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THAT GERMAN VICTORY HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED

Even Berlin Papers Are Disappointed That Something Definite Is Not Told Them; Petrograd Declares Ignorance, But Berlin Still Rejoices—Allies Slowly Creep Forward.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—(10:45 p. m.)—Although there seems no doubt the Russians are retreating, and that for the present any expectations the allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive German victory which Berlin celebrated last night.

Vienna gives a few details of fighting in the east. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven from their positions north of the Carpathian mountains from Krosno to Zakliczyn, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Austrians and that Petrograd and another Central Poland town have been stormed, but silence is maintained as to North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

The German official report dismisses this battle with the statement that "in Poland we are still pursuing the enemy, who continues to give way."

No Real Information. Amsterdam dispatches serve to heighten the confusion by quoting Berlin papers received there today as to the progress of the battle. Some of the reports indicate that no battlefields are mentioned, that no tangible results of the fighting are disclosed and that no lists are given of the numbers of captured guns and prisoners. Some disappointment is expressed here at the silence of the Russians, and advices from Petrograd are awaited eagerly.

The allies' offensive in the west continues to progress slowly, according to the Paris communication, although the aggregate gains claimed during the week indicate a considerable advance in Flanders and in the vicinity of Arras, where the allies seemingly are making their greatest efforts in the belief that penetration of the German lines will be effected, and a general German retreat. It is still, however, a matter of siege warfare in Belgium and France. Berlin says many attacks of the allies are being repulsed with heavy casualties, which are increased when the German mine trenches, which the allies are compelled to evacuate.

No British Damaged. The admiralty denies the German report that German ships which sailed the east coast of England Wednesday sank two British destroyers, saying no British ships were lost. In reply to a request from the corporations of Harlepool and West Hartlepool to investigate the raid, the admiralty has replied that this will not be necessary as the government is in possession of all the facts.

The coroner's of the three bombarded towns still are holding inquests over the bodies of victims, the numbers of which continue to grow as buried persons succumb to their wounds. As a result of the bombardment the Kingdom has been flooded with posters reading: "Avenge Scarborough! Up and at 'em now!"

Berlin Still Rejoices. Berlin, Dec. 18.—By Wirelec.—The official press bureau today gave out the following items:

"The coincidence of the expedition to the English coast and the victory in the east continues to cause general rejoicing. Although the headquarters report lacks details there is general expectation that the Russian defeat will prove to have been complete. From details already available it seems safe to say that the victory has freed Germany for a long period from possible menace of invasion from the east. The Austrians appear to have done their work quite as thoroughly. The political effect of the victory is likely to be advantageous."

"Vienna's report indicated that the Russians still are maintaining the aggressive in the Carpathians but declines that they are retreating elsewhere."

"A dispatch from Geneva reports that representatives of different groups of the Egyptian national party have pointed out to representatives of the Italian cause the fact that the Egyptians would be loyal to Italian Tripolitania and would be better neighbors for Italy than the British."

"Gen. Wellichko, the Russian officer of Fort Arthur fame, has been killed near Lodz."

"Naples reports that Turkish troops are fifteen miles from the Suez Canal."

"A special committee of the Rumanian Conservative party has approved the continuation of neutrality."

Petrograd Statement. (By The Associated Press.) Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian army was made public tonight:

"On the left bank of the Vistula an almost complete lull on nearly all of the front has replaced the attacks made by the enemy in the course of the past few days. All of these attacks were repulsed."

"In connection with the advance of parts of our troops toward the Buzza River (Russian Poland) and in view of the fact that the Austrians are continually receiving reinforcements in the Carpathians, we have thought fit to rearrange the positions of some of our armies."

"We checked the offensive of the enemy yesterday in Western Galicia. On the front between Sannik and Lisnik we have succeeded in our offensive and have captured three thousand prisoners, several guns and machineguns."

Russians Are Pursued. Vienna, via London, Dec. 18.—(10:35 p. m.)—The following Austrian official statement was made public today:

"The beaten Russian main forces are being pushed on the entire battle front about 200 miles (about 250 miles) from Krosno (Galicia) to the mouth of Buzza River (in Poland) where it empties into the Vistula."

"The enemy yesterday was driven from his positions north of the Carpathians between Krosno and Zakliczyn. On the lower Donajica River, we and our allies are doing battle with the enemy's rear guard."

"In South Poland, an advance so far as the city of Bialystok has been effected. Petrograd day before yesterday"

TRAGIC TRIAL IN NEW YORK STATE

Father Killed Young Man He Did Not Know Was His Son-in-law

YOUNG WIDOW WITNESS Cleary Knew She Was To Become Mother, But, Ignorant of Marriage, Killed Newman When He Came To Break News of The Secret Marriage Few Days Before

(By The Associated Press.)

New City, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The jury in the trial of William V. Cleary for the murder of his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman, witnessed a dramatic scene today when the young widow, Anna Cleary Newman, was brought in to the court room to testify for her father, former town clerk of Haverstraw and prominent in politics. The girl of twenty was led toward the witness stand by her uncle and she clung to her relative as though dreading the ordeal.

Her father had not seen her since July 22, the day before Newman was shot as he was waiting to tell Cleary that he and Anna were married. As his daughter neared him Cleary gave evidence of deep emotion. As the girl reached his side he jumped to his feet and reached out to take her in his arms.

The girl shrank back, but her father would not be denied. He seized her in a firm embrace and kissed her repeatedly. When the girl was led trembling to the stand Cleary collapsed. He recovered quickly, however.

Few questions were asked the young witness widow. The defense who witness she was, contented itself with getting the fact that her Newman was the father of her child and that she had not told her father or mother of her marriage. It had been testified previously that Cleary had learned on July 22 that Anna was to become a mother and that on July 22 and 23 he had drunk to excess and acted irrationally. Through his wife it was brought out that up to the time he shot Newman he did not know the boy was his son-in-law.

Cross-examination of the young woman was brief. She said she and Newman had been sweethearts from childhood, that they saw each other frequently, but she was forbidden to meet and that they had exchanged many letters. They were married on the night of July 18, she testified.

Newman testified that her husband had moved his family from Haverstraw to New York in 1911 to escape Newman's attentions to their daughter, but they had kept up a clandestine courtship. Mrs. Cleary said she had been told by a physician who had attended her daughter a few days previous to the shooting.

No Diplomatic Breakfast.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary Bryan announced today that the diplomatic breakfast usually given on New Year's Day, will be omitted this winter because of President Wilson's recent bereavement.

25 CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

The News and Observer Will Ask For Volunteers To Care For Twenty-five Cases

The News and Observer tomorrow morning will present to its readers 25 opportunities to give cheer and comfort for the Christmas holidays to 25 worthy cases. These opportunities will be numbered from 1 to 25 and will briefly summarize the condition of each without giving the name. The idea will be for those who wish to respond to the appeal to read the cases and select the one that appeals to them and then to write or call upon the city editor and say that he or she will take case number so and so. The card containing the name of the family will be turned over to the person who takes the case and after his or her own personal investigation minister to the requirements. From day to day the News and Observer will inform the public of the disposition of the cases.

There are many more people in Raleigh who lack the necessities of life, lack the proper clothing, lack sufficient bed clothing, even to keep them warm at night than many might suppose. Sickness, temporarily out of employment, failure to get an adequate amount of employment are some of the causes which have brought about these conditions and unless those who have courage and to spare of this world's good come to the rescue it will be a cheerless and miserable Christmas to these unfortunate ones.

Raleigh people are as charitable as any on the globe and there are hundreds who are ready to respond if they can see the worthiness of the case.

Joy in the home where comfort would be doubly sweet in this yuletide season in the knowledge that their gifts had made comfortable and gladdened the hearts in a home where want had laid its heavy hand.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Negro Arrested For House Breaking and Stealing Pistol. Jim Holloway, a negro, is in police station awaiting trial in police court upon the charge of larceny and housebreaking. He is alleged to have broken into the house of William Pease near the old Rock quarry and stolen a pistol. After Holloway's arrest the pistol was recovered from a pawn shop. Officers Denning and Tucker worked up the case against the negro.

GARDNER CAUSES SUDDEN ENDING AND BIG UPROAR

Hon. Augustus Asks Immunity From Criticism and The Noise Begins

WITHERSPOON CALLS REQUEST AN OUTRAGE

When Chairman Does Not Put His Motion Mississippian Leaves Room in Indignation. Messrs. Gardner and Gray Then Have a Tilt Over Who Is Backing Investigation and The Session "Blows Up", South Didn't Take Kindly To The Gardner Letters

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Public hearings before the House Naval committee ended today in an uproar when Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, a witness, demanded that committee members say whether they questioned that he had submitted to prove the nation's military unpreparedness.

Mr. Gardner's insistence so angered Representative Witherspoon, of Mississippi, that he quit the committee. A series of questions put Gardner's position before Representative Gray, of Indiana, aroused Mr. Gardner's resentment, and the meeting broke up abruptly.

Representative Gardner vigorously resented what he said was an implication that his resignation for investigation of the military situation was in the interest of manufacturers of war materials. He called upon Mr. Gray, who was questioning him, to get up and prove his facts, but the latter, before rising to do so, and the chairman declared the hearing ended.

The committee will meet Monday to complete the naval appropriation bill, the plan being to report it, if possible, before the holidays.

Mr. Gardner's statements today were based largely on the testimony of the admirals and others before the committee, and reports of the navy general staff. The use of words came after the witness finished the statement and submitted to a long cross examination. Mr. Gardner said he did not want his statements challenged later in Congress, and he immediately expressed his indignation from the committee members.

Witherspoon Hurk Bomb. Representative Witherspoon declared sharply that the request was "outrageous" and that the committee members.

"I move that the hearings be closed," said the Mississippi Representative. "I am tired of this outrage."

Chairman Padgett asked him to withdraw the motion but he persisted, and when Mr. Gardner renewed his request for an expression of opinion, left the room.

"Did you write any letter to any mercantile agent in Mississippi about the country?" asked Mr. Gray when quiet had been restored.

"I hired a man to send out a printed matter to the mercantile chamber of commerce in the land, telling them to bring it before the meeting, and enclosing a copy of my speech. In the South, particularly North Carolina, several of them did not approve of it."

"How many of these letters did you write?"

"I do not know. I gave it to one of those publicity fellows." "How many organizations did you employ for what purpose?" persisted Mr. Gray.

"Do you mean to say 'am I in alliance with the manufacturers of material?' I am paying every cent myself." "Didn't you write letters to those organizations asking them to write to the Senators and Congressmen?" "Do you assert that I did?" shouted Mr. Gardner.

"I don't assert anything," replied Mr. Gray.

Gardner Gives Lecture. Mr. Gardner read a newspaper article which said it was intended at the White House that the movement came from people allied with producers of war materials.

"Now," he said, "if any admiral or general tells the country that you need and ought to get, you say, 'you rascal, you are trying to raise your standing by advocating this thing.' Then if any private citizen gets up and says, 'you are bought by the man who has material for sale,' if any congressman gets up and says, 'that is politics,' I'm tired of it. Get up, Mr. Gray, and prove your facts."

"I have nothing further to say," replied Mr. Gray.

"Then," said Mr. Gardner, "I am through, unless there is somebody who has something to say."

ROAD IS CLEAR FOR CLAUDE KITCHIN

Distinguished North Carolina Member Will Be The Next House Leader

MR. GARRETT WITHDRAWS Tennessee Member Wires State Colleagues That He Will Support Mr. Kitchin as Leader of Democracy in Lower House; Several Postmasters Appointed

(W. E. YELVERTON.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Representative Finis J. Garrett wired members of the Tennessee delegation today withdrawing from his fight for the majority leadership of the House. In his message was the assurance that he would support Representative Kitchin for that honor and congratulations to him upon the hearty support which Mr. Garrett had found in the Tennessee delegation.

Members of the House are somewhat divided in their opinions of Mr. Kitchin's readiness for entering the race for leadership, or what he was aiming at in the event that he lost out. While he may be shooting at the chairmanship at the Rules Committee, Representative Kitchin has not strengthened his position with the Ways and Means Committee, and that committee deals out committee assignments to the other members.

Mr. Kitchin have never been worried at this opposition and will leave Mr. Garrett to figure out his own future.

Postmasters Appointed. The following postoffice nominations were sent to the Senate by the President today: John H. Wilson, Sylva; Mary H. Osborn, Gafford; Robert V. Brawley, Stateville; David T. Clark, Weidell.

Three or four protests against the appointment of Wilson at Sylva have been received. They will be considered by the Senate committee on post-offices and post roads.

Visitors to Washington include Dr. Francis P. Venable of the University faculty, and Hugh Mellett and two daughters, Wilmington.

ENGINE HITS NEGRO BOY. Lad Is Knocked Down and Leg Badly Mangled.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Durham, Dec. 18.—Joe Johnson, a small negro boy, was struck by a shifting engine on the Southern yard this morning, and his left leg was so badly mangled that amputation was necessary.

The shifter was backing off the main track in order to allow a freight to pass, and when it backed across the Pine Street crossing, the little negro was struck. He made an effort to get out of the way, but the shifter knocked him down and one leg was caught under the wheels of the engine. Medical attention was given, and the youngster was carried to the colored hospital.

UNCLE SAM WON'T BUTT IN ON FIGHT

Suggestion for Protest By Press of Great Britain Will Have No Affect

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Determined that the United States shall continue uninvolved in controversies that have arisen between European belligerents over alleged violations of the Hague conventions, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan will make no representations to Germany concerning the German naval raid on the English coast.

Suggestions from the British press that the United States should protest to Germany against the alleged infraction of an article of The Hague conventions which prohibits naval bombardment of "undefended towns" here as to the American government was given, and the youngster was carried to the colored hospital.

The fact that German officials have already taken issue with the British contention that the English coast towns bombarded were undefended has emphasized to officials here the controversial nature of the case.

While the attitude of the Washington government is chiefly due to a desire to keep from entanglement in the war's controversies, its course also has been influenced largely by the feeling that during the conflict practice from even neutral powers are of little avail, though they will be taken into full account when a final reckoning is made at the conference of powers to discuss peace terms.

CAT BITES CHILDREN. Examination Proves Feline Afflicted With Rabbits.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—While at his chores about his home, Carter Gordon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gordon of this city, was attacked by a cat and bitten severely on the leg.

The cat was driven off and in a few moments bit two other persons—a small boy and a man. The cat was finally killed, and its head sent to the Pasteur Institute at Raleigh. The victims of the mad cat will likely go to Raleigh to take the Pasteur treatment.

COMMERCE COMMISSION GRANTS FREIGHT INCREASE

Eastern Railroads Given Victory Denied Them In August—Five Per Cent. Flat Raise Given As Asked Originally, Except On Products of The Mines Whose Roads Already Prosper.

HOUSE GEARED UP TO HIGHER SPEED

One Appropriation Bill Is Passed and Work Begun On Another

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—With its machinery at high speed, the House today turned out the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill and began consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill.

The legislative, executive, and judicial bill, carrying \$36,000,000 was passed after less than three days' actual consideration. Provisions for an agricultural census to cost \$2,786,000, and a proposal to reduce members' mileage from twenty to five cents a mile, were stricken out.

Postmaster-General Burleson's plans for departmental changes were blocked when the House voted down a special rule to make in order new legislation reducing the pay of postmasters, revising the railway pay system, authorizing experimental substitution of contracts for the salaries rural carrier system in one county of each State and providing for organization changes. The rule was defeated 148 to 131, many Democrats opposing it.

Chairman Moon, of the postoffice committee, criticized Democrats who voted against the rule, asserting that "railway influence has been hard at work to defeat provisions of this bill." He declared the defeat of the rule was a "betrayal of Democratic principles and a betrayal of the Democratic administration by the majority on the floor."

Representative Henry interrupted to assert that the only opposition to the rule in the rules committee, was exercised by "railroad interests."

"Name them," shouted Republican Leader Mann.

"The House was in turmoil for a few moments, and when the tumult subsided, Representative Henry shouted: 'I can name them, I say here and now that the railroad interests tried to defeat this bill in the rules committee.'"

Agriculture committee began inquiry into recent epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease among cattle.

Senator Sherman spoke on his constitutional prohibition amendment. Rejected the nomination of W. N. Collins as postmaster at Kansas City, Mo.

Adjourned at 4:32 p. m. to noon Saturday.

MOUSE: Representative Gardner testified before naval committee urging increase of sea defenses.

Hearing continued on bill to limit cold storage of food. Passed legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$35,999,900.

Rejection of postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$8,132,600, reported.

Naval affairs committee concluded hearings on annual appropriation bill, heated argument between Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, and committee men marking closing sessions.

Adjourned at 5:25 p. m. to noon Saturday.

HOUSTON PLAYS GOLF. Secretary of Agriculture Has Game With Old Friend.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Pinehurst, Dec. 18.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston completed his three days visit this evening, the afternoon being devoted to a friendly game of golf with T. B. Boyd, a former St. Louis acquaintance.

The secretary, who had not played since November, was in excellent form, rallying two down at the turn, and losing the match on the fourteenth, two down and one to play. The round was played on number three course, with which the distinguished visitor expressed himself much pleased.

LOAN FUND IN DEMAND. Creation of Interest in South May Take Entire Amount.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Although no complete list of applications for loans from the \$15,000,000 cotton loan fund are available in Washington, it was said here today that demands were exceeding expectations and that predictions that the fund would not be used except by a few northern cities in close touch with the situation declared today he believed a trip through the South in the interest of the fund would develop enough requests to take up the entire amount.

STEAMER BADLY LEAKING. Alice May Davenport Puts Into South-Port, Fumes Not Working.

(By The Associated Press.) Wilmington, Dec. 18.—Leaking badly and with her pumps out of order, the schooner, Alice May Davenport, bound for Norfolk, Va., with a cargo of salt, put into Southport today for repairs. The vessel's pumps gave way during the recent storm which swept the South Atlantic coast. Her condition is not serious.

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