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WIND 90 MILES AS BIGSTORM LASHES GULF COAST CITIES

New Orleans In Darkness When Wires Go Down and River Levees Break

FEAR LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY HEAVY

Houses Are Washed Away By Flood When Mississippi Banks Give Way; Gale Drives Water Above Sea Wall; Vessel, Battered By Storm, Tells of Dead Seen In Stream

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, La., Sept. 29.—(via wireless Steamships Excelsior and Creole to Mobile)—Five persons are known to be dead, many persons injured and property loss reaching into the millions has been caused tonight by the most severe gulf storm in the history of the city.

A howling gale with a velocity of 90 miles an hour swept the city at 6 o'clock tonight, demolishing scores of buildings, stripping the roofs from hundreds of other structures and screwing the streets with broken glass and debris.

Railroad and wire communication with the outside world had been cut off and telephone, electric light and wireless service discontinued in the city. All railroads have abandoned train service from New Orleans.

Wireless communication from New Orleans was interrupted by the failure of the electric plant, but messages were sent from the Excelsior and Creole at dock here and relayed from the steamship Creole, anchored below New Orleans in the Mississippi river to Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 29.—New Orleans and the Mississippi gulf coast tonight were swept by a tropical hurricane that demoralized communication and led to fears of heavy loss of life and property. The Mississippi river levees broke in places, houses were washed away, and at least two lives have been lost in that section, according to a wireless message late today from the Morgan liner Creole, upward bound for New Orleans.

The business district of Biloxi, Miss., is under six feet of water and train service has been abandoned because of washouts throughout a large section about Bay St. Louis.

New Orleans Dark. Last reports coming from New Orleans before all means of communication were lost said that city was in darkness because of the flooding of electric plants. Wind had driven the water in Lake Ponchartraine above the sea wall, and Milneburg and other New Orleans suburbs along the lake were partially under water.

The wireless apparatus was being brought in the inhabitants of that section and that no loss of life had been reported.

The Creole, in a brief message received here early tonight, said she was encountering a storm of such fury that it was doubtful whether her wireless apparatus would long remain intact. The vessel reported sighting

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SLEEPWALKER FALLS OUT WINDOW, SLIGHTLY HURT

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Sept. 29.—Walking in his sleep at an early hour this morning, Wilnot Chandler, a visitor to Asheville from Virginia, stepped from a window twenty-five feet from the ground and fell to the lawn. He sustained a number of bruises about the head and body although it is not thought that he was hurt internally. The injured man was taken to a hospital where he is recovering. He has no recollection of going to the window being awakened only when he struck the ground.

RELIGIOUS LEADER FINED FOR SELLING WHISKEY

(Special to The News and Observer.) Newton, Sept. 29.—Bud Lippard was found guilty of selling whiskey in the county court here tonight after a trial lasting yesterday and today in which seven lawyers hotly contested and a multitude of witnesses from Mountain Creek township testified.

Never outside of superior court has there been such a trial in Newton. Lippard was fined \$50 and appealed. Frank Sigman, his brother-in-law, swore he bought three pints from Lippard while the latter was passing a religious leader at Balls Creek camp meeting and what gave the case spice and ginger was that he is alleged to have sold whiskey during the time he was cutting a figure in religious circles. He was formerly a noted blockader but was apparently converted and joined the Church.

NEGRO, FOR VENGEANCE, SHOOT OFF CHILD'S ARM

(Special to The News and Observer.) Kingston, Sept. 29.—Jordan Mills, whose son had an arm shot off by a brutal negro at Cox's Mills, Pitt county, is a white man instead of colored, as first reports reaching here indicated. There is danger of a lynching if the black is captured. A telephone message today stated that Mills' neighbors are threatening to wreak summary vengeance if they can locate the unknown assailant. The victim, only two years old, was accosted by the negro a short distance from his home. "Go home," he said. The baby stood still and the black, carrying a loaded shotgun, shot his arm off.

New Russian War Minister



General Polivanov.

General Polivanov is the new minister of war for Russia who has been named to succeed General Soukhomlinoff. The latter failed to provide proper munitions of war, and for that he was removed.

PROGRAM OF LOAN TO BE READY TODAY

Bankers Meet To Discuss Plans For Placing Anglo-French Bonds On U. S. Market

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 29.—Representatives of many banking and investment houses met today at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. to formulate a definite program for placing on the American market the \$500,000,000 joint Anglo-French five-year bonds soon to be issued to secure the credit loan to Great Britain and France. Such rapid progress was made during their protracted meeting that the entire program probably will be in shape to make public tomorrow.

Undetermined details concern chiefly the minimum subscriptions to be made for individuals who desire to purchase large blocks of the bonds at 89, the price of the syndicate; the method of marketing the bonds; the date on which they will be offered; their listing on the stock exchange; the life of the syndicate and the terms to be offered purchasers who wish to pay by instalments. Upon none of these points, it was said, had a final decision been reached.

Easy To Place Issue. Bankers who have worked with the Anglo-French commission perfecting the plan, announced last night, said that the entire issue would be placed without great difficulty.

In the opinion of the president of one of the largest banks here, will be subscribed in New York city alone.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION AT ARDMORE ARE BURIED

(By the Associated Press.) Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 29.—Funerals of victims, rebuilding of demolished houses, and investigation to establish the responsibility for Monday's explosion and fire which resulted in the death of 47 persons, injuries to more than a hundred others, and property loss of a million dollars were the features of today's activities here.

The Ardmore city commission, the state corporation commission and the coroner of Carter county each has started an investigation but none of the inquiries has assumed definite shape.

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WILSON MEMORIAL ENDORSED BY D.A.R. IN ANNUAL SESSION

Twenty-eight Chapters Meet In Fifteenth Convention at Waynesville

RALEIGH IS SELECTED FOR 1916 MEETING

North Carolina Branch of National Organization Will Complete Two Day Session Today; Many Reports Heard at Business Meeting Yesterday; Reception Last Night

(Special to The News and Observer.) Waynesville, Sept. 29.—The Ellen Wilson memorial was endorsed by twenty-eight chapters at the fifteenth annual state conference of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution, which opened here this morning. The delegates, who are from all parts of the state, are the guests of the Dorcas Bell Lodge Chapter, the local organization. It was decided to hold next year's meeting at Raleigh.

Today's session, which was held in the lecture room of the Baptist church, was opened with the singing of "America" by the entire delegation. Invocation was by the Rev. A. W. Joyner. The address of welcome was delivered by Dr. J. Howell Way and the chapter welcome was given by Mrs. James Atkins. The response was by Mrs. D. B. Heath.

Many Give Greetings. The opening exercises were concluded with reports by the following: Mrs. H. Van Landingham, vice president General N. S. D. A. R.; Mrs. Theodore S. Morrison, State vice regent; Mrs. Eugene Little, president U. D. C. of North Carolina; Mrs. T. D. C.

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COTTON TO BE 15 CENTS BY CHRISTMAS, FORECAST

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 29.—Representative Hefflin, of Alabama, issued a statement today in which he predicts that the world's cotton crop this year would not be more than 10,000,000 bales and that the price would reach 15 cents before Christmas. Owing to short crops in India, Egypt and Russia, Mr. Hefflin said, and the demand for cotton for war purposes the world supply would be nearly six million bales short of the demand.

PREPARING APPEAL FOR WARREN AND CHRISTY

(Special to The News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, Sept. 29.—City Solicitor Stephenson is preparing statement of case on appeal to the Supreme Court in which Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and R. P. Christy are condemned to die in the electric chair for the murder of G. J. Warren whose body was found in Muddy Creek the incident developing into what is widely known as "The murder creek mystery."

Counsel for both the State and defendants are making an effort to arrange a statement on appeal that will be acceptable on both sides which would avoid the necessity of intervention on the part of the judge presiding. Judge Cline is compiling final brief for the higher court.

CARRANZA COMMANDER SAW JOHNSON KILLED

(By the Associated Press.) San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 29.—The Carranza company at New York Peladon, Mexico, headed the attacking party of Mexicans who crossed the border last Friday night and in a fight with American soldiers captured Trooper Richard J. Johnson, whom they shot and then mutilated by taking his head and ears for souvenirs. It was reported today to Southern department headquarters by Capt. Frank F. McCoy.

Guadalupe Cuellar, a Mexican who said he was one of the attacking party, gave the details of the fight to Captain McCoy in a sworn statement.

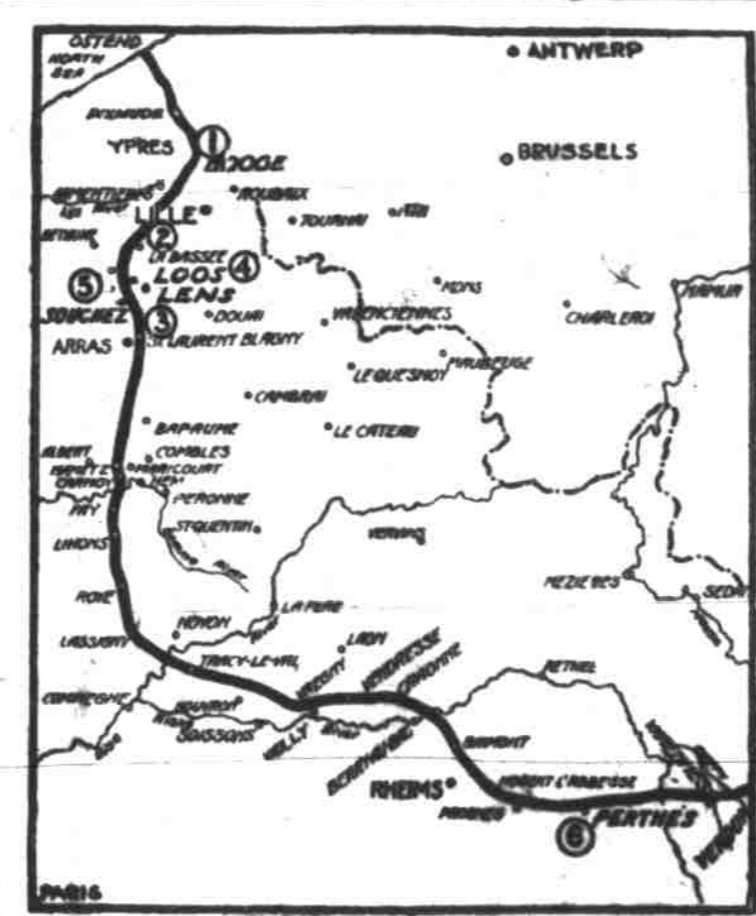
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MAP OF ALLIES' DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT



1. Hooze, the northern limit of the British attack. 2. Here the British captured five miles of trenches. 3. The British capture of Hill 70, a mile from Lens, threatens the German occupation of that town. 4. Lens, captured by the British, is about twelve miles from Lille, the most important city of Northern France held by the Germans. 5. Soissons, after months of fighting, now entirely in French hands. 6. Pothois, middle of the Champagne line, along which the French captured fifteen miles of trenches.

(By the Associated Press.)

DANIELS SPEAKS AT G.A.R. 'DOG WATCH'

Secretary of Navy Delights Old Veterans With Story of Captain Murphy

(Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, Sept. 29.—Secretary Daniels was the principal speaker at the "Dog Watch" of the old sailors of the Grand Army of the Republic tonight. He made a happy speech, and pleased the veterans very much by an interesting little story on Captain Peter Umstead Murphey, grandson of Archibald D. Murphey.

"This story," said Mr. Daniels, "is told by Lieutenant Commander (afterwards Admiral) James E. Couett, of the United States Navy, who commanded the United States ship Metacomet, at the Battle of Mobile Bay, and Captain Peter Umstead Murphey, (Continued on Page Three.)"

ROCK ISLAND SUED FOR \$7,500,000 BY RECEIVER

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 29.—Directors of the Rock Island Railroad system, under the regime of Daniel G. Field and William H. Moore, were made defendants in a restitution suit for \$7,500,000 brought in the Supreme Court today by Jacob M. Dickinson, receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, the operating company of the railroad combination. It is alleged that as directors of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company (the holding company for the railway company), Messrs. Field and Moore, and fellow-directors unlawfully diverted "in their own interest the sum of \$7,500,000 from the treasury of the railway company into the treasury of the railroad company, and that they are alleged, toward the redemption of a bond issue, part of which was pledged by the railroad company against the stock of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, which the railway company wanted to sell and did sell to B. F. Yoakum.

VIRGINIA AGAIN GETS MRS. WASHINGTON'S WILL

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.—J. P. Morgan, of New York, has sent without cost to Justice James Keith, president of the Virginia Court of Appeals, to be disposed of by him at his own discretion, the will of Mrs. Martha Washington, taken from the records of Fairfax County House by a Federal soldier in the war, and bought by the late Pierpont Morgan for his library.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, was the mediator between Mr. Morgan and Gov. Stuart and Justice Keith. This it is stated unofficially will cause to be dropped to recover its lost public record. The will probably will be placed, by consent, in a fireproof vault at Mount Vernon.

TORREON IS CAPTURED BY GENERAL OBERON

(By the Associated Press.) Vera Cruz, Sept. 29.—The city of Torreon fell to General Obregon last today, according to a brief telegram from General Obregon to General Carranza tonight.

The telegram announced that General Obregon had taken his position in Torreon and that he intended to push on and completely rout "the reactionaries."

General Carranza on receiving the message gave orders for the ringing of all the church bells in the city.

American Ship Burned. London, Sept. 29.—The American sailing ship Vincent has been burned. Her crew was saved.

BULGARIA TO ENTER WAR ON SIDE OF CENTRAL POWERS ON OCT. 15; ALLIES CONTINUE BIG OFFENSIVE

Plans of Campaign, Says Saloniki Dispatch, Now Being Drawn Up At Sofia With Assistance of German Officers; No Attack On Greece Contemplated

300,000 TEUTONS NOW MARCHING TOWARD SERBIA

British and French Claim Successes On Western Front, But These Are Contradicted By Berlin; German's Third Line Now Being Attacked By Anglo-French Advance; Fierce Battles Rage In East

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 29.—(Bulgaria and the central powers have concluded precise agreement according to authoritative information," says the correspondent at Saloniki, Greece, of the Temps. Under this agreement Bulgaria will enter the war on October 15.

Plans for the campaign are now being drawn up by the Bulgarian general staff, the correspondent says with the assistance of numerous German officers who have arrived in Sofia.

Bulgarian officers say no attack will be made on Greece.

TO ATTACK SERBIA IN FIFTEEN DAYS. Paris, Sept. 29.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas News Agency says it is now expected that Bulgaria will begin an attack on Serbia within fifteen days.

300,000 TEUTONS MOVE ON SERBIA. London, Sept. 29.—"Three hundred thousand Austrian and German troops have been an advance on the Serbian frontier in the direction of Orsova," says the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

BRITISH AND FRENCH CONTINUE OFFENSIVE

(By the Associated Press.) London, Sept. 29.—The allies continue their great offensive in Artois and the Champagne and, according to French accounts which, however are contradicted by the German official reports, further progress has been made in both areas.

In Artois the French claim to have reached Hill 140, which lies directly east of Vimy and is the culminating point of the crest named after that town. The importance of the hill lies in the fact that it should be held by the British, and from the British line of attack, the network of roads and the railway which runs from Lens Southward.

Try for Railway. So far as Champagne is concerned the French appear at present to be making their chief effort towards the railway junction north of Massiges, which accounts for the desperate efforts of the Germans to stem the tide and for the crown prince's counterstroke in the Argonne, as this railway connects the German army in the Argonne with its base at Vouziers.

Perhaps the heaviest fighting since the offensive began is now going on, the British are attacking the German third line of defence south of LaBassee canal, and the Germans have brought up reinforcements against both the British and the French and are making every effort to retrieve the lost ground. Belgium despatches from Holland say, has been denied of troops, while German detachments are even being re-

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GERMANS LOSE 120,000 BY ALLIES ONSLAUGHT

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 29.—German casualties in the recent offensive of the French and British, including killed, wounded and prisoners, were given officially by the French war office today in excess of the strength of three army corps (more than 120,000 men).

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ALLIES' GAIN RETAKEN BY GERMANS, SAYS BERLIN

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Sept. 29, via London.—Report of the capture of the British territory north of Looz was announced today by the war office.

French attacks near Soissons and Neuville are said to have been "partly repulsed."

In the Champagne French attempts to break through the German lines are said to have been unsuccessful.

Asheville Store Robbed. Asheville, Sept. 29.—Thieves who are believed to have hidden in the establishment before it was closed for the night yesterday robbed the cash register at the store of R. B. Zagier, on Blittmore avenue, of \$150. The loss was discovered when the store was opened yesterday morning. The store is situated in the heart of the shopping district and although the matter has been reported to the police department no clue has been established as to the identity of the thieves.

ON EVE OF IMPORTANT OPERATION OF BIG WAR

(By the Associated Press.) Athens, Sept. 29, via Paris.—"The Greeks are on the eve of the most important operation of the war, namely, the landing of troops in Macedonia to begin the march not only on Constantinople as on Berlin, says an officer attached to the general staff of the British army on the Gallipoli Peninsula, who has come to Athens from the Dardanelles front.

"The two offensive forces are gradually closing in. The Mesopotamian staff of the British army is being closed Bagdad, and from the British Staff Tepe line an attack on Constantinople may begin at any moment."

The officer who gave expression to these ideas is Compton Mackenzie, who is attached to the intelligence department of the general staff at the Dardanelles. He reached Athens yesterday from the front.

Commenting on the situation further, he said that the intelligence staff of the British army is being closed Bagdad, and from the British Staff Tepe line an attack on Constantinople may begin at any moment."

BRITISH TRANSPORT AND CREW SUNK, SAY TURKS

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Sept. 29.—By wireless to Sayville, Sept. 29.—A British transport with the loss of all but few members of the crew is reported in a despatch from Constantinople to the Overseas News Agency.

"An special despatch from Constantinople gives reports about Mohammedan troubles in India," says the news agency. "It says that a British transport was sunk by a Mohammedan engineer, who died with the troops. A few members of the crew escaped."

War Summary

Three small sections of the front in the western zone are the central points around which the battles between the allied French and British and the German continue to rage. These lie between Soissons and Vimy in the regions of Looz and La Bassee canal, and around Messin and Massiges, on the southern bend of the line.

Further east in the forests of Argonne and in the Pothois, violent artillery duels are in progress.

"We have maintained all the new positions conquered," says the French report in dealing with the fighting between Soissons and Vimy. In the Artois region, where artillery and infantry battling is in progress in the hills.

The British are driving hard against the German third line of the east of Looz, while the French in the Champagne district, are driving their effort towards the allied progress of the railroad, constituting the chief line of communication of the German army on that front.

Against the claims of the British and French, the German official statement minimizes the allied progress and describes the repulse of attacks by strong counter strokes.

Advances on the eastern line in Russia near Dvinsk, in the sector east of Vilna and in the southeastern zone near Korovin and Pustolova are said to be in full retreat toward Bagdad. Their losses are described as very severe.

The British have attained a great success against the Turks in Mesopotamia, where the Ottoman forces are said to be in full retreat toward Bagdad. Their losses are described as very severe.

An Athens despatch to a Paris newspaper says Bulgaria has concluded an agreement with the central powers and will enter the war October 15. Berlin reports that a large number of Bulgarian troops have left the German capital for their homes. A German newspaper is authority for the report that British and French troops for service in Serbia have landed at Port Kathrin, near Saloniki, Greece, while there is a rumor that 300,000 Austro-German troops have been advanced on Serbia.