPOSE GREAT NAVAL PROGRAM

Union, However, Is In Favor of "Orderly, and Natural Growth of Navy."

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—Prof. W. C. Crosby, educational secretary of the North Carolina Farmers' union, said today that since a great deal has been written in the state papers concerning the action of the union in resolving against the large naval program of the administration, he wishes to remind those speaking critically of the union's action, that the farmers have not been opposing the orderly and natural growth of the navy.

The union, he says, merely objected to any increase in appropriation for defense and said nothing against the present work done by the administration. Mr. Crosby does not understand that there is any sentiment against what is now being done.

He thinks that there is a great deal in the view of John Sprunt Hill that the farmers are so much interested in the passage of a rural credit bill and measures that vitally affect them as a class as to make them a little jealous of the attention that may be paid to other things which must come before the next congress.

The farmers spoke only for those who were present, but they have had a great opportunity to come into contact with the thinking of the people back home. And the sentiment was pretty general that the men at home wish to keep the price of peace as low as possible even if the great fleet must preserve it.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IN BRIDGE DISASTER

Rome, Nov. 23.—One hundred persons were drowned today by the washing away of a bridge over the Salvo River, near Lancia, Italy.

CHARGES BOY-ED WAS DIRECTOR OF CONSPIRACY

M. P. CONFERENCE MEETS AT WINSTON NEXT YEAR. Assignments Read Just Before Adjournment—Rev. C. W. Bates Returned Here.

Greensboro, Nov. 23.—The nineteenth session of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist Protestant church, in session here since last Wednesday, closed last night at 10 o'clock. Throughout the day committees were making their final reports, and business was transacted hurriedly, but the thing about which all were thinking was the report of the stationing committee. However, this matter was delayed from time to time because of the difficulty of supplying all the fields.

The next conference meets in Winston-Salem on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in November. Rev. N. G. Bethea was elected to preach the conference sermon and Rev. J. D. Williams was elected to preach the ordination sermon.

The appointments of ministers follows: Alamance, J. A. Ledbetter; Craven, J. H. Abernathy; Anderson, A. D. Shelton; Ashboro, C. L. Whitaker; Ashboro, C. L. Whitaker; Asheville, C. W. Bates; Buncombe, T. E. Martin; Burlington, J. E. Pritchard; Charlotte, unassigned; Cleveland, W. C. Lassiter; Concord, W. R. Lowdermilk; Davidson, J. H. Hullin; Denton, Geo. L. Reynolds; Fairview, J. H. Howman; Fallston, J. H. Moton; Flat Rock, C. A. Cecil; Forsyth, A. O. Lindley; Gaston, W. H. Neese; Graham, O. B. Williams; Granville, D. R. Williams; Greensboro, R. M. Andrews; Greenville, J. M. Morgan; Guilford, S. M. Neuhum; Halifax, A. A. Swearingin; Haw River, W. F. Ashburn; Henderson, S. F. Taylor; High Point, A. G. Dixon; Lenoir, R. C. Stubbins; Lenoir, H. D. Garrison; Lincoln, D. M. Loy; Littleton, W. T. E. Swain; Mebane, W. F. Kennett; Mecklenburg, J. H. Stowe; Midland, J. F. Alexander; Mocksville, T. A. Williams; Mt. Vernon, J. A. Burgess; Mt. Pleasant, R. S. Trolier; Oak Ridge, L. W. Gerlinger; Orange, C. H. Whitaker; Orange, C. H. Whitaker; Pageand, J. Q. Quick; Pinnacle, A. Homer Casto; Piedmont, J. W. Self; Pinnacle and Mt. Zion, Ed. Suits; Randolph, J. B. O'Leary; Randolph, W. M. White; Richmond, Joel B. Trogdon; Roanoke, C. J. Edwards; Roanoke, E. G. Lowdermilk; Rockingham, W. B. Curritt; Saxapahaw, H. S. B. Thompson; Shelby, J. D. Morris; Siler City, T. E. Davis; Spring Church, R. L. Hethcock; St. Paul, G. F. Millway; Staney, W. D. Reed; Tabernacle, T. M. Johnson; Thomasville, E. O. Pritchett; Uwharrie, E. A. Braswell; Vance, A. L. Hunter; Welch, Memorial, unassigned; West Forsyth, T. F. McCulloch; Why Not, unassigned; Winston, J. D. Williams; Yadkin College, H. L. Powell; Yarboro, W. A. Lamar.

U. S. Prosecutor Accuses German Naval Attache of Directing Expenditure of \$750,000 to Aid Raiders.

ASSERTS MONEY WAS SPENT BY MILLIONS. Officials of Hamburg-American Line, Now on Trial, Named Chief Actors in Alleged Country-Wide Plots.

New York, Nov. 24.—The government brought forward today more witnesses to prove the Earl Bunsz, managing director of the Hamburg-American Steamship line and his three associates had conspired to defraud the United States when they sent neutral fleet of steamers out of American ports to supply German warships operating in the Atlantic and Pacific early in the war.

While counsel for the defense have conceded that \$2,000,000 of German money was expended substantially in the manner alleged, evidence thus far has only dealt with \$750,000 which was said to have been expended under the direction of Captain Karl Boy-ed, German naval attache. Of this amount, according to the chief witnesses for the government \$500,000 was sent to San Francisco to finance supply ships which were to leave the Pacific coast ports.

The charge of conspiracy is so broad that it takes in about every act that might be proved to have been committed in this country by the defendants during the first two months of the war in furthering German naval warfare.

The prosecution expects before the trial is over there will have been written into the records of the case a large part of the history of the raiding of German commerce destroyers during the early part of the war.

The government has 50 witnesses of more still to be heard. Members of the crews of many of the supply ships will tell of being rescued by British warships which sunk or captured their ships, or of getting safely back after their ships had completed their mission.

New York, Nov. 24.—Captain N. Boy-ed, German naval attache at Washington, was the directing head under which was spent \$750,000 in chartering and supplying neutral steamers with coal and provisions for the German warships in the Atlantic and Pacific in August, 1914, the government charges and asserted that it is prepared to prove the charge of conspiracy of Dr. Karl Bunsz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, and three subordinates.

Roger B. Wood, assistant United States district attorney in charge of the prosecution asserted that the entire sum of money had been expended under the personal direction of Captain Boy-ed and that from \$500,000 to \$600,000 had been spent at San Francisco for the German warship Leipzig and perhaps the Dresden. This, the government charges, was part of a conspiracy which extended from New York to Philadelphia to New Orleans and San Francisco in which German money was spent by millions and in which the defendants were the leading characters.

In the performance of this alleged conspiracy, Prosecutor Wood said that the defendants "rode rough shod over the laws and treaties of the United States as contemptuously as if they had been mere scraps of paper."

William Rand of counsel for the defense admitted that the defendants had chartered and supplied twelve ships which left American ports for the relief of German warships in doing so, he said, they had acted on orders received by cable from the home offices of the line in Germany. "Dr. Bunsz undertook to comply with the instructions," said Mr. Rand, "and with this end in view issued orders to George Kotter and Adolph Haschmeister (co-defendants) who obeyed them. The Hamburg-American line owned or chartered a number of steamers, bought coal and provisions and supplies which were loaded on the steamers and caused or attempted to cause the steamers to sail from the ports of Newport News, New York, Philadelphia, Pensacola and New Orleans with this object in view.

The sums so expended from time to time were supplied by the home office of the company in Hamburg by means of credit with New York banks and bankers for the Hamburg-American line.