

# WILLAGE OF THE RUSSIAN COMMANDER CAUSES DOUBT

## The Reported Victory of the Grand Duke's Armies Either Untrue or the Operations Not Yet Concluded—Berlin Makes a Conflicting Claim—German Submarines Stray Far From Base and Sink Two British Steamers in Daring Attack.

London, Nov. 27.—(10 p. m.)—While Press correspondents continue to declare the Russian have won a great victory over the Germans in Poland official confirmation still is lacking. Although Russian headquarters say the advantage in the fighting remains with their troops, Berlin declares that no decisive battle has been fought. Some German newspapers claim success for their armies.

The silence of Grand Duke Nicholas, Russian commander in chief in the east, as to the progress of the battle in Poland is causing unfavorable comment in Russia. Advice from Petrograd say there is a feeling there that perhaps newspaper claims of a Russian success have been exaggerated.

Quiet Still in West. In the western war zone comparative quiet prevails. No reports of heavy fighting have been recorded several days, although there have been intermittent artillery duels and small infantry encounters.

Snow has interfered with fighting in Serbia where the Austrians are making an arduous effort.

Future Rumania in Balance. The Rumanian parliament will meet tomorrow and the future course of action of this kingdom probably will be decided. It is said Rumania is prepared to cede to Bulgaria some of the territory which she obtained after the second Balkan war at the expense of her neighbor. This may mean that Bulgaria is about to take her stand with the allies and in return be permitted to straighten out her boundaries and take more of the country inhabited by her nationals.

In addition to a contingent of 21,000 men which are in England, it is announced that Australia has issued a second contingent of 19,000.

Germany Claim Advantage. Berlin, Nov. 27.—(10 p. m.)—The following information was given out to the press today: "Yesterday's bombardment of Zebrugg and Heyze, Belgium, by a German squadron, has been recorded. The inhabitants fled, German troops suffered no loss."

The declaration in the Saxon Diet that peace would be concluded only after the attainment of security against further attacks acclaimed enthusiastically by all parties, including the Socialists.

Russia is Shut Off. Russian shipping companies at Odessa have withdrawn their ships from the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov because of the Turkish naval supremacy in those waters. A bombardment of Odessa is feared. The blockade of the Baltic in the hands of the Germans while the freezing of the harbor of Archangel (on the White Sea) severs Russian communication with the outside world.

It is reported from Stockholm that the Russian government has asked for English contributions to the extent of \$60,000,000 rubles, (\$250,000,000) toward her war loans.

Moroccans For Germany. A brother of the Sheik of the Senoussi informed the Constantinople correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt that hostilities were not directed against the Sheik. He declared, however, that 100,000 warriors under his command in Tunis had been sent to Morocco.

The Morgenpost thinks the check to Russian reinforcements near Lovich is proof that there are no Russian troops north of the Vistula. This further indicates that the German army is fairly on the Russian flank, with the roads to Warsaw open.

From Galicia comes the official report that the Russians have been driven back through the Carpathian passes.

Though no detailed account of operations in the neighborhood of Pilsen and Walthof in Poland is at hand the report that the Austrians have taken 25,000 prisoners and 49 machine guns the last few days appears to show that their advance continues.

The Austrians have made progress in the offensive against Serbia and have repulsed several attacks with great loss to the enemy. The mountain ridges southeast of Valjevo, Serbia, though covered with snow, have been crossed by Austrian troops.

Mediterranean Fleets Busy. Bordeaux, via London, Nov. 27.—(9:24 p. m.)—An official naval bulletin issued today, says: "In the Mediterranean, the French and English squadrons continue to blockade the Adriatic Sea and the Sardinian and to protect the coasts of Egypt and the Suez Canal."

In the North Sea British and French ships have made a reconnaissance of the German batteries established on the coast of Norway.

The German cruisers in the Pacific do not seem to have left Chilean waters since the fight of November 1st.

Highest Honor to Joffre. Paris, Nov. 27, 12:20 a. m.—President Poincare has conferred on Gen. Joffre the Médaille Militaire, the highest honor that can be conferred on a general.

The presentation was made in the presence of Premier Viviani, Minister of War Millerand, the president of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies and members of the general staff.

In making the presentation, President Poincare said the simple medal, which was the emblem of the highest military virtues and which was worn with equal pride by illustrious generals and humble soldiers, was a mark of the nation's gratitude to its commander-in-chief.

Mr. Poincare added that he associated with him in his congratulations General Joffre's devoted collaborators of the general staff and the armies of France.

Mine Destroys Collier. London, Nov. 27.—(5 p. m.)—The collier Kharthoum was destroyed by a mine off the coast of the British Isles.

London, Nov. 27.—(10:20 a. m.)—It was reported by Lloyd's today that two British steamers were sunk off Havre yesterday by German submarines.

The steamers were the Malachite and the Primo. Their crews were rescued. Those from the Malachite were landed at Southampton and those from the Primo at Fecamp, France, on the English Channel.

Most Daring Feat. Lloyd's report indicates that Germany's sub-marines have made one of their most daring feats. This is the first occasion when their activities have been reported in these waters.

Apparently they made their way through the Straits of Dover to a point more than 150 miles from their nearest base. The Malachite was a small steamer of 175 tons gross. She was built in Glasgow in 1902. The gross tonnage of the Primo was 1,366. She was laid down in Stockton in 1898.

Mines Anger Italians. Bari, Italy, Nov. 27, via Rome, 7:55 a. m.—A mine exploded here today destroying a fishing boat and killing four men. The explosion of this mine, said to have been planted by Austria, has caused investigation among Italian naval forces.

Italy recently protested to Austria concerning drifting mines and was assured there would be no repetition of this trouble.

Pretty Girl Throws Kim. Springfield, Mass., Nov. 27.—Large crowds greeted President Wilson as he passed through North Adams, Greenfield, Northampton and Springfield today, on his way to Washington.

At Northampton twenty-five Smith College girls gathered outside the private car and serenaded the President with especially prepared songs as he ate dinner.

One of the prettiest of the girls threw a kiss at Mr. Wilson when he looked in her direction.

English Houses Both Adjourned. Parliament Is Told in Closing Hours of Great Resources of the Empire

London, Nov. 27, 9:50 p. m.—Both Houses of Parliament adjourned today until the New Year. The House of Lords will re-assemble January 6, but the House of Commons not until February 2.

David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, reviewed respectively the status of the country's finances and of the navy to the House of Commons.

Each presented a cheerful picture of the condition of the branches of government over which they preside. The Chancellor's statement on the subscription to the largest war loan ever floated which had been eagerly waited, said the loan had been over-subscribed. He said there were nearly 100,000 applicants for the bonds, a large proportion of them for small amounts, and added that the small subscribers would be given preference.

Mr. Lloyd George estimated that 4,000,000,000 pounds (\$20,000,000,000) worth of good foreign securities were held in Great Britain at the beginning of the war, while the assets of the country were estimated at another 13,000,000,000 pounds (\$65,000,000,000), and the country's credit was nearly 15,000,000,000 pounds (\$75,000,000,000).

Mr. Churchill's most persistent theme was the need for a more efficient government. He said that the government had to remain in almost continuous session so the government could be called on for frequent explanations as to the conduct of the war.

The decision to have the House of Lords reconvene earlier than the House of Commons, an unusual procedure, was made at the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer until February was too long. The Marquis of Crewe, Liberal Leader, replied that the proceedings of the Lords as to adjournment were not governed by the proceedings of the House of Commons and that he was willing that the Lords meet earlier.

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# WALSH STATION HALL AT CAPITOL

## Commission Meets and Secures Data on Memorial to Famous Son of Carolina

## GOVERNOR ASKS BRYAN

## Apostle of Peace May Speak to General Assembly; Gives Governor Paperweight Plowshare Made From Sword. Many Tar Heels to Army-Navy Game

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—The Vance Memorial Commission, appointed by Governor Craig to have placed in Statuary Hall in the National Capitol the status of the late Senator Zeb Vance, met in Washington this morning for a two-day session.

Governor Craig, who is here on his way from the Virginia-Carolina football game at Richmond to Philadelphia, where he will witness the Army-Navy game tomorrow, met with the commission this morning.

The commission talked with two well-known sculptors today and considered the work of several others, without arriving at any conclusion as to the artist, the style of the statue or any other detail of the work.

It is not expected that any decision about any part of the work will be made today. The commission will meet again on Monday, but that a later meeting time will be selected for final arrangements.

Charles Henry Niehaus and Augustus Lukeman, both New York artists, were invited to show their work. The commission went to the Capitol this afternoon to see the statues of other States' prominent men there and looked at other works of art around the Capitol.

The commission, which has unlimited funds, has arranged for the cost, is composed of Associate Justice W. A. Hoke, of the State Supreme Court, chairman; Mrs. M. V. Moore, of the State Normal School; and J. H. Martin, of Asheville, and Clement Manley, Winston.

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# ENGLISH LOSSES UNDER ESTIMATE

## Churchill Says Britain Will Keep Ahead of Germany at All Odds

## DESTROYERS ARE BEST

## Submarines Have Had Small Chance to Attack the Germans; Merchant Marine Protected Better Than Germany's; British Surpass in Number of New Ships

London, Nov. 27.—(6:22 p. m.)—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today that despite the outbreak of the war there was no cause for nervousness over its present and future effectiveness.

"We can afford to lose a super-dreadnought every month for twelve months without the least loss to the enemy, and be in as good a position of superiority as we were at the outbreak of the war," said the first lord.

Of the older armored cruisers, Mr. Churchill said, "I have not lost six and Germany two. At the beginning of the war Great Britain had thirty-six light modern cruisers to Germany's 21. Great Britain had lost two and Germany had lost one. Britain since the commencement of the war also had added as many light cruisers as Germany had lost."

Mr. Churchill declared the maximum number of German submarines could not produce results on a large scale with submarines. Mr. Churchill went on to say that the British fleet in that period would be increased by fifteen ships.

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The economic pressure on Germany, Mr. Churchill said, continued to be felt in a healthy and satisfactory manner. He said that the British fleet in that period would be increased by fifteen ships.

While the admiralty estimated that there would be a loss of five per cent of the British mercantile fleet during the first three months of the war, the first lord said, the percentage had been only 1.8. The danger from mines was one, the limit of which was restricted and controlled.

Mr. Churchill said there had been some danger of the escape from Germany to the high seas of fast liners equipped with guns for commerce destruction but that that danger up to the present had been successfully surmounted.

Mr. Churchill declined to discuss the matter of the naval engagement off Heligoland the destruction of the British cruisers Monmouth and Goodhope off the coast of Chile and the British naval expedition to Antwerp, claiming such discussion would be profitable until he was able to reveal all the facts.

CATTLE QUARANTINE RAISED. Hoof and Mouth Disease Passing in the West. Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—Parts of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa today were ordered released from some restrictions of the Federal livestock quarantine against foot-and-mouth disease.

The order, issued by the Department of Agriculture, effective November 26th, provides that cattle for interstate commerce from the counties named and be received for feeding purposes, but not shipped out for feeding elsewhere.

The release order will be followed as rapidly as possible by others lifting the quarantine in all localities where the disease has been eradicated.

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# TEACHERS CHOOSE WOMAN AS LEADER

## Miss Mary Graham, of Charlotte, New President of Association

## FIRST WOMAN FOR PLACE

## Dr. William Lyon Phelps Say Calhoun Greatest Alumnus of Yale; Ideal Citizen a Combination of Edwards and Franklin; Prof. Wright Chosen Vice-President

Charlotte, Nov. 27.—At the closing business session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly here this afternoon, Miss Mary O. Graham, vice-president of the Assembly and assistant superintendent of Mecklenburg county schools, was elected president of the association the coming year.

Prof. R. H. Wright, president of the South Carolina Training School at Greenville, was elected vice-president. Miss Graham becomes the first woman president the association ever had.

The total number of teachers registered was 821, an increase of 100 over the 400 and 450 did not register. The closing event of the meeting tonight were two addresses, one by Dr. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale College, and the other by Miss Margaret A. Haley, of Chicago. Dr. Phelps' subject was "The Ideal Citizen." Referring to the cordial relations that had always existed between Yale and the South, he said John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, was the institution's greatest alumnus.

He took Benjamin Franklin as the two highest types of Americans, whose traits combined in one man would constitute the ideal citizen. Edwards represented the highest development of the Puritanic and uncompromising factor of righteousness that is needed, in some measure, by the modern world.

Franklin represented the strong common sense and practical type that accomplished things that have been of incalculable good to the world.

The speaker pointed out the great number of Franklin's inventions and other practical achievements and said it was the best for meeting and solving all problems that confronted society combined in an irrepressible optimism that made the Philadelphia printer the equal of the most finished characters of France and England in his days.

The happy blending of the characteristics of the two men in one man made the ideal citizen, the speaker said, and the infusing of the two elements into citizenship was the worthy goal of education.

M. B. Dry, of Cary, and Miss Sallie Bethune, of Charlotte, were elected on the executive committee of the Assembly to succeed two members whose terms had expired.

Hawaiian Volcano Active. Honolulu, Nov. 27.—Mokuweewe, the smoking crater of Great Loa, the most spectacular of Hawaiian volcanoes, again is in eruption after a long period of quiet. It was believed to have become extinct. Lava is rolling down the mountainside.

How the Olympic camp in the huge, bald dome of Mauna Loa at an altitude of 13,600 feet. Its diameter of more than two miles makes it one of the largest craters in the world.

The short bulletin wired to the Globe office was detached from the circuit which included the other New York evening newspapers, members of the Associated Press, so the message would go to the Globe alone. As anticipated, the dispatch instantly appeared upon the ticker and not long after was printed in the papers served by the editorial staff of the various parts of the country. As soon as this was done, and before it appeared in any issue of the Globe, a notice to "kill" was sent out, and the telegram hereafter at no time reached the public as from the Associated Press.

The Operator Confesses. The word "Fliba" was cryptic. Substituting for the initial consonant the consonant following it in the alphabet, and for the two vowels the vowels following in the alphabet, "FLIBA" was identified beyond question and its source made plain. The telegraph operator was arrested and made a full confession. He was arraigned this afternoon before Magistrate F. B. House and held in \$5,000 bail for a hearing on December 1st.

In order to observe the methods of the New York News Bureau, a trusted detective was employed and established himself as an investment banker, "Mr. H. D. Smith," at an office, No. 246 Broadway. He fitted his office carefully with a safe and appropriate furniture and installed one of the New York News Bureau tickers. Employees of the Associated Press were assigned to watch the ticker with great care and to time each dispatch. During a period covering several weeks, the detective observed that the dispatches of the Associated Press were constantly repeated upon the ticker within five or ten minutes after they were sent out by the Associated Press. The New York News Bureau was not a member of the Associated Press and is not entitled to its service.

Reports Current That British Dreadnought Now at Belfast in Dry Dock. New York, Nov. 27.—Passengers arriving here today on the Lusitania say that the British dreadnought Audacious, reported sunk off the Irish coast, had been raised and is in a Belfast dry-dock. According to J. J. Spurgeon this report is current in Liverpool and is accepted as true, although the same secrecy maintained as to salvage operations as was the case regarding the sinking of the battleship and the rescue of her men by the Olympic.

The report is that the Audacious did not sink. She was salvaged in a mystery that other vessels drew her into shallow water, where the hole in her bottom was patched sufficiently to permit her being towed to Belfast.

Eighty Mines Picked Up. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 27.—The passenger steamship Olympic was in danger of being wrecked when she rescued part of the crew of the British dreadnought Audacious after the warship had been blown up off the Irish coast, according to a letter received here today from J. W. Hubbard, one of the Olympic's officers.

How the Olympic camped in a mystery of her officers, according to the letter. "There were eighty mines picked up next morning about the same place where we were," says the letter, "and about thirty mines were found west of us. The Manchester commerce was sunk by a mine."

NORTH CAROLINA FUND FOR BELGIANS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. New York, Nov. 27.—August Belmont, treasurer of the National Committee of Mercy today received a check for \$1,500 from J. E. Rankin, of Asheville's treasurer of the North Carolina Committee of Mercy. This money was raised by a committee appointed by Governor Locke Craig to help feed starving women and children made destitute by the war in Europe. The national committee is sending this week twenty thousand dollars worth of food stuffs to Belgium, \$1,500 to suffering Belgians in London, and \$1,000 to buy shoes for children in France.