

The War in Brief

SUMMARY OF THE EUROPEAN WAR FOR ONE WEEK READ AT A GLANCE

December 14—While fighting is going on both in the East and the West along extended fronts, there is little in the official statements issued by the various war departments to indicate any definite result of the battles. Berlin announces German occupation of the city of Przemyśl, Poland, and adds that "while this in itself is not important it shows that the Germans have begun active offensive operations north of the Vistula."

The Austrians have been repulsed by the Serbians south of Belgrade, according to a Nish unofficial report, and along the remainder of the front in Serbia the Austrians are in retreat.

Buenos Ayres reports that the cruiser Dresden, one of the five attacked by British warships in the South Atlantic and the last of the German squadron, is ashore off the port of Gallegos.

Col. Goethals, governor of the canal zone, has requested Washington to dispatch destroyers to Panama immediately and although he gives no explanation for this request, it is thought at Washington that Col. Goethals has found himself unable to check the use of wireless plants of ships belonging to the belligerent nations within the three-mile limit.

Emperor William of Germany, whose illness has been the subject of much anxiety on one side and conjecture on the other, is said to have improved so much that his complete recovery at an early date is expected.

King Albert of Belgium is thanking the American commission for a name day message of good wishes congratulating the commission on "its generous and enlightened initiative."

badly damaged. With the sinking of the Sarnhorst, the German flagship, Admiral Count von Spee, probably found a grave beneath the waves, as was the case with Admiral Craddock, for although the official report says some of the men of the Gneisenau and Leipzig were saved, no mention was made of the rescue of any from the Sarnhorst.

In the south the Serbians claim the Austrians are in precipitate flight before King Peter's forces and are losing heavily in men, guns and war stores.

Great Britain, according to official advices, now is complete control of that part of Asiatic Turkey from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers to the sea. This was accomplished through the surrender of the Turkish commander, Subhi Bey, to Great Britain's Indian expeditionary force operating at the head of the Persian gulf.

The bombardment of the Belgian coast by the allied warships between Ostend and Nieuport began Tuesday afternoon in conjunction with land operations, according to a late dispatch from Rotterdam.

December 10.—The Germans are attacking the allied lines south of Ypres in Belgium, but the French announce the Germans have been repulsed. At some point along the battle front in Flanders and northern France the Germans each day of late have made a concerted movement with a view to pushing their advance farther west or to the coast.

Berlin reports that in the western war zone a decisive action is likely to start any day. This assertion is based on a statement from German headquarters which says "everything is proceeding according to our programme," and it is assumed in Berlin that the German operations thus far have been successful.

In the east conditions remain as previously reported, the occupation of Lodz by the Germans being considered certain, as well as a general movement of the Russians against Cracow. German troops have come to the aid of the Austrians at Cracow, stiffening the defense of the garrison against Russian attacks.

In west Galicia activity along the battle line is increasing and the Austrian troops, an official statement from Vienna asserts, have driven the Russians from Dobezyce and Wieliczka, taking more than 5,000 prisoners.

December 9.—Ost Duncker, a village in West Flanders, a little more than two miles west of Nieuport, has been bombarded by the Germans, which announcement in the latest French official communication may indicate a renewal of German efforts to reach the channel ports.

DISREGARD FOR THE CANAL ZONE LAWS

COLONEL GOETHALS WANTS TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS FOR PATROL DUTY.

COLLIERS AND OTHER CRAFT

These Vessels Leave Without Clearance Papers.—Few Have Health Certificates.

Panama.—Col. George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, announced that his request that two swift American torpedo boat destroyers be stationed at the entrances of the canal was prompted by recent activity of warships and colliers of the belligerent European nations in the vicinity of the waterway.

The action of the Australian collier Mallina in leaving Balboa without clearance papers and the fact that other colliers have shown a disposition of disregard canal zone shipping laws convinced Colonel Goethals that decisive measures should be taken to preserve the neutrality of the canal.

Nearly all the colliers in canal waters arrived without health certificates and in several instances sailed without clearance papers. It is presumed the steamers met and coaled the Australian and English fleet which concentrated recently in the vicinity of the Peral Islands, which lie 60 miles southeast of Panama City.

The torpedo boat destroyers requested by the governor are expected to do patrol duty and overhaul belligerent craft attempting to disregard the canal regulations.

Alleged violations of the Canal shipping laws are said to have been the subject of complaint to Sir Claude C. Mallett, British minister to Panama and also having resulted in orders the fortifications prevent unneutral colliers remaining in ports on the zone in disregard of the orders of canal authorities.

In the case of the collier Mallina it is stated that she arrived without clearance papers or a health certificate and with no coal or supplies. She attempted to buy \$30,000 worth of supplies, consisting largely of articles intended for Christmas dinner for a large force. She was refused the permit and was ordered to depart because she refused to state her destination, as required by the Canal Zone laws, the collier Protesilau is pointed out as a similar case.

It is stated that there has been much wireless interference in canal waters on the part of eight colliers which were recently in the vicinity of the canal and also by large warships feet, reported to be within 25 miles of both ends of the canal.

CONGRESS PUSHES WORK.

CARRANZA ANSWERS WITH VEILED THREAT

SAYS HE WILL CONSIDER ACTION AT NAGO UNFRIENDLY REGARDLESS OF MOTIVE.

DISPATCHES REPLY TO NOTE

Repudiates Blame For Firing Across Border.—Expresses Hope of "Good Friendship."

Vara Cruz.—"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act."

In this manner Carranza made answer in a statement to the Associated Press to the formal note served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and Gen. Carranza that unless such firing ceased, force would be employed to protect American territory.

Carranza's reply to the American note, repudiated responsibility for shots that have crossed the line and clearly set forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile act. At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note calling attention to the repeated wounding and killing of residents of the American town has Gen. Carranza appeared perturbed but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and in framing his reply it is said he has been careful not to let himself stand in any uncertain light.

Gen. Hill, constitutionalist commander of the troops at Naco, is on the defensive," continued Gen. Carranza, "and, since his back was to the line, it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been attacking and therefore it appears reasonably clear that they, and only they, could have done to blame.

"As a matter of fact I do not know that the rights of American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the state department to investigate the question in order to fix the responsibility. I remember similar instances at El Paso, when the Madero forces attacked there. In that case those shots were for the most part the impudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show staged for their benefit.

The inland waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet has been completed. A number of new projects are planned by the chief of engineers. It is considered advisable to improve northeast Cape Fear river for three miles above Hilltop Bridge; Manteo Bay at a cost of \$28,000 with \$2,000 annually for maintenance; Cape Channel at a cost of \$17,900; Beaufort Harbor by providing a turning basin in front of the town of Beaufort for \$15,900 and Thoroughfare Bay, at a cost of \$5,200.

The North Carolina Department of Health has been requested to contribute its model village exhibit as a part of the Panama Exposition. This model village in which the number of births in the homes is shown by lighted windows and the number of baby deaths by the lights in the windows being extinguished was brought to the notice of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor by the recent exhibit made at the health association meeting at Jacksonville, Fla.

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RIVER AND HARBOR PROJECTS OF STATE

REPORT OF CHIEF OF UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEERS IS MADE

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Washington.—There are some interesting statements in the report of the chief of engineers of the United States Army for 1914 concerning North Carolina river and harbor projects. The state gets her share of the \$20,000,000 provided in the last river and harbor bill, but many of the projects already commenced will suffer, if additional money is not provided soon.

During the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1914, the United States operated the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet at a cost of \$19,774.01, exclusive of outstanding liabilities. The freight that passed through the canal amounted to 258,441 tons. The total number of passengers carried were 6,582. The vessels that passed through numbered 5,342.

The Scuppernon River project had an unexpended balance of \$32,487 July 1, and the chief of engineers says that \$5,400 could be profitably expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

Fishing Creek has available for the year ending June 30, 1915, \$1,467.54 and could use \$2,000 the next year. Improvements in the waterway connecting Swan Quarter Bay with Deep Bay here rendered navigation safe between Swan Quarter and Pamlico River. The freight transported in that waterway last year was 1,881 tons more than that of the previous year.

The Neuse River improvements were followed by an increase of traffic last year of 60,820 tons in grain, lumber, fertilizers and general merchandise. The engineer has allotted \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915.

The increase in tonnage in the Trent River for a year after the improvements were made amounted to 37,279 tons.

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Deliver Opinions in 17 Appeals.

STATE ITEMS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE.

COMING EVENTS.

Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville—January 10, 11, 1915. Tri-State Medical Association, Charleston, S. C.—Feb. 17-18, 1915.

North Carolina Tobacco Sales. North Carolina leaf tobacco markets, 44 towns reporting sales, sold 44,206,824 pounds during November compared with 27,451,699 pounds sold during November, 1913. These figures include resales for dealers. The sales first-hand for the growers the past month amounted to 37,996,472 pounds. While the reports to the state department of agriculture do not include the range of prices, the weed has commanded good prices on all the markets and the sales represent many hundreds of thousands of dollars put into circulation through the tobacco farmers.

Baptist Convention Meets. There were present for the organization of the North Carolina Baptist State convention at Raleigh 485 delegates with every indication that the attendance will reach 1,000. Rev. C. H. Durham, of Winston-Salem, was re-elected president for a third term. Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, J. E. Vann, Winston-Salem; O. A. Tate, High Point and H. P. King, Mount Airy; secretaries, Dr. Chase Brewer, Wake Forest College, and Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Lenoir; corresponding secretary, Rev. Livingstone Johnson, Raleigh; auditor, F. H. Briggs, Raleigh; treasurer, Walters Durham, Raleigh; treasurer, ters Durham, Raleigh; member of board of trustees to succeed Rev. C. T. Tyree, who has left the state, L. R. Pruett, Charlotte.

The Cotton Fund Committee. The North Carolina Committee for the Wade Cotton Loan Fund appointed by the General Committee in Washington met here in organization and made tentative appointments of local committees in about 20 sections of the state, whose duty it will be to receive and turn in the applications for loans in administering North Carolina's portion of the \$135,000 cotton pool. These committees will have to be approved by the General Committee at Washington before they are announced. J. F. Wiley of Durham was made secretary of the North Carolina Committee, Joseph G. Brown having been designated as chairman by the Washington committee.

Members of the committee participating in the meeting were Chairman Brown, Raleigh; Secretary J. F. Wiley, Durham; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; Neil Ellington, Greensboro. Absent members were George Stephens and W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte, and J. V. Grainger, Wilmington.

Asks Governor to Protect Game. Washington.—Secretary Houston has asked Governor Craig to provide a law for the protection of game in the Appalachian forest reservation in North Carolina. The Department of Agriculture has been informed that many Northern hunters are preparing to hunt deer, turkeys, grouse and quail in the Pisgah forest, purchased recently by the Government from Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt. Mr. Houston would prevent a slaughter.

School Libraries Grow Wonderfully. In the rounding up of the compilation for the forthcoming biennial report by the state department of education it develops that the rural school library movement has reached such proportions that there are now something like 1,167,002 volumes in original libraries and 53,642 volumes in the supplemental libraries. There are now in the state 13,750 original libraries and 1,490 supplemental. Of this number 102 original and 98 supplemental libraries have been issued in the completion of the two year fiscal year of the department November 30.

Western Inmate Hospital Report. The principal matter of interest before the board of directors of the Western Hospital for the Insane was Supt. John McCampbell's report for the two years which closed with November 30. The report showed that during the two years 359 patients were admitted to the hospital and the total number under treatment during that time was 1,689. During the two years 116 patients were discharged as recovered, 85 discharged improved, nine not improved, two not insane, one transferred, and 117 died.

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